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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 4th February 2019 at 11am.

Present: Members present were Cllr Brampton, Tom Denney, Andrew Hall (arrived at 11.12am), Jim Pewtress and Mike Simpson.

Also Present: Town Clerk L Bolland

Cllr Brampton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

MV-18026 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ashworth and Cossins.

MV-18027 There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

MV-18028 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2018 were **approved** and **signed**.
- b) Matters Arising

The Town Clerk confirmed that all recommended works detailed in the tree assessment have been carried out. Since the last meeting the 2 no dead Elm trees (Ref 505) have been removed and disposed of by the volunteers.

The works to the Oak Ref 514 were carried out by qualified tree surgeons in November.

The maintenance contractor carries out regular strimming of a verge next to the road leading to the golf course.

MV-18029 PUBLIC SESSION

None

MV-18030 Progress in maintenance activities guided by the management plan were reviewed.

Jim Pewtress wished to raise awareness that the footpath on the gradient leading to Gillamoor Road has become particularly slippery. The path is on rock so whilst it is not possible to cut in steps to allow a more secure footing there might be the possibility of installing a rail. Andrew Hall will assess the situation and carry out any necessary works if possible or let the clerk know of any works that may be required so that the maintenance contractor can be instructed accordingly.

Andrew Hall confirmed that since the last meeting he had carried out repairs to the steps by Nevilles Castle. Mike Simpson confirmed that two more of the boards have been displaced. Andrew Hall confirmed that he will carry out the necessary repairs at the earliest opportunity.

MV-18031 It was **noted** that The Pound was strimmed and cleared in 9th January 2019

MV-18032 There was no report available on progress of the treatment of the Japanese Knotweed. Don Davies to be asked to provide a report at the next meeting. It was noted that the Japanese Knotweed appeared to be contained. It will be necessary to continue to monitor the area.

- MV-18033** The date of the next hedge laying exercise carried out by the Kirkbymoorside Environment Group and volunteers will be on Saturday 9th March as detailed on the town blog.
- MV-18034** There were no Questions to the Chair.
- Cllr Brampton explained that this was the last Manor Vale Management committee meeting at which he will be attending as a councillor. He wished to thank all the committee members for their contribution to the management of Manor Vale woodland, which is a great asset to Kirkbymoorside, and hoped that the good work continues.
- Committee members reciprocated thanks to Cllr Brampton for his involvement with the committee over the years.
- MV-18035** The date of the next meeting will be detailed in the 2019/20 Schedule of Meetings.

The meeting concluded at 11.27am.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....