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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 July 2018 at 11am.

Present: Members present were Cllrs Brampton, Chapman and Cossins, and Tom Denney, Andrew Hall and Jim Pewtress.

Also Present: Town Clerk L Bolland

Cllr Brampton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

MV-18001 Cllr Brampton was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

MV-18002 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ashworth, Richard Carr and Don Davies.

MV-18003 There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

MV-18004 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2017 were **approved** and **signed**.
- b) There were no matters arising.

MV-18005 PUBLIC SESSION

None

MV-18006 2017 Risk & Safety Assessments carried out by J K Arboriculturalist

- a) The Level 3 Individual Tree Assessment of T514 carried out by Barnes & Associates was **received**.
- b) It was **agreed** to authorise the Clerk to arrange for a qualified tree surgeon to carry out the works recommended in the Assessment, within the Manor Vale budget allocation, specifically:

Clear the canopy of deadwood greater than 100mm;

Treat the ivy growing on the tree stem and within the canopy to prevent regrowth;

Reduce the elongated branches within the canopy by retrenchment.
- c) It was **noted** that all works recommended in the Assessment of Trees in Manor Vale woodland have been completed.

MV-18007 It was **noted** that all works recommended in the Assessment of the shrub belt and trees at Ryedale View play area have been completed.

MV-18008 It was **noted** that the resurfacing works to the bridleway in proximity to the Ancient Ash were completed by NYCC PRoW in April 2018. Cllr Chapman enquired as to why there was a variation in the quality of the surfacing along the length of the bridleway. Andrew Hall confirmed that due to budget constraints it was not possible to resurface the full length of the bridleway and that the works to the surface had been extended as far as was possible. Having inspected the surfacing it is his recommendation as PRoW Officer to apply a 30mm

'dust to stone' layer and the feasibility of this will be explored but will again be dependent upon securing a budget allocation for the additional works from NYCC. It is important to distinguish this PRow as a designated bridlepath within a woodland and not a footpath, the surfacing repairs have been executed to satisfy this criterion.

- MV-18009** The maintenance activities were **reviewed** and are all in progress by the appointed contractor, in accordance with the Maintenance on Manor Vale Woodland contract.
- The Town Clerk confirmed that Don Davies has scheduled to inject the Japanese Knotweed on Saturday 14th July.
- MV-18010** Progress of the cornfield flower project at The Pound was **reviewed** and it was agreed that there was little evidence of success. Cllr Chapman volunteered the Scouts and Youth Group to carry out maintenance of The Pound and proposed that it would be most beneficial if the necessary works could be explained by Don Davies in order that ongoing guided maintenance may then be undertaken. The Clerk will check with Don Davies to determine the feasibility of the proposal and recommend that contact be made directly with Cllr Chapman to progress matters.
- MV-18011** Progress of Volunteer Activities was **reviewed**. The next Hay Cutting exercise at Finches Fork will be on Saturday 14th July 2018.
- MV-18012** Receipt of a request for retrospective permission to have an advertising board installed next to the Golf Course sign at the entrance to Manor Vale Woodland was considered and **not agreed**. It was considered inappropriate to have marketing signage within Manor Vale and that the A board already positioned at the junction of Dale End and Manor Vale Lane was adequate. The applicant will be asked to remove the advertising board forthwith.
- MV-18013** The request by Kirkbymoorside Allotment Association to address the encroaching vegetation from Manor Vale on the eastern boundary was **considered**. Cllr Brampton confirmed that legally the Allotment Association can remove any overhanging branches and vegetation encroaching onto their property themselves. However, it was agreed that spraying should be discouraged. In the absence of sufficient information about the extent of the works required the committee requested that the Town Clerk and the Maintenance Contractor attend the site for an assessment. It was agreed to instruct the maintenance contractor to clear the brambles and encroaching ground growth along the Manor Vale woodland boundary, at the Town Clerks discretion, subject to the cost being reasonable and within budget, and to obtain a quotation for the tree works to be considered at a subsequent committee meeting.
- MV-18014** The dedication of one Manor Vale Oak sapling 'In Memory', pursuant to Minute MV-17022 was noted. The Town Clerk confirmed that the 'In Memory' service will be held on Saturday 14th July 2018 and a small plaque will be pegged at the foot of the tree.
- MV-18015** **Questions to the Chairman**
- Jim Pewtress asked if the verge along one side of the golf course drive could be mowed to allow walkers to step off the road when vehicles are passing. It was suggested that the Golf Course previously mowed the verge and that enquiries should be made as to whether this exercise could be continued.
- Cllr Chapman asked if there were any plans to replace the information panels as they were showing signs of fading. The Town Clerk confirmed that the information panels at the entrance to Manor Vale on the golf course road and at Neville's Castle had only been installed in 2014 at considerable expense and that it would not be feasible to replace them presently. It was suggested that the signs would be clearer if cleaned. Cllr Chapman offered to clean the signs.

Andrew Hall confirmed that he will replace the broken foot panel on the steps leading up to Neville's Castle.

Tom Denney asked if the area around Don Smiths commemorative tree was clear of encroaching vegetation. It was evident on the walk around Manor Vale that the brambles and undergrowth have regrown and the area needs to be cleared. The Town Clerk will ask Don Davies if he might be able to clear the area when he attends site on Saturday for the volunteer activities.

MV-18016 The date of the next meeting will be on Monday 8th October 2018 at 11am

The meeting concluded at 11.37am.

Signed.....Chairman

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