

A Meeting of Marton cum Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Tuesday, 10 January 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL) (Chair), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr N Wilson (NW), Mr R Naish (RN), Cllr A Alton (AA), Cllr J Watson (JW), Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalf as Clerk

Apologies: None

Members of the public present: 12

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed by AL.

Matters Arising from the last meeting minutes:

- Playground inspection regarding ankle trap – RN/AL to inspect
- Sundial inspection – RN/TJ to inspect

County Matters:

Broadband – LN Communications have been approved as the Contractor, approx £15 per month and a connection charge of £50.00 giving a 5 Meg speed. This is now available.

Incinerator – JW stated there was not much change to the situation at the moment. The expectation is that a decision will be taken in April. There will be a site visit and the date will be made public. JW fears the application will go through at that stage. JW intends to develop an alternative plan for the management of waste on the Allerton Quarry site that does not include incineration. The PC confirmed that it would be returning its comments on the application to NYCC by the end of the month and offered its support to JW as he considers alternatives.

District Matters:

AA stated HBC Cabinet approved council budget and there will be no increase on council tax.

AA stated that Harrogate Theatre and the Royal Hall will be working together on projects in the future and HBC were viewing this as a cost cutting initiative.

Matters Arising:

1. Incinerator

AL thanked Roger Naish for the wine and pizza evening to raise funds which had been a great success. Thanks were also expressed to Simon Robinson who supported the evening.

AL updated recent activity, including reports on meetings held in December with NYCC and HBC Planning Officers. The PC will submit comments to both by the end of

January. The PC agreed to support a proposal from NYWAG to instruct and fund further work on landscape impact.

2. Playing Fields

- RN mentioned the tennis court committee were unsuccessful in their application for a grant. Other options were being explored.

3. Village Shop/Village Hall

- The new lighting was recognised as a resounding success. The invoice for the lighting invoice will be passed to PC a.s.a.p. The Village Hall Committee are considering buying a data projector for the hall. The PC welcomed this initiative which will be of use to a number of groups.

4. Planning

- Punch Bowl Inn – Change of use to top floor.
- Punch Bowl Inn – Application for single storey extensions.
- Punch Bowl Inn – First floor insertion stud walls and removal of stud walls (Listed building consent)

The PC had no formal objections to the above applications, noting the relatively minor scale of the works. The PC noted that it is, of course, preferable to consider planning applications before works are completed. The PC asked that HBC check for noise and odour from the new kitchen and also whether there is a loss of amenity of living accommodation through the change to the first floor.

- Willow Tree, Stocksfield House, Grafton – crown thinning. PC in agreement.

Accounts:

In: Shop rental £4,200.00

Out: Autela Ltd Payroll £12.00, Clerk's fees £266.67, NYCC 2 grit bins £300.00

LDP Planning £1,813.44

Correspondence: None

Any Other Business:

- Email received from NBC America who would like to film our phone box as part of their visit to England for the Olympics this summer. LB has responded as the PC media co-ordinator.
- LB raised the issue of the Jubilee Beacons – further discussion at the next meeting.
- Water tower, access track from Gallabor Lane – Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water

- Drain lid on the corner outside Corner House at the bottom of the hill – broken tarmac surrounding it. Clerk to contact NYCC Highways.

Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd February 2012 at 7.30pm

Open the meeting to the public:

The meeting finished at 9.27 pm

Signed Dated.....

A Meeting of Marton cum Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Tuesday, 2 February 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL) (Chair), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr N Wilson (NW), Mr R Naish (RN), Cllr A Alton (AA), Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalf as Clerk

Apologies: Cllr J Watson

Members of the public present: 11

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed by AL following a minor amendment.

Matters Arising from the last meeting minutes:

- Playground inspection regarding ankle trap – RN/AL to inspect
- Sundial inspection – RN/TJ to inspect

County Matters: None

District Matters:

AA stated HBC Cabinet have agreed to purchase the old Police Station in Harrogate to build new offices for HBC. The five existing HBC offices will be put on the market.

AA confirmed that there is to be no council tax increase.

Matters Arising:

1. Incinerator

AL reported that the full response to the Allerton Waste Recovery Park application had been made to NYCC and was now posted on the application web site. The submission was made on behalf of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council and nine other parish councils. AL formally thanked PC members, Brian Cooper and members of the Parish Council's group for their support.

AL noted that NYCC had informed AmeyCespa that because of outstanding questions regarding their application they did not expect to determine the application until July or August 2012. AmeyCespa have indicated that they are happy to work to this schedule but that they still wish to process the application sooner than this if possible.

