

Minutes of a meeting of the Manor Vale Committee of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Friday 16 November 2012 at 1.30 pm.

Present: The new Area Ranger for Ryedale and Scarborough, Andrew Hall, was welcomed to the meeting and exchanged ideas in a number of items. Members present were Councillor Martin Brampton (chair), Councillor Chris Dowie, Mrs Helen Parker, Mr Don Davies and Mr Tom Denney.

- MV-12024** Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jeanne Cossins and Mrs Liz Neild-Banks
- MV-12025** There were no declarations of interests
- MV-12026** The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2012 were **approved** and signed. There were no matters arising (other than those covered by agenda items).
- MV-12027** There were no public contributions
- MV-12028** The committee **agreed** that the draft invitation for quotations for tree work was satisfactory and asked that the council officers should obtain quotes. It was **agreed** that the decision to accept a quotation should be delegated to officers.
- MV-12029** In relation to new signs it is believed that CIF money is still available. Don Davies agreed to pursue obtaining finance and to pull together material for the signs.
- MV-12030** The pound has had daffodils planted and has been trimmed. The committee **agreed** that it would be beneficial to deliver notices door to door inviting local people to participate in its maintenance.
- MV-12031** Problems with ash disease were reviewed. The committee **decided** that it would be advantageous to post laminated notices alerting people to the problem, and also indicating that the committee is aware of it.
- MV-12032** It was **agreed** that a project should be set up to involve the scouts in further maintenance. Possible sources of volunteers were identified: Anrew Hall has a team; the volunteers web page; the NYCC volunteer group; community payback (Don Davies agreed to investigate). Channels for publicity might include the school newsletter and contact could be made with the Woodland Trust and the Countryside Trust. It was also felt that guided walks could be beneficial, and a **date was set** for 6.30 pm on 15 May 2013.
- MV-12033** No further changes had been made to the management plan. Andrew Hall was asked whether he could provide an up to date map of Manor Vale footpaths in electronic form to incorporate into the plan. It was suggested that Kirkbymoorside Golf Club be contacted about progress with Japanese knotweed.
- MV-12034** Questions to the chairman: Councillor Dowie raised the matter of mountain bike routes, originally triggered by the unauthorised construction of jumps along existing paths. The committee considered that there was no objection in principle to collaborating with cyclists who wished to construct such routes, provided they did not conflict with other uses such as walking. It was noted that Gary Plant had apparently left the area and that the committee is short of active members.

MV-12035 It was **agreed** that the next meeting should be at 1.30 pm on Friday 11 January 2013.