

# **Marrick Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm at Marrick Institute**

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

**Clerk:** Miss Grace Bryant

**Also Present:** Mrs Pauline Cordner and one Parish Resident

1. **Apologies for Absence** – None
  
2. **Minutes** – Resolved that minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2020 can be taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
  
3. **Matters Arising** – None
  
4. **Declaration of Existence and Nature of Interests** – None
  
5. **Planning matters** –
  - 5.1 – Update on previous planning application for an extension at High Greenas has been granted
  - 5.2 - Planning application received for construction of a cellar to the rear (below ground); canopy over front door; utility room to rear and a stone chimney to enclose twin wall flue lining at Green Dragon Farm. Councillors had no comments or objections on this.
  
6. **Highways** – Following on from issues noted at previous meeting: trees overhanging the Dales Beck have now been cut back; still ongoing issues with potholes on the parish roads
  - 6.1 – Informed this morning that North York’s Council has confirmed a new company for delivery of Operational Highways Services – this will be NY Highways and will launch from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.
  - 6.2 – Brought to attention of the clerk the breakdown of the bridge in Hurst near Schoolmaster Pasture. Have received a response from Highways to say they have raised an order for repair after inspection by a highways officer.
  - 6.3 – Grant available for electric vehicle charging, the clerk is to investigate costs and what is available.
  - 6.4 – Requested for the road into Hurst be put on as a priority 1 for gritting as multiple times the past winter Hurst was inaccessible, clerk to contact Yvonne Peacock on this matter.
  
7. **Review of General Power of Competence** – GPC introduced by Localism Act 2011 to give council the power to do anything an individual can do provided it is not prohibited by other legislation to enable councils to do more and to extend services and support beyond the tradition. YLCA requested this be resolved and confirmed to them once eligibility confirmed. This was resolved.

8. **Internal Auditors Report** – Having received the report of the internal auditor who has examined the accounts and associated documents on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 it was resolved that the report be approved and signed by the Chair. It was further resolved that the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2020/21 included at page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 be noted.
9. **Annual Governance Statement & Accounting Statement**–
  - 9.1 - Resolved that Marrick Parish Council approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 for Marrick Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21.
  - 9.2 Resolved that Marrick Parish Council approve Section 2 Accounting Statements 2020/21 for Marrick Parish Council on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21.
10. **Publication of Documents required by Regulations** – Resolved that in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit Regulations 2015 and Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities , Marrick Parish Council will publish the following documents on its website: Certificate of Exemption; Annual Internal Audit Report; Analysis of Variances; Bank Reconciliation and Notice of the Period for the exercise of Public Rights and other Information required by Regulation 15.
11. **Financial Officers/Clerks Report** – Clerk noted that going forward we would hopefully be able to resume bi-annual meetings but will depend on the ongoing covid-19 pandemic. Following on from the recent election for our Local Police and Crime Commissioner Phillip Allot of the Conservative and Unionist Party won the vote. As previously discussed with Councillors virtually Tenders for the Parish Land have been accepted. Authorisation requested and given for issue of cheques to Zurich for the Insurance renewal for £251.42; ICO Data Protection for £40.00; £25 to cover storage of the institute and £100 to cover Marrick Institute Hire and to the Clerk to cover expenses for £170. Also, to note the Richmondshire Annual Branch Meeting is being held next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June on zoom.
12. **Correspondence** – Monthly police report had been received; updated law and governance statement from YLCA and noted of ongoing online councillor discussion forums. Also a letter regarding request for broadband grants to be looked into so this will be actioned by the clerk but also to contact Reeth Rural Network to see of any possibility of this being made available in Hurst. Also noted that Rishi Sunak has spoken to the manager in charge of getting the fibre into Marrick however due to issues with the main spine there is no set date for this.
13. **Any other Business** – Request from Scott Trial for permission to use the Parish Land for the upcoming Scott Trial in October. Resident in Hurst has planted a tree for Prince Phillip so request for donations; clerk also to look into a scheme being run currently by the Queen which aims to plant a tree under the initiative Queen’s Green Canopy.
14. **Date of Next Meeting** –Date of next meeting to be 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 at 19.30 at Marrick Institute.

There being no further items the meeting closed at 20.33