HBC Planning Committee is a statutory consult tee on the application. Their Planning Committee will meet to discuss the proposal on February 14th in the main Council debating chamber at 2.15 pm. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and to make their objections known, including via a small protest both outside the HBC main building (12.30pm-2.15pm) and also beforehand if a site visit is proposed. The PC agreed to circulate a note to residents to confirm the above.

2. Playing fields

Playground inspection regarding ankle trap – RN/AL to inspect

3. Village Shop/Village Hall

The Village Hall projector has now been installed, the committee has ordered new tables to replace old ones and have carried out general maintenance. The PC commended the VHC on the improvements.

4. Planning

- Beck House, Grafton Lane – Willow tree. Two applications for thinning or removal of the tree. The PC had no objection to either and noted a preference for removal of the tree which is now a nuisance and a potential health and safety risk.

Accounts:

In: HBC (Grounds & Maintenance) £1,302.32, Pizza Evening fundraiser £500.00
Out: LDP Planning £600.00, Dalton Enterprises £1,140.00 (Grass cutting)

Correspondence:

- Boroughbridge Area Community Library Association - letter asking for a donation to the running costs of the library - PC agreed to a £50.00 donation.
- Email from a resident regarding LN Communications who appear to be unable to connect the fast broad at the moment.
- HBC correspondence regarding Parish Council Elections. The next round of PC Elections will be held on 3rd May 2012 when five positions will be up for election. The PC wanted to publicise this as widely as possible to ensure that residents are aware of the opportunity to stand for election should they wish to do so. Information will be posted on PC notice boards when received from HBC and in-line with required practice. In the meantime, should any resident be interested in standing, they are encouraged to contact one of the current PCs to discuss what the job entails.

Any Other Business:

- It was reported that the Police Liaison group mentioned that crime in the area is low, however, metal theft and agricultural theft was an issue.
- A recent YLCA note was discussed regarding a new template for the code of conduct – to be discussed at the June PC meeting.

Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 1st March 2012 at 7.30pm

Open the meeting to the public:

- Residents raised concerns regarding the poor state of the village's roads in and out of the village. Clerk to contact NYCC regarding the following:
 - Deep potholes on Braimber Lane and the top end of Limebar Lane near the A168.
 - Damaged drain grate cover on Reas Lane behind the shop.
 - Overgrown hedge on Gallabar Lane, right hand side after the junction with Reas Lane.
- Concerns over a barn re-roof on Limebar Lane – LB to provide planning consent and AL to inspect.
- Hedges on the right side of the road travelling down the road from Marton to Grafton are overgrown – RN to inspect
- Concerns were raised regarding a leaning tree on the Grafton green – NW to inspect.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed Dated.....

A Meeting of Marton cum Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Tuesday, 1 March 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL) (Chair), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr R Naish (RN), Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalf as Clerk

Apologies: Cllr J Watson, Mr N Wilson, Cllr A Alton

Members of the public present: 8

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed by AL.

Matters Arising from the last meeting minutes:

- Playground inspection regarding ankle trap – RN inspected playground and reported that there was no ankle trap.

County Matters: None

District Matters: None

Matters Arising:

1. Incinerator

AL thanked Cllr John Watson, Cllr Anthony Alton and members of the Parish for their support at the recent Harrogate Borough Council Planning Committee meeting that considered the AmeyCespa application for a waste disposal facility at Allerton Park. The committee concluded a "strong objection" on grounds of: contrary to the HBC core strategies and local plan; adverse impacts on Allerton Park (buildings and grounds); mass and scale of the proposals; concerns over highway issues; adverse impact on the countryside; need for an incinerator not been proven both now and into the future; concern over toxic fumes; information in the planning application is inadequate particularly in relation to the impacts on the landscape and adjacent heritage asset; the siting of the incinerator may not be the most appropriate to make best use of the heat and/or power generated; concern as to whether the private finance initiative was the most appropriate mechanism to deliver this project or a reduced scheme (although it was recognised this was not strictly a planning consideration).

Harrogate Borough Council is a statutory consultee on this application and therefore their views will be considered later in the year when NYCC determines the application. The date of that determination is uncertain because of additional information that NYCC has required the applicant to supply – it is likely to be during the summer.

2. Playing fields - RN reported that the gate to the playing fields will be secured to try and avoid a repeat of joy-riding on the cricket pitch.
3. Village Shop/Village Hall – Nothing to report
4. Planning – Nothing to report

Accounts:

In: £662.42 MCG Magnums Fund

Out: VHC – VAT reimbursement £118.04, VAT payment £65.72, Boroughbridge Community Library donation £50.00, expenses £19.22 for AL

- YLCA renew - agreed
- PC insurance renewal agreed. Clerk to contact VHC to check adequate cover for the new additions to the Village Hall.

