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Minutes of a meeting of the Manor Vale Committee of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held at Church House, Kirkbymoorside, on Thursday 25th July 2013 at 2.30pm.

Present: Members present were Cllr Martin Brampton (chair), Cllr Chris Dowie, Don Davies, and Mike Simpson.

Also present was Lisa Bolland, Town Clerk

- MV-13012** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Paul Brewster, Cllr Jeanne Cossins, Tom Denney, and Andrew Hall.
- MV-13013** There were no declarations of interests.
- MV-13014** The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2013 were **approved** and signed.
- MV-13015** There were no members of the public present.
- MV-13016** It was noted that the discrepancy between the works carried out by Lewis Tree Surgeons and the tender works specified was because they did not received the tender specifications and subsequent works were based on the content of the inspection report carried out by Waller Tree Consulting Limited.
- MV-13017** Don Davies provided a report on the progress of the new signs and confirmed that a proof would be available for final approval at the next meeting. Additional signage detailing the history and significance of Neville's Castle was discussed. The Town Clerk agreed to pursue this line of interest, liaising with Don Davies and other committee members, with a view to providing a draft sign for review at the next meeting.
- MV-13018** A number of issues were raised in respect of the maintenance of Manor Vale and the Town Clerk proposed to contact the designated contractor to ensure that all contractual obligations are met. Additionally it was suggested that the excessively large felled trunks remaining from the recent tree works, be removed and used by a local Saw mill. The Town clerk will investigate the feasibility of this proposal. It was further suggested that any wood that cannot be used by the saw mill but that still requires removal could be dealt with by John Farrow. The town clerk and Mike Simpson will liaise in this respect.
- 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 chalara 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

MV-13020 Don Davies confirmed that the grass in Finch's Fork will be cut on 29th August with a view to holding the Haymaking Volunteer day on Sunday 8th September.

MV-13021 It was noted that there is an issue of dog fouling within Manor Vale. The clerk was asked to consider using delegated authority to have signs made to the following effect:

'Please clean up after your dog. Dog bylaws apply here.'

Sunday 13th October was proposed as the date for the next guided walk.

MV-13022 It was **agreed** that the next meeting should be at 2.30pm on Thursday 26th September 2013 with a walk around Manor Vale for any willing participants, meeting at Neville's Castle at 1.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm