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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 Wednesday 26 November 2014 at 11am.

Present: Members present were Cllr Brampton (Chair), Cllr Cossins, Don Davies, Tom Denney, Andrew Hall, Jim Pewtress and Mike Simpson.

MV-14016 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dowie.

MV-14017 There were no declarations of interest.

MV-14018 The minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2014 were **approved** and signed

An update was provided with regards to the path clearing and it was noted that due to complications the hedge aligning the top bridle path has not yet been cut back.

It was noted that the golf course have repaired the access road to the golf course.

The Community Payback team have cleared the areas surrounding all the public benches and cut back the footpaths within Manor Vale. Their efforts have been notable and it was suggested that whilst extending thanks to the team it would be of interest to receive feedback of how they qualify the success of the exercises and to note any benefit as a result.

MV-14019 There were no members of the public present.

MV-14020 Jim Pewtress was welcomed as a new member of the Committee

MV-14021 It was **noted** that the recommendation by the Manor Vale Management Committee to adopt the management of the shrub belt and woodland trail at Ryedale View was agreed at the meeting of the Town Council on 15 September 2014(Minute 14080).

The Town Clerk arrived at 11.12am and provided an update with regard to progress of the hedge cutting along the top bridle path. It was suggested that Ken Hornby be contacted in the first instance to establish if he would be prepared to carry out the works. In the absence of a resolution the Town Clerk suggested that alternative contractors would be sought via the contacts recently made with local tree surgeons.

The Town Clerk was asked if there were any developments with the site of the former NYCC Highways Depot. She confirmed that presently there are no planning applications for consideration and that talks are in progress with all interested parties.

The Town Clerk left at 11.20am.

MV-14022 The progress of the maintenance activities guided by the review was discussed and it was noted that an inspection of the trees abutting the neighbouring properties to Manor Vale Woodland need to be included on the next tree survey report.

MV-14023 It was agreed to permit dens and other temporary structures to be erected in the Manor Vale Woodland

MV-14024 Don Davies provided the following reports:

- a. The Volunteer Days held on 17th September and 21st November 2014 were a success. The hay gathered during the September hay making exercise was removed for use by the volunteers. The November exercise included coppicing and clearing of arisings.
- b. The Japanese knotweed has not yet been treated
- c. An additional volunteer event is schedule to take place in February 2015 to carry out wood felling and coppicing activities

MV-14025 It was **agreed** to implement a cornfield flower project at The Pound

MV-14026 It was noted that the figure for the 2014/15 Budget was the capital budget figure and that the budget figure was approximately £4000. This was to be clarified by the Town Clerk. The budget for 2015/16 was discussed and it was agreed to make a recommendation of £4000 to the Finance Committee.

MV-14027 **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that the Ryedale Natural History Society are planning two trips to Manor Vale in May and July 2015.

Andrew Hall confirmed that replacement of the footpath sign is in progress.

There will be a guided walk in spring 2015.

MV-14028 It was noted that future meetings would be more convenient earlier in the week. The date of the next meeting will be confirmed in due course.

The meeting concluded at 11.46am.

Signed.....Chairman

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