Correspondence:

- HBC correspondence regarding Parish Council Elections. The next round of PC Elections will be held on 3rd May 2012 when five positions will be up for election. The election notices have been displayed in both village notice boards. If any resident be interested in standing, they are encouraged to contact one of the current PCs to discuss what the job entails and contact the Clerk for an information pack.
- Email from Cllr J Watson regarding 2013 NYCC elections. The email outlined the current role of the County Councillor, its responsibilities, time demands and remuneration. A copy has been filed with the PC minutes and can be accessed via the PC Clerk.
- Email from NYCC Highways regarding resurfacing works on Braimber Lane that is underway.
- Wind turbines email from David Ramsbotham – Petition for signatures regarding the objection to wind turbines in North Yorkshire.
- Email from residents regarding speeding in the village. The PC had a lengthy discussion on vehicle speed in the village. The Clerk has contacted North Yorkshire Police regarding a ‘Community Speed Watch’ scheme and NYCC regarding costs of purchasing of speeding signs, and is awaiting information. LB to contact Great Ouseburn PC again for further information on their signage. Clerk to contact JW for further advice. PC to discuss further at the April meeting.

Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 5th April 2012 at 7.30pm

Open the meeting to the public:

- Stockfield Lane//Thorny Hill Lane - pothole on the right hand side – Clerk to contact NYCC Highways.
- Litter walk on Grafton Lane discussed– PC to email residents on a date. Clerk to contact HCB regarding the state of the lay-by near the junction of Grafton Lane and Chapel Hill.
- Discussion regarding the village’s response for the Queen’s Jubilee. Agreed to send an email to residents inviting proposals.
- Residents mentioned the bins at the Punchbowl Inn getting too full – AL to contact them.
- Residents raised concerns regarding dog mess around the village.
- RN mentioned the extra salt bins have been place near The Nookin and old people’s homes.
- Clerk to chase Yorkshire Water regarding reservoir track.
- Concerns rose regarding the paddock behind the Punchbowl Inn. RN/AL to inspect.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed Dated.....

A Meeting of Marton cum Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Thursday, 5 April 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL) (Chair), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr R Naish (RN), Mr N Wilson (NW), Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalf as Clerk

Apologies: Cllr J Watson

Members of the public present: 2

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed by AL.

Matters Arising from the last meeting minutes:

- Access track to reservoir – Yorkshire Water informed and they have inspected the site. PC awaiting a report.
- Paddock behind Ye Olde Punchbowl and footpath – RN stated that the style was not suitable for some residents. Owner of the paddock and NYCC footpaths to be contacted by RN.
- Overflow bins at back of Ye Olde Punchbowl – AL has contacted the Pub and this has been rectified.
- Pothole filled on Stockfield Lane.
- AL thanked LB for organising the litter walk on Grafton Lane. LB thanked all those who helped and in particular Mr & Mrs Blunt for the use of their skip.
- Queens Jubilee – LB mentioned the Ye Olde Punch Bowl would be having a BBQ celebration and the School would be having a tea party. LB has contacted Jayne Cole from the Friends at the school.

County Matters: None

District Matters:

Reported very little has happened. AA discussed with the PC the proposed incinerator. The PC thanked AA for all his support during the last several years, including most recently with Harrogate Borough Council regarding objections to the incinerator.

Matters Arising:

1. Incinerator

HBC had unanimously approved a motion commending the HBC Planning Committee on its decision to register a strong objection to the application, and to urge for the application to be “called-in” by the Secretary of State should NYCC Planning Committee approve the scheme. AL and NW provided an update on on-going discussions regarding objections, including on landscape, heritage and transport. Brian Cooper provided a summary of activities undertaken by the Parish Council’s group.

2. Playing fields – Works has commenced on the Cricket Clubhouse.

3. Village Shop/Village Hall – Village Hall Committee has been approached by a Contractor looking to install solar panels. PC discussed this and decided not to take this further at this time.

4. Planning-

- Village Design Statement – A revised version had been received from HBC. NW/AL to review.
- TPO at Ivy House, Ivy Close - order confirmed
- Retrospective planning permissions granted for works at the Ye Olde Punch Bowl.
- Planning granted for fell or crown thin of the Weeping Willow at Beck House, Grafton.

Accounts:

In: £50.00 Mr T Long, Ground Rent

Out: Came & Co £1,490.63 (PC insurance), David Burton, Great Ouseburn Cricket Club £485.68 (works on clubhouse), £200.00 Clerk's Salary.

