

MARRICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 17 May, 2018 at Marrick Institute

Present: Councillors Mr Barrie Braithwaite (Chair), Mr Mark Hodgson (Vice-Chair), Mr Robert Bradford, Dr Martin Bryce, Mr Keith Stones

Clerk: Mrs Pauline Corder

10 Minute Question and Answer Session: Concerns were expressed about the depositing of litter in the parish, particularly empty drinks cartons, bottles and food packaging, thrown into fields and along the roadsides. Whilst looking unsightly, it could also be harmful to stock and wildlife. It was thought it may be being left by visitors to the area, as some local residents routinely removed it.

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Minutes: Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 22 March 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) Highways - following complaints from the Parish Council, a Highways Officer had inspected the area and raised an order for a number of works. Contractors had carried out work in Hurst, some of which Councillors considered unnecessary, but had not done more urgent repair work needed on Stelling Road and elsewhere.

ii) Electricity Undergrounding Works - Freedom had commenced repair work in Marrick.

iii) Website - the Parish Council's new dedicated website was nearing completion. It was anticipated it would 'go live' in the very near future.

5. Vehicle Activated Speed Signs and Speed Indicator Devices: North Yorkshire County Council's Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee were undertaking a review to look at whether to provide parish councils with the opportunity to fund the purchase and maintenance costs of vehicle activated speed signs or speed indicator devices. Councillors were given information and approximate costs of the signs and devices, before a survey was completed. They were in agreement that there were few issues of speeding in the parish and therefore the use and cost could not be warranted.

6. G.D.P.R. Further Requirements: New or revised policies were required to protect personal data held by the Parish Council to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation. It was agreed to delay the formal adoption of these until the next meeting, to allow Councillors time to study them in more detail. However, a data cleansing exercise had commenced to ensure the Council was not storing data no longer required, and privacy policy information would be placed on the new website.

7. Internal Audit: The Internal Auditor had carried out a comprehensive examination of the Council's accounts, records and associated documentation on 4 May 2018. All were found to be satisfactory. Her report was presented to the meeting.

Resolved: that the Report be approved, and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the financial position of the Parish Council for the financial year 2017-2018.

8. Annual Governance Statement: Following the review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control, Councillors were able to complete the Annual Governance Statement.

Resolved: that the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

9. Accounting Statements: The Responsible Financial Officer, having certified that the Accounting Statements in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return presented fairly the financial position of the Authority and its income and expenditure, presented it to the Council for consideration.

Resolved: that the Accounting Statements be approved and signed by the Chairman.

10. External Audit - Annual Governance & Accountability Return: Following completion of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return in accordance with Proper Practices, and meeting the qualifying criteria, the Parish Council wished to certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

Resolved: that a completed Certificate of Exemption be signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer and be submitted notifying the external auditor of the Parish Council's wish to certify itself as exempt.

11. Financial Officer/Clerk's Report: Received: Scott Trial donation to Marrick Institute £100, land rents £110. Authorisation was given for the issue of cheques to Zurich Municipal insurance renewal premium £247.27, Marrick Institute £100 donation from Scott Trial, £100 hire fee, £25 annual storage charge. The Clerk had attended GDPR training provided by YLCA and had obtained a bursary, resulting in a reduced charge of £33.75.

12. Correspondence: Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Richmondshire District Council had been received, which would reduce the number of councillors from 34 to 24 and the number of wards from 24 to 16, following a formal request by RDC for an electoral review. North Yorkshire County Council had launched a consultation on the future provision of the North Yorkshire Archives service and were seeking responses from individuals and groups with an interest in the archival heritage of North Yorkshire. The Clerk had responded. The survey could be accessed on northyorks.gov.uk/recordofficesurvey.

Date of Next Meeting: Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday, 26 July 2018 at Marrick Institute.

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