

Minutes of the Marske & New Forest Parish Council Meeting held at Gingle Pot Farm, Marske

On 1st August 2019 at 7:00pm

Present	Parish Councillors	Mr Nigel Phillips (NP) Mr Martin Wallis (MW) Mr Eric Jarvis (EJ) Mr Raymond Ridley (RR)
	Parish Clerk	Joanne Wallis (JW)

Cllr Phillips opened the meeting at 7.05pm

	Action
1 Apologies – Cllr Peter Coates (PC)	
2 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2019 The minutes were read out for the Parish Council Meeting. No amendments were received. Cllr Phillips proposed and Cllr Wallis seconded that the minutes were a true and correct record. Cllr Phillips and the Clerk signed the minutes.	
3 Matters Arising	

Spending of Precept Money

- The Wild Cherry Gem tree has been planted and fitted with a temporary guard. Quotes can now be obtained for an ornate tree guard. PC
- Obtain prices for solar lights to decorate trees in the village for Christmas 2019. Prices range from £19.98 to £59.99. The lights used on the Christmas tree last year were £24.99. JW

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

Every household in the parish should now have received an Emergency Contact Card, please contact the clerk if you have been missed, or you would like more cards. JW

Repair to cattle grid at Long Green - Damage to the cattle grid at Long Green has not been repaired. Highways have left this issue with Barningham Estates to resolve.

Green Lane Skelton to Helwith – Repair work has been completed by Highways and overall they have done a very good job.

An email is to be sent to Highways thanking them for the repairs and to suggest a Temporary Closure to be enforced during the winter months (Nov-April); this could prolong the life of any repairs. JW

Potential Air Pollution due to heather burning – An email to be sent to RDC requesting the pollution levels to be monitored during the heather burning season.

JW

Investigate options for on-line banking for the Parish Council account.

JW

The waste bin near the phone box in the village is to have the base levelled. The bin is attached to a stone slab and any repairs would last longer and be more secure if concreted in place. Cllr Phillips to action the repair.

NP

4. Financial update, spending since last meeting –

Balance as of

19/04/19	1805.91	
30/04/19	325.00	Richmond DC Precept Money
18/06/19	(85.00)	Gardener

Total Spend £85.00

Balance £2045.91

5 Parish Councillors Meetings –

None attended

6 Correspondence to the Clerk

Mrs J Phillips – Appreciated how tidy the village looked due to the gardener strimming the grass verges.

7 Planning Applications

No planning applications received

8 AOB

Cllr Phillips wished to pass on his condolences to Cllr John Blackie's family and to note his thanks for all the enthusiastic support Marske and New Forest Parish Council received from Cllr Blackie over the years.

The gate on the public highway down to Helwith Manor (which is also a footpath and bridleway) is in poor repair and needs attention. Highways and the landowner to be contacted

JW

Reinstatement of the 'SLOW' sign on the road surface at Clapgate bridge. Temporary signs to be requested until a permanent sign can be actioned.

JW

Due to the road closures from the recent flooding, an increase in traffic via Marske is to be expected. Highways to be contacted to cut back foliage at Catbank and over by the Pylons to improve visibility of on-coming traffic and optimise road width for passing.

JW

Richmond District Council has performed an initial review into all Polling Stations. The aim of the review is to ensure:

1. That all electors have reasonable and practicable facilities for voting
2. That as far as is reasonable and practicable, polling places are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled.

Results - Marske & New Forest parish has less than 200 electors and costs approx. £500 per election, this is thought to be inefficient use of resources. The proposal is to move the Polling Station to Reeth. Cllr Good has contacted both Marske and Marrick Parish Council asking if the two villages could use Marrick Village hall as alternative. Under the new proposals both villages would travel to Reeth.

Cllr Jarvis proposed that the parish use a Richmond Polling Station, as most people travel to Richmond for either shopping, work or schools etc. This option was agreed by all parish councillors. Query this option with Richmond District Council & Cllr Good.

JW

Any representations and comments should be sent to:

The Electoral Registration Officer, Richmondshire District Council, Mercury House,
Station Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 4JX

Or by Email: er.elections@richmondshire.gov.uk or alternatively can complete the online survey at www.richmondshire.gov.uk/surveys/polling

The consultation period and receipt of any representations will close on 13th September 2019.

9 **The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th November 2019 7pm at Gingle Pot Farm, Marske.**

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7:50 pm.

..... Chairman Clerk

Date