Correspondence:

- HBC Bulb Scheme – Letter discussed. Clerk to contact the school and PCC to explore potential planting schemes in the village and its approaches..
- Compost Bin Sale – York & North Yorkshire Waste Partnership are selling compost bins at a cost of £8.00 each on Saturday 14 April 10am – 2pm at Ripon Walled Garden, Palace Road, Ripon HG4 3HN.
- NYCC – change to bus service timetable. Clerk to email residents and put a copy of the new timetable up at the bus stop.
- Boroughbridge Library Opening times. Clerk to email residents and put up times in the notice boards.
- Email from Mr & Mrs Buxton regarding the paddock fencing and style (see Matters Arising above).
- HBC Election notices of Parish Councillors and District Councillors up for election – notices are to be put in the notice boards. Please note that there will also be a Parish Council election in May.

Any Other Business:

- Speeding – LB had contacted Great Ouseburn PC who said that the flashing signs after a while have not been very effective. The Clerk had contacted NYCC Highways regarding rumble strips and extra speeding signs etc. NYCC do not suggest rumble strips because of noise created for the residents and feel that the village has adequate

signage, however, they did suggest that the village could provide their own signs and put them on private land subject to planning consent. The Clerk discussed the possibility of lowering the speed limit in the village but NYCC Highways said that they would only consider certain areas in the village such as by the school. PC decided that this was not a problem area and it should not be considered further.

The Clerk had contacted North Yorkshire Police who said that they do not run any Community speed groups but suggested that they could send a police car and speed gun to check speeding at certain times. PC discussed this and agreed that the Clerk should contact the Police to arrange for police speeding checks in the next 12 months.

- Over-grown hedges on Gallabor Lane - Hedges are on the second field on the right after turning from Reas Lane. Clerk to contact NYCC Highways.
- TJ attended a demonstration of the high-speed broadband connection in Great Ouseburn which was very effective. It was agreed to invite a similar demonstration to the village.
- The next Annual General Meeting and the Annual Public Meeting will be held on the 8th May 2012 at 7.00pm.
- Clerk to contact Returning officer to see if the parish should still have 5 councillors.
- AL thanked Pam and Paul Grant for many years of support to village and PC – note of thanks to be sent.
- AL thanked the Parish Council for their work over the term of the current office.

Date of the Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th May 2012 at 7.00pm

Open the meeting to the public: Nothing to report

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed Dated.....

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Marton cum Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 8 May 2012 at 7.10 pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL) as Chair, Mr R Naish (RN), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Miss L Bullus (LB) and County Councillor J Watson.

Apologies: Mr N Duxbury, District Councillor A Alton

Members of the public present: 7

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed and dated as a true and accurate record by AL.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

The Chair opened the meeting to the public: There were no issues raised.

Date for the next Annual Parish Meeting: May/June 2013.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

The Annual General Meeting of Marton cum Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Tuesday, 8 May 2012 at 7.00 pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL), Mr R Naish (RN), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Miss L Bullus (LB) and County Councillor J Watson

The first action of the newly-elected PC was to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair - AL and TJ respectively were appointed to these roles (see Election of Officers below).

Secondly, it was proposed that the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Members' Interests will be signed by the Chair and each Councillor prior to the next meeting, the relevant forms having not yet been received by the Clerk. AL will likewise sign the acceptance of Chair paperwork by the same date.

Apologies: Mr N Duxbury, Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalf, District Councillor A Alton

Members of the public present: 7

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed and dated as a true and accurate record by AL.

There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report (AL)

I am delighted to provide the Chair's report of Parish Council business to this year's Annual General Meeting. The Parish Council met formally on 12 occasions, and informally on countless other times as we sought to oppose the Allerton Park incinerator - more of which to come.

But first, I want to start by paying thanks to two members of the Parish Council and welcome a third. We were delighted to welcome Zoe Hartley-Metcalf as our new Parish Council Clerk in July 2011. Zoe has rapidly got up to speed with the workings of the Parish Council, which is no mean feat given the range of issues that we have been dealing with. Secondly, I want to thank Councillor Nicholas Wilson for his longstanding service on the Parish Council during the last 17 years, ten of which he served as Council Chair. By any measure that is a very considerable contribution and few members of the Parish have given so much to our community over such a sustained period of time. We will miss Nick's considerable knowledge of the District and County, his intimate knowledge and regard for the Parish, and his willingness to roll up his sleeves and get things done. Finally, a warm welcome to Councillor Nicholas Duxbury as our newly elected member of the Parish Council - we look forward very much to working with you in the coming months and years.

