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Minutes of a meeting of the Manor Vale Committee of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Friday 15 March 2013 at 1.30 pm.

Present: Members present were Cllr Martin Brampton (chair), Cllr J Cossins, Tom Denney, Andrew Hall and Mike Simpson,

- MV-12050** Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor David Cussons, Don Davies and Liz Neild-Banks. Ms Neild-Banks requested it be noted that she has arranged to be in Kirkbymoorside for two meetings which have been cancelled.
- MV-12051** There were no declarations of interests
- MV-12052** The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2013 were **approved** and signed. There were no matters arising (other than those covered by agenda items).
- MV-12053** There were no public contributions
- MV-12054** It was decided that the composition of the committee will be as follows:
3 Councillors – Councillors Martin Brampton, Jeanne Cousins and Chris Dowie
Local Expertise – Don Davies and Mike Simpson
NYCC Ranger – Andrew Hall
RDC Representative – Don Davies
Ryedale National History –Tom Denney
Open Space Expert – Liz Neild-Banks
2 Local Representatives – Mike Simpson and vacancy
Local Farmer – District Councillor David Cussons
Ravenswick Representative – Helen Parker
Golf Club Representative – Rose Ravis
- MV-12055** Don Davies was not present and therefore an update on the progress of the signs was not available. However, it was noted that the committee had been successful in their application for a REACT Grant for £1000.
- MV-12056** The maintenance works have not yet been undertaken due to the adverse weather conditions the works. Lewis Tree Surgery are currently committed to carrying out works associated with NYCC Highways involving road closures. They hope to carry out the works in the week commencing 18 March, depending on the progress of the road works and weather permitting.
- MV-12057** Volunteer activities were reviewed. A guided walk on 15th May was discussed and it was agreed that publicity should be sought wherever possible including the Dale & Vale section of the Gazette.
It was suggested that a separate date could be proposed for Scouts to have their own guided tour.

- MV-12058** The management plan was considered to be satisfactory but remains under review y members of the committee
- MV-12059** Following a walk around Manor Vale it was observed that there were a number of brambles growing onto the footpath, an overgrowing thorn bush and a heap of salt near the Don Smith memorial tree. It was suggested that Mrs Smith be consulted to consider replacing the Ash tree by virtue of the risks from Ash disease.
- Concern had been expressed that road planings had been used to restore the steps. Andrew Hall confirmed that the contractor had recommended their use on account of durability. Councillor Judy Watson, attending as a member of the public, advised that planings had been used extensively in Kielder Forest with no adverse consequences.
- MV-12060** It was **agreed** that the next meeting should be at 2pm on Friday 10th May 2013 with a walk around Manor Vale for any willing participants, meeting at Neville's Castle at 1pm. This was subsequently rearranged for Thursday 30th May at 3pm with a walk around Manor Vale at 2pm.