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Minutes of a meeting of the Manor Vale Management Committee of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held in The Moorside Room, 9 Church Street, Kirkbymoorside, on Monday 8th October 2018 at 11am.

Present: Members present were Cllrs Brampton and Cossins, and Tom Denney and Andrew Hall.

Also Present: Town Clerk L Bolland

Cllr Brampton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

MV-18017 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ashworth, Jim Pewtress and Mike Simpson.

MV-18018 There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

MV-18019 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2018 were **approved** and **signed**.
- b) There were no matters arising.

MV-18020 PUBLIC SESSION

None

MV-18021 Progress in maintenance activities guided by the review

The Town Clerk confirmed that all maintenance activities are ongoing.

All recommended works detailed in the 2017 tree assessment have been carried out with exception to Ref 505, 2 no dead Elm trees which will be removed and disposed of by volunteers to prevent branch loss on to footpath. These works are scheduled to take place on Thursday 11th October 2018.

Works to the Oak Ref 514 will be carried out by a qualified tree surgeon over the winter.

Subsequent to concerns raised under Questions to the Chair at the last meeting the maintenance contractor has been instructed to mow a verge along the golf course drive in order to allow safe passing places for walkers.

Tom Denney reported that the area around Don Smith's memorial Ash and the neighbouring supplementary oak tree needs to be kept clear of brambles as they are becoming smothered and there is concern that it will affect their growth. The Town Clerk confirmed that the maintenance contractor would be asked to address these areas when in Manor Vale as part of the regular maintenance works.

Jim Pewtress had provided a brief report detailing some damage to the steps leading to Neville's Castle and damage to the public footpath sign post. Andrew Hall confirmed that he would carry out remedial repairs to both areas of concern.

It was noted that the Japanese knotweed has yet to be injected.

The Ancient Ash suffered the loss of two branches in the storm on 19th September.

MV-18022 It was **noted** that there has been no progress of the cornfield flower project at the Pound and there is no evidence that the proposed maintenance of the Pound by the Scouts has been actioned. It was proposed by Tom Denney and agreed that regular strimming of the pound together with the grass verge, and collection of arisings would likely prove to be the most effective means of management. The Town Clerk will instruct the contractor to undertake regular mowing in conjunction with the regular maintenance activities in Manor Vale woodland.

MV-18023 There was no report available of the volunteer activities but it is understood that these are in progress and the last exercise was the Hay Cutting at Finches Fork on Saturday 14th July 2018. Don Davies to provide a report at the next meeting.

MV-18015 Questions to the Chairman

There were no questions to the Chairman. Tom Denney commented that it was good to receive detailed reports such as that provided by Jim Pewtress which enables the committee to recommend appropriate action and deal with matters swiftly.

MV-18016 The date of the next meeting will be on Monday 4th February 2019 at 11am.

The meeting concluded at 11.37am.

Signed.....Chairman

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