Many of the issues that have taken up the deliberations of the Parish Council are common to previous years. This is not to say we have not made progress in these areas, but rather to highlight the reassuringly predictable nature of how a community moves with the times. The financial cuts that are affecting the economy are having a direct impact in our Parish, indeed the state of our roads is now the worst in living memory. Even when the pot-holes on Braimber Lane and Limebar Lane are marked up in yellow paint, they lie unrepaired for months, getting progressively deeper and wider. The bus service that connects the village to Ripon, Boroughbridge and York runs at ever less

frequent times, and the chance of us ever being connected to Harrogate remains a distant dream. Speeding in the village remains a persistent problem and at times we have had to remind ourselves and our community that PC stands for Parish Council and not for Police Constable and therefore our powers are limited. Again, financial cuts mean that there is not the public money for building speed restrictions, or even installing speed signs. That said, be warned, there will be a police speed gun in the village in the coming year to try and get people to slow down!

More positive news includes the completion of the first year of the Village oil co-operative scheme, which has proved a great success, as well as the imminent roll-out of high-speed broadband which will make a big difference to many of us in the coming twelve months. Other highlights include new fencing on the playing fields to restrict joy-riding on the cricket pitch, and long-overdue renovation to the pavilion. Following the bad winter of 2010-11, new salt bins have been installed. But all of this pales into insignificance compared with the renovation and re-opening of The Punch Bowl which, after a difficult few months when the village was “dry”, is now re-invigorated and firmly back in the heart of the community.

The minutes of our Parish Council provide an important record of life in our community. Looking back over the numerous books in which this report and others reside, I am never tired of reading about what the issues were that faced the Parish in days gone by, and what they tell us about our community. Such reflection invites one to speculate on what future generations will make of the issues that face us today.

The single biggest concern in our Council’s minutes, during the last two years, has been the Allerton Park incinerator. We learnt in October 2011 of the full scale of the plans - a colossal incinerator that is designed to burn over 85% of the County’s waste for at least the next quarter of a century. We remain appalled that our County intends to embark on this massive financial white elephant, using a technology that is widely ridiculed as inefficient and polluting. And to what end? Not to support our local economy, that much is clear, nor to enhance our environment and protect the natural and historic heritage of the County. No, instead this billion-pound-plus scheme will pour money into the coffers of a Spanish-owned multi-national, to develop a scheme that will truck waste from every corner of the County to a single burner located in the open countryside where there is no use for the heat it generates. We oppose this scheme, together with many other Parish Councils and many thousands of residents from across the County. We welcomed the decision of Harrogate Borough Council Planning Committee, and then its full Council, to oppose the scheme in February of this year and we thank our local MPs, our District and County Councillors for their support. Together with City of York, this decision means that neither Harrogate nor York want an incinerator within their borders.

I want to finish this report with a final round of thanks. First, a big thank you to my fellow Parish Councillors for all of their help during what has been a very busy twelve months. Thanks to Roger for his hosting of the barn dance and the Italian evening as fund raisers for the incinerator campaign, to Tim for his continual support with the web site and on all technical aspects regarding waste management, and to Lynda for her gentle conversion of technical jargon to plain English! It has, as always, been a team effort. And beyond the Parish Council, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Brian Cooper, whose energy and tenacious drive has kept us all going. But I save my last words for the many residents in the Parish who have helped us in the last twelve months. Thank you to all of you who have written letters of objection, attended meetings or given money to support our campaign - in years to come I am confident future generations will look back

on this time and be as impressed as I am by the collective effort to try to make our Parish, and by implication our County, a better, more sustainable place to live in.

Election of Offices

Chair: Antony Long - proposed by RN and seconded by LB

Vice Chair: Tim Joynson - proposed by LB and seconded by RN

These were unanimously approved.

In view of the absence of the newest Councillor, it was agreed that the following Offices would be allocated at the next meeting:

Charities: (Currently RN and LB)

Police Liaison: (Currently LB)

Village Hall Committee: (Currently TJ and RN)

Any other business

It was noted that the balance in the Charities' Fund stands at £4,711. Those Councillors assuming responsibility for charities at next month's meeting will arrange to meet with Andrew Ainley to discuss the best use of these funds.

Date of the next meeting

First Thursday in May/June 2013.

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm.

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Present: Prof A Long (Chair), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr R Naish (RN), Miss L Bullus (LB) and County Councillor J Watson

Apologies: Mr N Duxbury (ND) and District Councillor A Alton

Members of the public present: 9

The minutes of the last meeting were amended and will be signed and dated as a true and accurate record by AL.

County Issues

1. NYCC has recently voted an extra £2m to the budget to repair pot-holes.
2. The new high-speed broadband service should now be available locally.
3. The planning application for the Allerton Park Incinerator is likely to go before NYCC's Planning Committee in September when it is anticipated it will be approved. Subsequently it is likely to be "called in" by the Secretary of State and possibly referred to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC).

