

Marrick Parish Council
Report_of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 8th September 2022

Present: Mr Mark Hodgson (Vice-Chair), Mr Robert Bradford, Dr Martin Bryce, Mr Keith Stones
Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant
Also Present: Mrs Pauline Cordner

Marrick Parish Council were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and we extend heartfelt condolences to the King and members of the Royal Family. To mark our respect a two minute silence was held at the start of the meeting.

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10 Minute Question and Answer Session

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1. Apologies for Absence: Barrie Braithwaite
2. Confirm Minutes from Previous Meeting: Resolved that minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th July, can be taken as read, approved & signed by the vice-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 - No planning matters have been brought to the clerks attention
6. Gritting:
6.1 - Business Executive Meeting was held on Friday 26th of August and the Parish Clerk along with one councilor and a few residents attended. The summary from the meeting was that the proposal was not to change the priority of the Stelling Road or any other request that had been made. The main reasons for this being the aim for minimum alteration for the strategic network; an aim to reduce their carbon footprint; a duty to be reasonably practical and the danger to set a precedence which could lead to cumulative increased costs. There is a community arrangement to help facilitate communities getting gritting equipment but this is mainly used for footways. To become a priority 2 you need to be a settlement of a reasonable size and 50% of the network is actually priority 3. The parish council agreed to continue pursuing the matter and to start as a request to get hills and corners on the road gritted. Also going to find out about insurance if the council went into the community arrangement and to find out what the council implied with improvements to the phone network.
6.2 - No progress has been made on getting the grit heap at the top of Ellerholme lane reinstated but the council is going to continue to find out why, not only this one but others in the parish, have stopped being refilled.

7. Highways

7.1 - Drain cover repair was reported to Highways Officer to have a look at

7.2 - Marrick three road ends to Reels Head resurfacing work is set to commence on Monday 12th for September between 7.30am and 5pm for six weekdays

7.3 - Summer lodge to low houses, crackpot resurfacing work is set to commence on Friday 16th of September for a period of two days

7.4 - Hawes resurfacing works start on Monday 26th of September for five and a half weeks starting in the marketplace

8. Coast to Coast - National Trail status was announced on Friday 12th of August. This will involve £5.6million committed to upgrade the 197 mile path. The main benefits of this will be a more accessible path for all abilities; high quality signage; circular paths and link routes are developed for shorter working with local business and a long term commitment to maintain the path. Couple of points within the parish on the proposed route are a realignment from the original; however the council saw no issue with these alignments. The parish is going to still push for facilities between Reeth and Richmond as currently they are inadequate.

9. The Community Emergency Plan was reviewed and updated with an agreement that we would actively look for more volunteers, especially first aiders and a notice is to be placed in the parish notice boards explaining this.

10. Council Tax Reduction Scheme - Due to the new North Yorkshire Council there is a proposal to introduce an income banded council tax scheme as all current seven borough and district councils have slightly different schemes. The changes will come into place for working age households from 1 April 2023. Council tax reduction is a scheme that helps low income households pay their council tax bill. Councillors were happy with proposed bands. The scheme has a capital limit of £6,000 so anyone with this or more in savings will not get a reduction. The council also plans to take into account carers, war pensioners, non-dependants and any disabilities.

11. Financial Officers/Clerk's Report: Bank balances - community account currently sitting at £5474.53 and land account £2506.98. Since our last meeting Liz Truss has been elected our new Prime Minister. New devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire will allow the elected Mayor control of £540million investment fund for use over 30 years to drive growth on items such as transport and affordable housing; with a consultation due for October/December to allow us to have our say. Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments are appointing to find out if any parish would like to opt out of an external audit, the council agreed they would not opt out. Analysis has come in on parish precepts with a majority of precepts being within £1-24,999 with 24% of precepts being kept the same, 6% being decreased and 70% increasing their precept. Finally it has also been requested to get payment for the replacement of the defibrillator pads and this was approved by the councillors.

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Meeting with Zoe Metcalf and temporary assistant chief constable Butterfield has been arranged for Wednesday 2nd November, 6.45pm on zoom.

12.2 Friends of the Dales Annual Conference is happening on September 24th 1-5pm at Grassington's Devonshire Institute

12.3 Invitation to Parish Forum Meeting on Wednesday 12th October at 7pm, to be held online

12.4 August Crime Report

12.5 Invitation to Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Annual Forum on Friday 4th November at Devonshire Institute, Grassington, 1-4pm.

12.6 Invitation to the Upper Dales Area Partnership Meeting, Wednesday 12th October 6pm.

13. Any other Business:

13.1 - Brought to the attention that the fencing of the parish land at the crossroads needs repairing so the councillors are going to look at this and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

13.2 - Bench at the triangle in Marrick is needing replacing and this is going to be actioned by Councillors Mark Hodgson and Bob Bradford as there is a spare one in the institute. The bench also outside the Green Dragon in Hurst was brought up again as needing replacing and the clerk is going to look into quotes for this.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 17th November

Meeting closed at 20.42pm.