

MARRICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 October 2018 at Marrick Institute.

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

Clerk: Mrs Pauline Cordner

Also present: PC Julian Sutcliffe

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Mark Hodgson

2. Minutes. Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 26 July 2018, and previously circulated, be taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

4. Police Matters. PC Sutcliffe was introduced to Members. Based in Leyburn, he is the Northern Dales Beat Manager and also deals with any wildlife issues or concerns. He outlined his role and gave an update on recent crimes in the area, stressing the need to be vigilant. Local concerns regarding hunt saboteurs, poachers and off-road vehicles were also discussed. To receive the latest crime notifications and community news, residents are encouraged to sign up to the Community Messaging Service at northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org

5. Richmondshire Local Plan Review, Issues & Options Consultation. The meeting was informed that Richmondshire District Council had begun the preparation of a revised Local Plan, which would provide the planning framework for parts of the District outside the National Park. Issues & Options was the first in a number of stages in its production. The Clerk had attended a drop-in session held by the planning policy team. The scope of the consultation was to identify the key strategic issues and opportunities the Local Plan should address. It also outlined, for consideration, some options and initial ideas for the strategic policies in certain areas, such as the scale and location of housing and economic development. Councillors were presented with a copy of the consultation. Representations could be made in a number of ways, including an online questionnaire. Posters had been placed on the noticeboards giving further information.

6. Precept. Councillors studied expenditure requirements and estimated income, in order to set the amount of parish precept required for the next financial year. Following production of a budget, it was agreed that a reduced amount of £1300 be requested. Resolved: That Richmondshire District Council be informed that an amount of £1300 was required for the financial year 2019/20. It was further resolved that, as previously, an element of the annual Precept be kept in reserve for any repairs that may be required to parish land.

7. Financial Officer's/Clerk's Report: Bank balances Community account £3665.39, Land account £1986.98. Authorisation to pay £440 for laptop and printer as per Government Transparency Fund grant approval, £37.50 for ink cartridges, £100 towards upkeep of Marrick Institute. Resolved: That authorisation be given and the report noted.

8. Marrick Institute The Clerk presented an update on matters pertaining to the Institute. The recent photographic competition had attracted 114 entries, raised £100 for Institute funds, and provided a selection of photographs for permanent display. Further events to boost funds were planned. It was hoped to apply for grant funding to assist with the refurbishment of the kitchen. This would be discussed at the Institute meeting to follow. Resolved: That the report be noted.

7. Correspondence. The Clerk reported the following items of correspondence:

Notification from YDNPA, that an appeal, against refusal of permission, had been made to the Secretary of State, in respect of removal of agricultural occupancy restriction at Moor View, Marrick.

Royal Mail sought to increase awareness of scam mail. Over 4 million suspected pieces of scam mail had been stopped at distribution centres around the U.K. before they could be posted through letterboxes. Posters had been placed on the noticeboards publicising the various ways to report scam mail, which, typically, involved professional fraudsters sending convincing letters that were designed to trick people out of money or other valuables.

Garget Walker House Day Centre, Richmond, were in need of volunteer drivers, to help transport people with dementia, to the centre.

Great North Air Ambulance had requested a donation.

YLCA Richmondshire branch meeting would be held on 11 October at Ravensworth Village Hall.

8. Any Other Business. Electricity undergrounding works: Councillor Bradford reported that the problems at Ellerholme Lane had still not been rectified, despite reassurances that this would be done. He had contacted Freedom on several occasions. Some work had been done, but more was required. Resolved: That the Clerk write to Freedom and express the Council's dissatisfaction, and urge early attention, before weather conditions deteriorated.

Councillor Stones reported overhanging branches and overgrown vegetation were causing visibility problems near Dales Beck. Highways would be asked to attend to the matter.

9. Date of next meeting. Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 29 November 2018 at Marrick Institute.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.46p.m.