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Minutes of a meeting of the Manor Vale Committee of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held in The Moorside Room, 9 Church street, Kirkbymoorside, on Wednesday 30 July at 11am.

Present: Members present were Cllrs Brampton (chair), Cossins, Dowie and Don Davies, Tom Denney, Andrew Hall and Mike Simpson.

Also present was Lisa Bolland, Town Clerk.

MV-14009 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cossins.

MV-14010 There were no declarations of interest.

MV-14011 It was noted that there was a typo on page 2 of the minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2014. The amended minutes were **approved** and signed.

It was noted that the matter of permitting dens and other temporary structures to be erected in the Manor Vale Woodland was not included on this agenda and should be included as an item for consideration at the next meeting.

Andrew Hall arrived at 11.10am

Andrew Hall reported that the remedial repairs to the footpath have been completed. Many comments have been received complimenting the repairs undertaken by Andrew Hall and the NYCC team to the footpath leading from the golf course road to the Ancient Ash. One member of the public had questioned why the repairs carried out did not extend to the full length of this path and it was explained that the works had been carried out at no charge.

MV-14012 There were no members of the public present.

MV-14013 VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

A report was received from Don Davies on the progress of the volunteer Hay Making day on 25th July 2014. The day was a success with 8 volunteers, 5 children and 3 adults. Due to a fault with the machinery it was not possible to complete the works and it was suggested that an additional volunteer day be held on 17th September 2014. Additionally the wood felling/coppicing activities will be led by Don Davies in November 2014 and February 2015. Don commented that the event was not particularly well publicised and that a greater volunteer base might be achieved with more effective notices placed throughout Manor Vale Woodland.

MV-14014 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

The Ancient Ash notices are still propped up beside the ash tree and Tom Denney volunteered to reinstate these when next passing.

The hedges aligning the bridleway need to be cut back and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact David Cussons in the first instance as he has previously volunteered to

undertake these works at no charge.

Don Davies confirmed that he will inject the Japanese knotweed by the end of August.

The Town Clerk proposed that the management of the Ryedale View Woodland Trail and shrub belt be adopted by the Manor Vale Management Committee. This proposal was supported and it was noted that recommendation will be made to The Council at the next meeting. In the meantime the Town Clerk will liaise with Don Davies to put together a specification for the coppicing to the shrub belt.

The Town Clerk provided a draft design of the signage submitted by the Golf Club for consideration. Comments to be conveyed to the golf club included:

- i) the content of the previous sign was effective
- ii) it was requested that reference be made to 'Manor Vale Ancient Woodland'
- iii) additional signage might be necessary to denote an awareness to reduced speed whilst travelling through Manor Vale Woodland.

Cllr Cossins raised concern about the excessive growth of Docks in The Pounds. It was noted that treatment by spraying would require particular caution for the safety of any passers by and dogs. It was proposed that an effective use of The Pound, on account of the soil composition, would be to implement a cornfield flower project. This would entail spraying the exiting docks, raking the area and sowing cornfield flower seeds. The Town Clerk will liaise with Don Davies in this respect.

Tom Denney suggested that Jim Pewtress, a Member of Ryedale Natural History Society with expertise in birds and spiders, would be an asset to the Manor Vale Management Committee. It was noted that if Mr Pewtress was interested in joining the Management Committee then he would be welcome.

MV-14015 It was noted that the next meeting will be held at 11am on Wednesday 8th October 2014 with a walk around Manor Vale for any willing participants, meeting at Neville's Castle at 10am.

The meeting concluded at 11.46am.

Signed.....Chairman

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