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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 Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 11am.

Present: Members present were Cllrs Brampton (arrived at 11.21am), Cossins, and Dowie and Richard Carr, Don Davies, Tom Denney, Jim Pewtress and Mike Simpson.

Also Present: Town Clerk L Bolland

In the absence of Cllr Brampton Cllr Dowie agreed to Chair the meeting. Cllr Dowie opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

MV-14029 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cossins and Andrew Hall. Cllr Brampton provided apologies as he anticipated that he would arrive late to the meeting

MV-14030 There were no declarations of interest.

MV-14031 The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2014 were **approved** and signed

The Town Clerk provided an update with regard to progress of the hedge cutting along the top bridle path. Unfortunately the contractors so far approached to carry out the works have been unable to do so. It was suggested that Kevin Wilson be asked to carry out the works in the autumn. Confirmation had been received from David Cussons that he continues to cut back the ground growth along the bridlepath.

MV-14032 The progress of the maintenance activities guided by the review was discussed. Tom Denney and Jim Pewtress confirmed that they had installed 3 nesting boxes in Manor Vale woodland.

Don Davies expressed his thanks to the Environment Group for their participation in the coppicing project. Further coppicing projects will be carried out in the autumn and the hay making project will be repeated in the summer. It was suggested that the Environment Group team of volunteers be approached to address the brambles at the Gillamoor Road entrance.

It was noted that one of the benches in Manor Vale was damaged and the Town Clerk confirmed that repair of the same was in progress.

MV-14033 It was **noted** that the surface improvements to the top section of the northern footpath that starts from the entrance to the Golf Club car park and goes up to the Bridleway near the Manor Vale Ash have been completed and two new Public Footpath signs had been installed. Thanks were expressed to Andrew Hall, in his absence, for his significant contribution to the management of Manor Vale and all that he has achieved over the past 2 years. It was hoped that whilst he may be unable to access funding due to NYCC budget cuts, that his assistance with the management of the woodland would continue.

MV-14034 Don Davies confirmed that the cornfield flower project at The Pound will be implemented in the coming weeks. The soil will be re-rotivated and sprayed and the seeds from the cornfield flower project sown.

MV-14035 The requirement for an Inspection of Trees in Manor Vale was discussed and it was agreed to authorise instruction of the same with Waller Tree Consulting with a ceiling expenditure of £1500, the focus of which would be the western boundary, proximity to the golf club road and those trees that were identified in the first inspection as requiring future examination.

MV-14036 It was noted that a request has been received asking for permission to plant a memorial tree within Manor Vale. The principal was approved on condition that the sapling be sourced from within Manor Vale to preserve the species and avoid the introduction of foreign species and disease. The site of planting would need to be advised by the committee members to ensure that the new tree had an optimal site for development. Whilst the introduction of new trees was encouraged it was noted that suitable locations were limited and the possibility of adopting a tree may be preferable. It was noted that the introduction of memorial plaques would not be acceptable. It was agreed that information regarding associated charges should be sought.

MV-14037 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None.

MV-14038 The date of the next meeting will be confirmed in due course.

The meeting concluded at 11.47am.

Signed.....Chairman

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