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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 10th July 2017 at 11am.

Present: Members present were Cllrs Brampton and Chapman, Jim Pewtress, and Mike Simpson.

Also Present: Town Clerk L Bolland

Cllr Brampton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

MV-17001 Cllr Brampton was elected as Chair for the ensuing year

MV-17002 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cossins, Richard Carr, Don Davies, Tom Denny and Andrew Hall.

MV-17003 There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

MV-17004 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a. The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2017 were amended to include apologies for absence from Cllr Cossins. The revised minutes were **approved** and **signed**.
- b. There were no matters arising.

MV-17005 PUBLIC SESSION

None

MV-17006 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 had provided confirmation that with regards to Public Rights of Way maintenance since the last meeting, the only maintenance required was to replace 3 sections of handrail at the top of the steps adjacent to the Bridleway, which has been carried out.

MV-17007 Progress of the cornfield flower project at The Pound was **reviewed**.

- a) It was **noted** that the Pound has been sprayed, rotivated and seeded.
- b) It was **noted** that the works have been started by the Scouts to construct a fence of stakes and willow wands.
- c) It was noted that signage is ready to be installed at The Pound detailing the Cornfield Flower Project, this will be erected on a new post together with the original plaque.

MV-17008 Progress of Volunteer Activities was **reviewed**.

- a) It was **noted** that the next mowing of the meadow at Finch's Fork will be carried out in July, date to be confirmed.

- b) It was **noted** that hedge laying, including some coppicing for hedge stakes and binders, was carried out on 5th February and it is anticipated that the next exercise will be in the winter, date to be confirmed.

MV-17009 It was **noted** that subsequent to injecting the Japanese knotweed in July and September 2016 some regrowth was identified by Don Davies and sprayed in June 2017

MV-17010 Chalara Ash Dieback

It was **noted** that Ash dieback is now widespread in the bottom of the vale

The options for the future were considered and it was **agreed** to leave the wood to its own devices for the time being and await the outcome of the Tree Survey to determine if it is necessary to replant or promote existing regrowth

MV-17011 Management of the shrub belt and woodland trail at Ryedale View (in accordance with minute 14080 dated 15 September 2014)

1. Details of a report from Don Davies were **received**.
2. In respect of the shrub belt it was **agreed** to coppice a small number of ash stems leaning towards the garden of number 12 Ryedale Crescent, and selectively fell a small number of damaged trees over the next 2 or 3 years and perhaps control nettle or bramble growth also. Some specimen trees should be retained within this zone where appropriate.
3. The Management Plan was **reviewed** and recommendations made by Don Davies in his report, **accepted**.
4. It was **agreed** to accept the advice detailed in the report and authorise the recommended works.

MV-17012 **Questions to the Chairman**

Mike Simpson asked if the elm tree to the right of the sloping footpath, approximately 15 yards from the top bridlepath, should be addressed as it is deceased and there is a risk of small branches dropping. There is also another elm tree which is deceased and could be felled. It was agreed that the town clerk could authorise any necessary works within her delegated powers.

MV-17013 The date of the next meeting will be on Monday 9th October 2017 at 11am

The meeting concluded at 11.24am.

Signed.....Chairman

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