Matters Arising

1. Playing Fields:

- The PC is willing to install and pay for a kissing gate in the field behind the pub, where some residents are struggling to get over the stile. However, this would require the permission of the landowner.
- Yorkshire Water is looking at fencing off the area around the reservoir. They are undertaking similar work on other sites to improve security.
- Work on the pavilion on the playing fields is almost complete. An excellent job has been done.

2. Village Shop/Village Hall:

- Nothing to report.

3. Incinerator:

- See comments under "County Issues" (above).
- The Chair up-dated the meeting on AmeyCespa's initial response to the Planning Officer's various queries on the planning application.
- It was agreed the Chair should send a letter in support of NYWAG's objections to the application on transport grounds.
- AmeyCespa has submitted its application for an Environmental permit.

Planning

- Village Design Statement: The original document has been located. Minor amendments are being made at the request of HBC.

Accounts

In: £1,675 - 1st Instalment of the precept from HBC

Out: £24 - Autela Payroll Services

£207.60 - D Burton - Great Ouseburn Cricket Club (refurbishment of the pavilion)

Correspondence

- Restored shed on Limebar Lane: HBC Planning has confirmed that the materials used were acceptable and the building is for agricultural use only.
- Yore Vision is seeking letters of support regarding their aim to establish a long-distance footpath from Boroughbridge to Kirby Stephen via Richmond. It was agreed the Clerk should be requested to write in support of this plan.
- The YLCA has circulated a note inviting volunteers to join the local NY Police and Crime Panel.
- A resident has emailed enquiring why there is no bus service to Harrogate. It was agreed the PC would approach NYCC for a response.

Any other Business

- The Clerk will contact Highways regarding pot-holes which are particularly bad on Limebar Lane from the A168 to the village side of Willow Tree Farm. The yellow paint has washed off those marked on Braimber Lane, some of which have been loosely patched.
- HBC have indicated they would consider a request to increase the number of parish councillors. However, they would require valid reasons to justify an addition which would put this PC out of line with similar parishes and populations. It was decided not to pursue the matter at this time.

The Chair opened the meeting to the public:

- A member of the public proposed particular thanks to Nick Wilson for his sterling work over many years on the Parish Council. There was unanimous support for this comment, evidenced by a spontaneous round of applause.
- The point was made that there is a wealth of talent in the village (such as Nick's) and the PC was invited to call on people who might be happy to share their expertise.
- It was suggested a paragraph about each candidate standing for the recent election to the Parish Council would have been useful.

Date of the next meeting: To be agreed - 29 May or 14 June have been proposed.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

A meeting of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Tuesday, 29 May 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Prof A Long (Chair), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr R Naish (RN), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr N Duxbury (ND), Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalf (Clerk)

Apologies: County Councillor J Watson and District Councillor A Alton

Members of the public present: 6

The minutes of the last meeting were amended and will be signed and dated as a true and accurate record by AL.

County Issues: Nothing to report

District Issues: Nothing to report

Matters Arising

1. Playing Fields:

- Expenditure of strimming approved.
- RN reported that he has asked NYCC Footpaths to inspect the stile behind the Punchbowl Inn.
- Dog fouling - PC agreed another bin to be purchased for the playing field. Clerk to organize.
- PC to write a note to Ken Parkin thanking him for all his hard work.
- PC to write a note to Des Shanks thanking him for taking on strimming.

2. Village Shop/Village Hall:

- A gas leak from one of the heaters in the hall was identified and is now repaired.
- Extra venting has been put in the kitchen for more ventilation.

3. Incinerator:

An application had been submitted by AmeyCespa to the Environment Agency for an Environment Permit to operate the plant, subject to an approval of planning permission. The PC had been briefed on the matter by Darren Leng of the EA at a Parish Councils meeting. There will be a public "roadshow" later in the summer, announcements to follow.

4. Planning:

- TPO Forge House, Stockfield Lane, Grafton - HBC confirmation that the TPO is to be upheld
- Planning enforcement - Pond at Moor Road, Marton-cum-Grafton - formation of car park and landscaping works. RN declared an interest in the matter as the landowner involved.
- Grafton Lodge Farm - erection of agricultural building - the PC had no objections.

