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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 14th July 2015 at 12.30pm.

Present: Members present were Cllrs Brampton and Cossins, Don Davies, Tom Denney, Andrew Hall, Jim Pewtress and Mike Simpson.

Also Present: Town Clerk L Bolland

Cllr Brampton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

MV-15001 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dowie.

MV-15002 There were no declarations of interest.

MV-15003 The minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2015 were **approved** and signed
Jim Pewtress reported that since installing the four nesting boxes there were 5 blue tit eggs laid in box 1, 3 of which hatched.

MV-15004 There were no members of the public present.

MV-15005 The progress of the maintenance activities guided by the review was discussed. It was noted that the vegetation bordering all the footpaths had not been cut back. The Town Clerk confirmed that this instruction had been passed to P & A Gospel Landscapes and that it would be followed up.

MV-15006 A report on progress of the cornfield flower project at The Pound was received from Don Davies. The Pound has been dug over and seeded. Unfortunately a member of the public had already taken it upon themselves to mow the area.
The site will be dug over and seeded again in the autumn.

MV-15007 Jim Pewtress reported on the progress of Volunteer Activities by the Ryedale Natural History Society, held on 10th May and 4th July.
On 10th May of the 198 plant species recorded in Manor Vale 90 were located and 13 new species added. 17 spiders and a pseudo scorpion were also recorded.
On 4th July 23 bird species were seen and/or heard.
Don Davies confirmed that the Environment Group will be carrying out haymaking at Finches Fork on Sunday 19th July. Yellow Rattle was discussed and it was agreed that this would not be a viable option at Finches Fork.
Don Davies confirmed that he hopes to carry out additional activities in the Autumn.

MV-15008 It was noted that the Japanese knotweed was injected by Don Davies on 1st July 2015 and a second visit will be carried out in w/c 20th July to complete the treatment.

MV-15009 The report by Waller Tree Consulting following the inspection of trees in Manor Vale was received. It was noted that no action is required due to the thorough tree works carried out in 2013 and that the trees on the western boundary in proximity to the allotment and residences are safe.

MV-15010 The draft Policy for 'In Memory' was considered and approved. It was agreed that additional information is needed prior to agreeing a charge for planting/adopting a tree. The Town Clerk agreed to pursue the matter for consideration at the next meeting.

MV-15011 **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**
Andrew Hall reiterated the situation with regards to budget cuts and NYCC and regret that funding for future maintenance activities is unlikely.

MV-15012 The date of the next meeting is scheduled to be held on 6th October 2015 at 12.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 1.10pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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