

# Minutes of the Annual Marske & New Forest Parish Council Meeting held at The Lodge, Marske

On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 7:00pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Mr Nigel Phillips (NP) Mr Peter Coates (PC) Mr Raymond Ridley (RR) Mr Martin Wallis (MW) Mr Eric Jarvis (EJ)
	Parish Clerk	Joanne Wallis (JW) Pam McGuckin, David Wallis, Nick & Lindsay Ibbotson, Beth Harwood-Mann, Ruth Tindle, Sophie Lamb & Jill Allen

Cllr Phillips opened the meeting at 7.05pm

Action

1 **Apologies** – Cllr Ian Scott

2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

The minutes were read out for the Parish Council Meeting. No amendments were received. Cllr Phillips proposed and Cllr Coates seconded that the minutes were a true and correct record. Cllr Phillips and the Clerk signed the minutes.

**Matters Arising**

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- Data Protection Policy – A policy has been created and reviewed by the Councillors no amendments required. The documents will be uploaded to the website.

<http://www.marskeandnf-pc.org.uk/>

JW

**Spending of Precept Money**

- Defib Training – 14 people attended training on the 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. Thanks were given to Nick & Lindsay Ibbotson for the use of their music room for the training. A spare set of pads for the defibrillator are to be purchased and an Emergency Contact List created.
- Strimming of verges within the village – Overall this was thought to be a very successful use of precept money and therefore will be continued in the Spring/Summer of 2019 and will include School Terrace.

JW

The verges are part of the Highway and the Parish Council have obtained permission to trim and keep them tidy. We have been fortunate to find a local gardener that is willing to do the work at a very competitive price.

If residents have concerns or objections the Parish Council request you place these in writing to the Clerk prior to the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019, where any correspondence can be discussed and feedback given. We ask that residents do not approach the gardener directly with complaints.

- An order has been placed with Ravensworth Nurseries for a Wild Cherry Gem tree and will be supplied at the end of the year. The tree will be planted with a temporary guard. Quotes will then be obtained for an ornate tree guard. JW/PC
- 250-300 daffodil bulbs have been purchased and will be planted around the village as per the Highways Dept. authorisation form. The Authorisation will be extended to include School Terrace. Volunteers to help plant the bulbs would be greatly appreciated. JW
- 2 Grit bins have been filled with grit and placed along Church Street and within Church grounds. Complete
- Picnic Table – The picnic table has been moved into place near the church carpark. Cllr Phillips thanked Beth Harwood Mann for her kind donation of the bench. Complete
- Dog Waste Bin – Richmond District Council (RDC) have placed ‘an embargo’ on emptying any additional dog waste bins. Marske is on the waiting list, for when/if the embargo is lifted. The clerk to contact RDC to see if they would empty a standard rubbish bin. JW  
Another option would be to purchase a Dog Waste bin and have a rota of volunteers to empty it.

***The Parish council would appreciate any ideas and feedback so they can assess they are being effective with the precept spending.***

**Repair to cattle grid at Long Green** - Damage to the cattle grid at Long Green has not been repaired; various emails have been exchanged in the last 2 years regarding this repair. Currently the Highways department are searching archives to confirm ownership of the cattle grid. The ongoing discussion between Highways and Barningham Estate has been monitored since the last meeting but no progress has been made. RR/JW  
Cllr John Blackie was informed of the ongoing issue, but no response received.

**Handrail down the steps at Marske Bridge** – The work was completed on 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. Complete

**Maintenance of the Notice Board** – The Notice board has been removed and repairs are on-going. The notice board will be re-located as discussed with Mrs V Simpson. NP

**Green Lane Skelton to Helwith** – No further communication has been received on this on-going issue.

**Cleaning of a gully along Skelton Lane** – A follow-up email to be sent requesting an estimated work schedule for cleaning the missed gully. JW

**Marske Nameplate** – One of the ‘Marske’ signs had fallen from the stone plinth close to Marske bridge and had gone missing. A replacement has been purchased from NYCC and fitted into place. At a similar time another one of the signs had fallen off but fortunately Cllr Coates had found the sign and has fixed it back into position.

