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Minutes of the Manor Vale Management Committee meeting held on 5 September 2024 at 11am in The Moorside Room, 9 Church Street, Kirkbymoorside, YO62 6AZ.

Present: Councillors J Illingworth (Chair), S Woodhams and Committee Members Tom Denny, Andrew Hall, Jim Pewtress and Mike Simpson.

Also present: Town Clerk L Bolland, guest Jim Reader and 1 member of the public.

Cllr Illingworth welcomed all present.

MV24008 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Shields.

MV24009 There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

MV24010 Public Session - to allow members of the public to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business

A member of the public expressed concern about the structural integrity of the remains of Neville's Castle and the potential risk of subsidence caused by erosion resulting from surface water flooding.

The clerk confirmed that the ruins are registered with Historic England as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Clarification will need to be sought as to the ownership of the structure and associated restrictions and liabilities imposed by the scheduled status.

In respect of surface water flooding, the clerk confirmed that North Yorkshire Council, as the Lead Local Flood Authority, are engaged with the Environment Agency to address the flood risk in the Kirkbymoorside catchment and this project includes liaising with landowners about responsible land management to mitigate the risk of surface water flooding.

Cllr Illingworth offered assurance that the concerns raised will be conveyed to the appropriate authorities as a matter of priority in order that all responsible parties are aware and ascertain the appropriate processes by which to ensure that the monument remains safe.

MV24011 Minutes and matters arising

- a. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2024 were received and approved.
- b. Matters arising

Cllr Illingworth confirmed that the Committee's position on the installation of additional bird boxes at suitably determined locations throughout the woodland has been conveyed to the parties interested.

All recommendations identified in the triennial tree safety assessment report have been completed.

Jim Pewtress reported that the footing in front of one of the benches next to the top bridlepath is uneven and could do with re-levelling.

MV24012 Management Plan

- a. The revised Management Plan in draft was **received**.
- b. Additional recommendations to revise the plan were **considered** as follows:

Section 2.3.3.2 Occasional tasks:

Revision to item d) to read Encourage further biodiversity survey and publicise resulting information in an appropriate format as and when necessary.

Additional text:

- Periodically request status of the scheduled ancient monument (Neville Castle) from English Heritage and report any safety concerns raised directly to them as and when necessary.
- Ensure the bridleway is cleared of encroaching growth as and when necessary.

Addition of 2.3.3.4 Volunteer Activities

The Town Council encourages agreed work activities that are sympathetic to the environment undertaken by Kirkbymoorside Environment Group and other voluntary organisation. These include:

- Hedge laying
- Haymaking
- Coppicing

Addition to Section 2.4

Q. Why are there no owl boxes in the wood?

A. Owls need nest sites adjacent to open fields in order to have a flight path to their hunting grounds.

Q. Who is responsible for keeping the access road to the golf course and the adjacent verges in good condition?

A. The Golf Club.

- c. It was **agreed** to refer the revised Management Plan to full council for approval

MV24013 There were no Questions to the Chair.

MV24014 The date of the next meeting will be determined by the 2024/25 meeting schedule.

The meeting concluded at 12.13pm.