

Manor Vale Management Committee Meeting 26th September 2013
Supporting Document

6. To review progress towards new signs and consider any appropriate action

Hi Lisa,

Further to our conversation this morning relating to the Interpretation signage for Manor Vale.

Provided all goes to plan, we would normally aim for a project like this to take approximately 8 weeks from start to finish. If you have a specific deadline you had in mind, then please let me know so we can try and accommodate your deadline.

For your information I have put together a provisional schedule. As this schedule is quite tight, dates given will be effected by delays should the response times slip.

Text and content - in progress

Initial concept design, provided we have enough information, we will start work next week commencing 23 September.

Presentation of initial concepts - week commencing 30 September.

I have allowed time for you to gather your thoughts and respond with comments based on the initial concepts.

At this point we will require a decision on how many panels you expect to order so we can commence with the production of the frames.

Further development of initial concepts presented week commencing 7 October.

Presentation of further development visuals - week commencing 14 October

Response from you and your colleagues - by 18 October

Third and final proof delivered - Tuesday 22 October

Final sign off before commencing to production - 24 October

Delivered - Week commencing 11 November

I hope this helps Lisa.

Kind Regards

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8. To consider possible improvement projects suitable for grant funding

MV-13019 *A number of projects were suggested, for which grant funding could be sought:*

- Improvements to the public footpath and creation of a new footpath parallel to the golf course road in order to provide an additional loop through the woods– Andrew Hall to be consulted
- An app providing pictorial and factual interpretation of the woodland, its history, complete with sat nav guidance and details of plant and animal species etc.
- Contractor help with small scale coppicing work in line with management plan – possibly a project for Community Payback
- Provision of outreach days for local schools using The Conservation Volunteers who specialise in environmental education
- Updated specialist surveys on beetles and flies associated with deadwood to establish if they are still inhabiting the woodland in which case the management plan is working
- Bearing in mind the chalcid outbreak and the high population of ash in Manor Vale it would be worthwhile to introduce a seed gathering project using locals to take seeds from the wood, germinate them off site (at home or in the class room) and plant back into the woodland a few years later

10. To consider a request for permission to place a geocache by the old Ash Tree

On 08/09/2013 16:58, tjpollard@aol.com wrote:

Hello Lisa,

We had a fun afternoon today helping to make hay (and collecting a big bag of it for our guinea pigs! :-)

I was chatting to Don about geocaching and I wondered how I went about asking the town council for permission to place a cache by the old ash tree? He suggested talking to you!

Geocaching is great fun, and anyone can do it using a map, but usually a GPS unit (smart phones can do it too). someone hides a cache and then posts the co-ordinates on the internet

(<http://www.geocaching.com/guide/default.aspx>) and then other people come to find the cache! its

a great way of finding interesting places to visit that you may not know about, and it is exciting to

find the 'treasure'. (it also brings people to an area) the cache is usually a small plastic box, often

camouflaged with an 'official geocache' label, and contains a log book for people to write in that

they have found the cache (it is also logged on the geocaching website) and often small 'treasures'

(bouncy ball, marbles, badges, toys etc) the children enjoy this part of the treasure hunt!! am also

going to ask All Saints if I can place one in the churchyard, and also, we'd like to place one down by

the ford past Ravenswick/towards Douthwait Dale? but I don't know who actually owns that bit of

land, and before I can list a new cache on the website, I have to have permission from the land

owner.

There are a couple in Kirkbymoorside already, and plenty in Helmsley and Pickering. I think it would

be a great thing to have some more in our lovely town.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

Abi Pollard