

Marrick Parish Council
Report of Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 18th July 2024
Marrick Institute

Present: Councillors Mr Mark Hodgson (Chairman), Mr Keith Stones, Dr Martin Bryce and Mr Frank Wilkenson

Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant

Also Present: Mrs Pauline Cordner

10 Minute Question and Answer Session: None

1. Apologies for Absence: Councillor Bob Bradford
2. Confirm Minutes from Previous Meeting: Resolved that minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2024 can be taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
3. Declaration of Existence & Nature of Interests: None
4. Matters Arising: None.
5. Planning Matters:
 - 5.1: The Lawful development certificate application for the caravan at The Old School, Slack Hills Road was refused, and a letter was sent out on the 21st of June to the landowners.
6. Gritting:
 - 6.1 The grit to be used in our own grit bins has been approved by the council but we are just waiting for confirmation on the initial fill of the bin.
7. Highways
 - 7.1 The clerk has spoken to and emailed the highways officer but is awaiting updates on the highways issues raised.
 - 7.2 Road closure on Hardstyles w/c June 26th was not reported to the Clerk so this was queried. It was utility works that the Council Streetworks Team work with and they sent the details to Marske Parish Council as it is within their boundaries, going forward they will send notifications to our Parish too.
 - 7.3 Foregill Bridge retaining wall replacement at Arkle Town is to commence on Monday 1st of July with a temporary road closure and temporary road creation to allow public access. Project expected to be completed in Autumn 2025.
 - 7.4 Carriage resurfacing, footway improvement works and installation of new pedestrian crossing on A6108 commencing Monday 22nd July between 7pm and midnight in Leyburn between roundabout and school
 - 7.5 A6108 at Skeeby will have a full road closure from 9.30 until 15.30 for 5 days from 22nd of July for highway maintenance works
 - 7.6 NYC is proposing daily fees to utility companies if they undertake maintenance requiring main road closures at peak times in a move to reduce road closures and encourage companies to work together

7.7 A6108 at Middleham is to be closed for Culvert Repairs from 5th August for 4 weeks with a fully signed diversion.

7.8 A6108 at Victoria Road is having Spray injection patching work done so there will be a full road closure between 9am and 3pm 24th of July with a diversion in place.

8. Website domain: It is being advised for Councils to move onto a '.gov.uk' domain to indicate to people that the organisation is part of the wider government. These domains are actively monitored by the cabinet office so have additional security. The cost of this is £10/year + VAT and the domain name costs £100. We would then have to move onto a new website hosting company as only certain suppliers are on the approved registrar to gain the funding that is available of £100. Clerk is to do more investigation and will add to agenda at a later date.

9. Let's talk rubbish campaign: NYC are campaigning 'Lets Talk Rubbish' and there is a consultation open until 16th September which the Council completed

10. Financial Officers/Clerks Report: Community account is currently at £5124.31 and the land account is at £2766.98. Since the last meeting a cheque for the defibrillator pads has been approved totalling £141.60. Since the last meeting our accounts have been published and the AGAR forms have been sent off. A general election was held on 4th of July and labour were elected making Keir Starmer the new Prime Minister. Invoices received since last meeting are website Annual Hosting Fee from Ben Stones for £120 and the Data protection fee for £40 the clerk was approved to pay these.

11. Correspondence:

11.1 YDNPA is holding a stakeholders group meeting at Grassington Town Hall on Monday 16th September at 2pm to discuss with key parties the implementation

11.2 YDNPA have circulated notes and recordings from their spring forums with main points to note that the 6 priorities for residents from their management plan are: help nature recover, help younger people live/work in the park, reduce impact of second homes/holiday lets, reduce pollution in rivers; support upland livestock farming and protect rare & threatened species

11.3 YLCA joint Annual Meeting is to be held on 20th July near Selby

11.4 Updated Councillor log in details from YLCA

11.5 Campaign to support the improved safety of lithium batteries and their disposal is being circulated and this is for a Bill in Parliament to improve safety

11.6 Scott trial request to use Parish Land has been received

12. Any other Business:

12.1 Pollution in roan beck is ongoing but the clerk is investigating

13. Date of next meeting confirmed for 12th of September 2024 at 19.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.22pm.

Grace Bryant
Marrick Parish Clerk