

Marrick Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 18th November 2021

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

Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant

Also Present: Mrs Pauline Cordner

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10 Minute Question and Answer Session

None

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1. Apologies for Absence: None
2. Minutes: Resolved that minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd September, can be taken as read, approved & signed by the chairman as a correct and true record.
3. Declaration of the Existence & Nature of Interests: None
4. Matters Arising: None
5. Planning Matters:
- 5.1 - Update on the Planning Application for poles in Marrick for overhead cables, still unsuccessful to get an update from BT Openreach however work has begun for putting the underground cables in and it is believed that the fibre will be ready early next year
 - 5.2 - Planning application for the change of use for Walker House was not received by the parish council, I have since contacted Yorkshire Dales Planning and they have apologised.
 - 5.3 - Clerk to contact Yorkshire Dales Planning as it is believed they are no longer going to update the Parish when a planning application has been put in.
6. Highways:
- 6.1 - Work done by council with regards to a bridge on Goats road was actually the bridge over Skegdale beck. Clerk has since spoken to Highways again regarding the parapet repair to the correct bridge and Clerk is going to discuss it with resident.
 - 6.2 - Gritting on Stelling Road is currently 'in-line with current County Council policy' and there is currently no way to appeal the decision. They have said if we have an emergency situation such as the village is cut off then we need to report it to their Customer Service Centre.
 - 6.3 - Requested to contact Highways with regards to the road half way along Crook Bank Lane was discussed again last week with Highways and they were sending someone out to have a look at it that day.

6.4 - Road closure in Leyburn on A684 but only from 7pm to 2am to avoid peak times. Clerk is also to start emailing councillors with an road closure updates received.

7. Local Nature Recovery Strategy - DEFRA have lauched a consultation to establish priorities and map proposals for specific actions to drive natures recovery and provide wider environmental benefits. NALC is responding to say that local councils can and should make a significant contribution to preparation and implementation. Overall opinion was that it will be good to be kept informed with changes in the consultation as the Parish Council will know the land and area well.
8. Parish Precept - Current precept amount is £1500, last year our expenditure was less however this was due to the Covid-19 pandemic; on a more normal year the parish precept is inline with expenditure. It was agreed that the parish precept be kept the same at £1500.
9. Financial Officers/Clerk's Report: Bank balances have not changed since the previous parish meeting. As you are all aware next week is the re-election of the Police and Crime Commissioner after Phil Allot resigned. The government has recently announced £23.5million for safer streets which will primarily be shown by an increase in police presence.
10. Correspondence:
 - 10.1 Monthly crime report
 - 10.2 PTC briefing
 - 10.3 Voucher scheme for Bilsdale transmitter
 - 10.4 Area partnership grants - clerk to apply for a funding to be able to get a new village bench in Hurst
 - 10.5 Litter bins - Clerk to request current bins are emptied more frequently as they are often missed.
 - 10.6 Unitary authority update
11. Any other Business: None
 - 11.1 - Brought to the council's attention that the Yorkshire Dales National Park is the most destructive park in the country; the clerk is going to write a letter to express our concern.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 20th January 2022

Meeting closed at 20.08