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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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 11am.

**Present:** Members present were Cllrs Ashworth and Brampton, District Councillor Cussons, Don Davies, Tom Denney, Andrew Hall, Jim Pewtress, and Mike Simpson.

**Also Present:** Town Clerk L Bolland

Cllr Brampton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

**MV-16001** Apologies for absence were received from Richard Carr.

**MV-16002** There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

**MV-16003 Minutes and Matters Arising**

- a. The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2015 were **approved** and **signed**.
- b. There were no matters arising.

**MV-16004 PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**MV-16005** The maintenance activities guided by the review have been carried out by Don Davies, in conjunction with the Environment Group volunteers, as detailed at agenda items 7 and 8. Andrew Hall confirmed that he had carried out remedial repairs, to the steps leading from the golf course road to the bridle path next to Neville's Castle. The path

**MV-16006** The Cornfield lower Project has been in progress since 2012 and was initiated by Ryedale Folk Museum. It was **noted** that previous attempts to introduce the cornfield flower seeds to the Pound had been unsuccessful. The most recent attempt was thwarted by a member of the public strimming the site in July 2016.

It was **noted** that the Pound will be sprayed in the first week of March 2017 and rotivated 2 weeks later. Don Davies will then seed the site at the end of March.

In order to deter members of the public from impeding progress of this initiative it was agreed to post a notice, detailing the Cornfield Flower Project objectives, and install a barrier/obstruction across the entrance to deter trespass. It was suggested that perhaps the Scouts could be involved with the construction of a field gate. Don Davies and the Town Clerk will pursue the options available and endeavour to progress matters.

**MV-16007 Volunteer Activities**

- a. It was **noted** that the meadow at Finch's Fork was mowed on 13th July 2016.
- b. It was **noted** that the Environment Group and Don Davies carried out a hedge laying task at finches fork on 19th December 2016.
- c. It was **noted** that the next hedge laying exercise will be carried out in February 2017 to include some coppicing for hedge stakes and binders

**MV-16008** Don Davies **confirmed** that the Japanese knotweed was injected in July 2016 and revisited in September 2016. Don Davies reported that he was satisfied that the Japanese knotweed had been addressed and that monitoring should continue in the event of recurrence.

**MV-16009** It was **noted** that 5no. Bird boxes will be installed in February by Ton Denny and Jim Pewtress.

**MV-16010 Questions to the Chairman**

Don Davies questioned whether a tree survey had been carried out since 2012 as it was his recollection that the report recommended surveys be carried out regularly. The Town Clerk confirmed that Waller Tree Services carried out a survey in July 2015 with particular focus on the north west boundary subsequent to a tree limb falling on the boundary of the neighbouring property at 7 Amble Close. No action was required. It was agreed that regular surveys should be carried out to satisfy the insurance criteria.

Following the walk around the woodland prior to the meeting it was noted that the boundary rail and post fence at the northern most boundary, next to the Ancient Ash has fallen. It was suggested that the Town Clerk explore the costs involved in replacing the 40m length of rail and post fencing and to proceed with the works, in accordance with the Standing Orders.

It was similarly noted that the sign alerting the potential hazard of passing beneath the Ancient Ash should be moved from its current location to one not immediately beneath the Ancient Ash.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a dog waste bin will be installed next to the finger point sign, at the entrance to the golf course.

**MV-16011** The date of the next meeting will be determined by the Schedule of meetings 2017/18.

The meeting concluded at 11.36am.

Signed.....Chairman

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