Parish Council

- Appointment of PC roles:
AL - Chair
TJ - Vice Chair
LB - Police Liaison
RN / TJ - Village Hall Committee
ND - Charities

Accounts

In: £37.13 (Northern Powergrid)
Out: £57.59 (T3TC - hosting of village website)

Correspondence

- Vitalise letter - fundraising request. PC declined. Clerk to respond.
- Environment Agency - Environmental permit application for Allerton Park.
- Audit Commission regarding external auditors. PC has no objection to the proposed change in auditors.
- NYCC - In response to a query regarding a bus route to Harrogate, replied that they were unable to offer further bus routes due to cost implications.
- NYCC - Potholes - Limebar Lane was noted and will be addressed in the near future. A broken drain cover in Grafton is not a hazard and will be monitored.
- NYCC - Braimber Lane road patching will commence 28th May taking 15 working days to complete.
- Wetherby District Lions club - Great Yorkshire Bike Ride 16th June - ride coming along Braimber Lane.

Any other Business

- Wifi fast broadband - discussions are ongoing with the school regarding a potential location of a hub.
- Community Police Constable visiting village on 1 June between 10-11am outside the village post office.
- State of footpaths across the greens in Grafton and Marton are overgrown - requests for volunteers to help. (Note: the PC reviewed the Marton paths after the meeting).
- Sundial on Grafton green to be cleaned before Open Gardens.
- A member of the public asked for an update on the time-line for "call-in" of the incinerator application. If NYCC approve the application, then a petition for "call-in" will be made immediately. This will be led by two local MPs, and by HBC which has passed a motion to ensure this happens, should the application be approved.
- A volunteer grass-cutter mentioned a complaint from a member of the public regarding grass cuttings left on the pavement. The PC hoped that residents could tidy up if they felt necessary as volunteers give their own time to cut the grass. Residents can contact the PC and register their complaint if they wish.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

A meeting of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Thursday, 5th July 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr T Joynson (TJ) (Chair), Mr R Naish (RN), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr N Duxbury (ND), District Cllr A Alton (AA), Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalfe (Clerk)

Apologies: County Councillor J Watson and Prof A Long

Members of the public present: 7

The minutes of the last meeting were amended and will be signed and dated as a true and accurate record by TJ.

County Issues: Nothing to report

District Issues:

New refuse scheme has started in parts of the area, trials are taking place and teething problems are being experienced.

By April 2013 HBC website and telecom system will be improved and in place after considerable investment.

HBC office move to the police station site is on hold as English Heritage are looking at the site.

Matters Arising

1. Incinerator:

JW informed via email that Amey Cespa's planning date will be postponed till mid October 2012.

2. Playing Fields:

RN stated that Des Shanks is to take on strimming of the paths and be paid for expenses incurred.

3. Village Shop:

The news about Lee Stott's illness was greeted with sadness by the PC. Support has been offered from the Parish Council and Village to the Stotts. RN to contact the Post Office.

4. Village Hall:

Nothing to report.

5. Code of Conduct:

Parish Councillors to complete the new Localism Act Registration Form. PC to adopt HBC Code of Conduct. Clerk to circulate Code of Conduct to PC and inform HBC.

6. Planning

- Planning enforcement - Pond at Moor Road, Marton-cum-Grafton - formation of car park and landscaping works. RN declared and interest as owner. HBC confirmed there had been no breach of planning control.
- Mickledale Farm, Marton cum Grafton - PC approved.

7. High Speed Broadband

School have agreed to house the repeater and contracts to be signed imminently. Service roll-out will follow in about 10 days.

8. Sundial

RN /TJ have undertaken initial work.

Accounts

End of year accounts not finalized. Mazars contacted and agreed to wait until August 2012 to receive them.

In: £686.19 HMRC Repayment , £3.06 Northern Powergrid

Correspondence

- HBC - Annual inspection of children's play area - agreed
- HBC - Vacancies letter re County Area Committee discussed.
- Email from Ron Sneddon re Cold Calling Zone, Clerk to circulate to PC.
- Email regarding Jubilee bunting discussed. LB to respond.

Any other Business

- Parish Council would like to thank the open gardens committee and all residents involved for all their hard work on Open Gardens Day which was very much appreciated.
- LB thanked all helpers who helped clear the footpaths on Grafton Green. ND to coordinate helpers for the Marton Green paths.
- Clerk has contacted NYCC Highways regarding the poor state of Limebar Lane, the drain lid on Grafton Hill and pothole near Springbank.
- ND concerned about speeding within the village especially in Marton. RN suggested mentioning to the Punchbowl Inn regarding a sign.
- Member of the public asked questions regarding incinerator fund.
- Member of the public mentioned that the road gullys are silted up and it may cause flooding along the bottom of main Marton road near the junction of Braimber Lane. Clerk to contact NYCC Highways.
- Concern by the public about the height of grass badly affecting visibility on roads leading into the village. Clerk to contact NYCC Highways.

- A member of the public mentioned tree on Marton Green is leaning badly. RN to organize trimming.