#### 4 Financial update, spending since last meeting –

Balance as of		
22/06/18	£3095.16	
08/08/18	£267.50	NYCC Marske Nameplate
15/08/18	£87.50	Gardener – Mr M Rowley
15/08/18	£9.31	Clerk Guide Handbook
30/08/18	£137.98	Grit Bins
04/10/18	£180.00	PH Services – Defib Training
22/10/18	£56.22	Ravensworth Nurseries Daff Bulbs
Balance	£2356.65	

#### 5 Parish Councillors Meetings –

6<sup>th</sup> Sept – Police & Crime Commissioner – Cllr Phillips attended. Issues discussed were rural crime including, fuel and vehicle theft, unexplained deaths of birds of prey and the use of green lanes by vehicles that are not taxed or insured.

6<sup>th</sup> Sept – Upper Dales Partnership Mtg – Cllr E Jarvis attended. Issues discussed included:

- Multi-functional healthcare centre at Catterick.
- Health Engagement Network (HEN) Forum for the public to have views or suggestions on how local NHS services can be improved.
- Lack of healthcare provision with the potential closure of the The Friary in Richmond
- Councils holding sufficient funds for sudden elections and to have paid Clerks.
- North Yorkshire Connect an on line directory for groups and organisations free to use.  
[www.northyorkshireconnect.org.uk](http://www.northyorkshireconnect.org.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Mtg with Highways (I Burgess & S Baker) – Cllr Phillips & Cllr Wallis met with representatives of Highways to discuss cutting back of verges along Cat Bank & Clapgate. Some of the saplings have been cut back on Cat Bank but further work is required. Cllr Wallis suggested that saplings are cut back on Clapgate during the bridge closure. The works at Clapgate were thought to be progressing slightly ahead of schedule and were going to be an improvement.

8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Autumn Parish Forum for Northern Parishes – Meeting cancelled. Cllr Jarvis was due to attend this meeting. Cllr Jarvis would have used this meeting to raise concerns about potential air pollution from heather burning in the area.

#### Correspondence to the Clerk

- 6 Garget Walker House Day Centre– requesting volunteer drivers, please contact Sheila Blacklock 01748 824686 for further details.  
Letter Re Precept Spending Mrs L Wallis

#### AOB

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- Setting of Parish Precept for 2019/20- Parish Councils have been requested to inform the District Council of its precept amount by 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019. Cllr Coates proposed the amount to be set at £650 as per previous years and Cllr Phillips seconded.
  - Notification will be sent to RDC informing them of this amount.

- It was agreed that the Church Newsletter and Village Hall minutes and accounts could be uploaded to the Parish Council website this would mean residents have easy access to local information.

JW

- Concerns have been raised regarding the placement of stones on the grass verge which may cause damage to vehicles or be a trip hazard. The Parish Council contacted the Highways and the following response was received:

*On the matter of stones, just to confirm that any stone or other object placed within the limits of the Public Highway is technically an obstruction and could therefore leave the person who placed it open to prosecution and/or claim if a third party damaged a vehicle by striking the object.*

Please use your own discretion to make an informed decision on the placing of stones on or near the Public Highway.

If you wish to report an obstruction or require further clarification on this matter please contact NYCC Highways directly, email: [area1richmond@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:area1richmond@northyorks.gov.uk)

- Pot holes along School Terrace and road subsidence near Downholme Bridge are to be reported to Highways.
- A request for a grit bin for School Terrace has been received. Highways will be contacted to ask for a grit heap at the far end of School Terrace depending on the outcome of this request a grit bin will be purchased.

JW

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## 8 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7pm at Gingle Pot Farm, Marske.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8:20pm.

..... Chairman

.....Clerk

Date .....