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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 Monday 9th October 2017 at 11am.

Present: Members present were Cllr Brampton, Tom Denney, Andrew Hall and Mike Simpson.

Also Present: Town Clerk L Bolland

Cllr Brampton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

MV-17014 Apologies for absence were received from Don Davies.

MV-17015 There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

MV-17016 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2017 were **approved** and **signed**.
- b. There were no matters arising.

MV-17017 PUBLIC SESSION

None

MV-17018 Andrew Hall confirmed that he was scheduled to meet with Brian Mullins, NYCC PRoW Senior Officer after the meeting and that the matter of repairs to the bridleway and footpath at the north west corner of Manor Vale, in proximity to the Ancient Ash, would be addressed. Report on progress will be forthcoming.

Pursuant to minute MV-16010, the Town Clerk has authorised for the 40m length of rail and post fencing at the northern most boundary, next to the Ancient Ash to be implemented during winter when the foliage has died back.

Mike Simpson confirmed that the lowermost branches on the trees bordering the meadow at Finch's Fork will need to be cut back, as with any branches encroaching the bridleway, footpaths and signage.

MV-17019 Cornfield Flower Project

- a. Progress of the cornfield flower project at The Pound was **reviewed**.
In week commencing 18th September Don Davies carried out a site visit and reported that it appeared that the seeding of the cornfield flowers had been successful with evidence of some invasive species like nettles but these are good for insects. He recommended that the whole area needs to be cut and arisings removed, rake over the surface to disturb the soil a bit and then roll or walk over to tamp down to set the seed for next year. Additionally the nettles at the front should be carefully sprayed.
It was **agreed** to carry out the works as recommended.
- b. It was **agreed** to cover the cost of one David Austin shrub rose 'Rosa de la Hay', and two Seratina honeysuckles (approximately £50) as compensation for damage to the established plants at Little Orchard, Manor Vale Lane, subsequent to spraying of the Pound

MV-17020 It was noted that the Volunteer Activities continue with guidance and expertise provided by Don Davies. Cllr Brampton suggested that an update be provided by Don to keep the committee informed on progress of the same.
Mike Simpson commented that there were areas of the northern boundary hedge that need filling and suggested that this might be a suitable activity for the volunteers.

MV-17021 Tree Surveys

- a. The Assessment of Trees at Manor Vale woodland carried out by J K Arboriculturalist was **received**.
- b. The scope of works required were **agreed** as detailed in Appendix A. In summary, the recommendations specific to trees 3, 506 and 514 will be actions. The remaining recommendations for tree categorised as medium and low risk will be assessed by Don Davies to determine apportion of works to the volunteers, tree specialists and the Manor Vale contractor as appropriate.
- c. The assessment of the shrub belt and trees at Ryedale View carried out by J K Arboriculturalist was **received**.
- d. It was agreed to carry out the works as recommended by J K Arboriculturalist as follows:
Shrub belt:
Remove the brambles in their entirety if at all possible. If this is not possible the brambles should be cut down to ground level and the re-growth treated with weed killer in spring 2018. This may require several applications to eradicate.

Tall ash to west of shrub belt:
Pollard 50% of the tall thin ash to approximately 1m from ground level, pollard the remaining 50% similarly in autumn 2018.
Continue the process every 5 years.

MV-17022 **Questions to the Chairman**

The Town Clerk reminded the committee of interest expressed in dedicating a sapling 'In Memory' and asked if it would be suitable to propose that one of the Manor Vale Oak saplings planted by Mike Simpson 5 years ago and now just established, be designated for adoption as an alternative to planting a new sapling. It was agreed that this would be a suitable proposal and acknowledged that the choice to adopt an established plant or plant a sapling in memory would depend on the individuals requirements as to whether they wished for the experience of planting to be included in the process.

MV-17023 The date of the next meeting will be on Monday 5th February 2018 at 11am

The meeting concluded at 11.55am.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....