

MARRICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 22 March, 2018 at Marrick Institute

Present: Mr Barrie Braithwaite (Chair), Mr Mark Hodgson (Vice-Chair),
Mr Bob Bradford, Dr Martin Bryce

Acting Clerk: Mrs Pauline Cordner

10 Minute Question and Answer Session: Numerous complaints had been received regarding the lack of snow clearance in Hurst during the recent severe weather. While winter maintenance in Marrick was considered inadequate, the situation in Hurst was considered totally unacceptable. Highways and Councillor Blackie would be made aware of the strength of feeling in the parish. Several local people had helped to remove snow in various locations in the area, and thanks were given to them. The numerous potholes and encroaching vegetation would again be reported.

Council tax charges: the Acting Clerk reported that the annual charge for a Band D property for 2018 was £1781.31, equating to a rise of £1.50 per week.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Keith Stones

2. Minutes: Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1 February 2018, previously circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Declarations of the Existence and Nature of Interests: None

4. Matters Arising: i) Council tax for second homes: Richmondshire District Council had voted 13:12 against joining with other local authorities in seeking talks with the government on the options available for increasing council tax on second homes in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The proposition had therefore been abandoned. YDNPA would continue to work with local authorities to develop the wider 'Attracting Families' initiative of which the second homes proposition was one part.

ii) Electricity Undergrounding Works: Councillor Bradford and Councillor Hodgson had attended a site meeting on 15 March, with the Freedom site manager, to discuss the problems in Marrick, following the undergrounding of the electricity lines. Seven locations were visited and photographs taken. It was acknowledged that the work had been carried out in poor weather conditions, which had caused difficulties. Freedom would be in contact again when the weather improved.

5. Tenders for Grazing of Parish Land: Resolved: that tenders be accepted for High Buska, from Bainbridge Brothers, for Low Buska from N White, and for Nungate Top from A Bainbridge.

6. Data Protection - G.D.P.R. Information Audit: The General Data Protection Regulation would take effect in the U.K. from 25 May 2018. It would replace the existing law on data protection and would give individuals more rights and protection regarding how their personal data was used. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations had arranged a number of training seminars at a cost of £45 per delegate. It was resolved that Mrs Cordner apply to attend a YLCA GDPR training seminar, the cost to be paid by the Parish Council. To ensure the Parish Council was complying with the underlying principles of the GDPR, a data audit was carried out to review all personal data processed, the lawful basis for processing it, and how it was protected. Resolved: that the findings of the audit be documented to ensure compliance with data protection legislation.

7. Transparency Code: The application for funding, to enable the Parish Council to develop an appropriate website to comply with the transparency code, had been approved. The Acting Clerk had received a number of estimates for building and hosting a suitable site. After consideration of price and availability of ongoing support, it was resolved that Mr Ben Stones be asked to build the website at a cost of £299, with an annual hosting cost of £100. It was further resolved that the Chairman, Councillor Bradford and Mrs Cordner be together authorised to purchase a laptop, scanner and software as per grant approval.

8. Appointment of Parish Clerk and Internal Auditor: No applications had been received for the vacancy of Parish Clerk. Mrs Cordner would undertake the duties required in the short term, and would therefore not be able to continue as internal auditor. It was resolved that accountant, Mrs Valerie Bradford, be asked if she would take on the role.

9. Financial Officer/Clerk's Report: Bank balances: Community Account £3187.24, Land Account £1876.98, Tree Account £141.94, Charity Account £162.56. Authorisation was given for the issue of cheques to YLCA, £54 for annual subscription, and to Mrs Cordner £90 for clerical duties as Acting Clerk. New mandate forms had been received from Barclays Bank in order to update signatories. The Parish Council's filing cabinets and other equipment had been placed in the secure store at the Institute, for which it was resolved the Parish Council would pay a small rental fee of £25 per annum.

10. Correspondence: Richmondshire Area Committee meeting would take place on 28 March.

Date of Next Meeting: Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday, 17 May 2018 at Marrick Institute, following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further items of business, the meeting closed at 9.00p.m.