Date of the next meeting: 6th September 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed Dated

A meeting of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Thursday, 6th September 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL), Mr T Joynson (TJ) (Chair), Mr R Naish (RN), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr N Duxbury (ND), Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalf (Clerk)

Apologies: District Cllr A Alton, County Cllr J Watson

Members of the public present: 4

The minutes of the last meeting were amended and will be signed and dated as a true and accurate record by AL.

County Issues: Nothing to report.

District Issues: Nothing to report.

Matters Arising:

Lee Stott - Lee has sadly passed away since the last PC meeting. A Memorial Service was held at Christ Church and Cllr Roger Naish spoke on behalf of the PC. Our thoughts are with the Stotts at this very sad time and the PC recognise and pay tribute to the significant contribution that Lee brought to the community. The PC thanked LB and helpers for all their help serving teas/coffees etc at the village hall after the Memorial Service.

1. Incinerator:

An update was provided:

i) Allerton Park application: The PC will be submitting its response to NYCC regarding the latest material submitted by AmeyCespa next week. The response will be posted on PC web site. We continue to object strongly.

The date for the NYCC Planning Committee to determine the application is approaching but still not known for sure. Some have speculated that it could be in October, others later in the year.

ii) Environment Permit: AmeyCespa has applied for a permit to operate the incinerator to the Environment Agency. Although the formal deadline for receipt of comments was the end of August, the EA has confirmed that we can submit responses after that date. The PC has been focused on responding to NYCC (i) above), and not that is done we will turn to the permit application. It is not too late for residents to submit comments and the PC will keep the village updated via the web site and at its next meeting. It is important that as many people as possible respond to this consultation.

iii) Harrogate Borough Council are meeting on September 11th to consider the latest material submitted by AmeyCespa. The PC has made a response.

Thanks to Brian Cooper for all of his ongoing help. The PC offered its encouragement

to TJ who was taking part in a sponsored bike ride to Filey to raise funds to fight the proposal.

2. Playing Fields:

- Dog refuse bin to be purchased by RN.
- Complaint made regarding rubbish at the Cricket Club house - RN to contact S Marklew and ensure that the site is cleared.

3. Village Shop:

- The PC are meeting potential purchaser(s) within the next few weeks. Nothing more to report, other than to give an assurance that the PC will do all it can to support the continued presence and success of the shop.

4. Village Hall:

- The annual survey with the PC will take place in the next month or so.

5. Planning:

- Sycamore House, Thorny Hill Lane - Formation of a pond - whilst no objections were made in principle, the PC noted that there was little input in the application for design and no apparent conservation plan, also there was no provision to where the spoil from the pond would be deposited.
- Peacock Farm, Marton - Erection of two storey and single storey extensions. The PC had no objections.

6. Memorial for Lee Stott:

- Residents have asked the PC for permission to raise funds within the village for a memorial bench for Lee Stott. The PC suggested a possible site for a bench could be to replace the existing one on the Grafton Hill. This site is close to the original shop where Lee worked, and is located mid-way between the two parts of the village that Lee supported so well. Another resident's suggestion of a tree to be planted on the green at Marton for a memorial was discussed - ND to get further information.

7. Vehicle speeds within the village:

- The PC discussed at length vehicle speeds within the village and email discussions from residents. Following helpful comments from the Public attending the meeting, the PC suggested a working party of residents to research and take forward this matter. Doug Hunt has kindly agreed to take this forward. The PC will put a link to the village website regarding the efforts made.

Accounts:

In: Open Gardens Committee donation of £1,100.00, another donation of £250.00.

Out: Clerk's payroll and expenses £249.99, Autela Payroll £14.04, MCG Village Hall £190.23 VAT reimbursement.

End of year Accounts:

- End of year Accounts were discussed and passed. It was noted that village hall and clock valuations would need to be carried out for next year's accounts. The PC thanked Miles Stanyard/LB/ZHM for their hard work in compiling the accounts.

Correspondence:

- Email from Andrew Jones MP- no further action to be taken.
- Resident correspondence regarding incineration and planning response/ speeding and pavement repairs. Clerk has chased NYCC.
- HBC - New Parish Consultation Arrangements 2012 - HBC meeting on 7th November. Agenda item for October meeting regarding this.
- HBC - County Area Committee for Harrogate District - Election. AL to respond.
- Yorevision - Neighbourhood Partnership - meeting 17th September at 6.30pm at Boroughbridge Library.
- Boroughbridge Area Neighbourhood Group - next meeting 18 September at 7.30pm Coronation Hall, Boroughbridge.

Any other Business:

- Footpaths on Marton green to be cleared - RN/TJ to look inspect.
- Helms Charity - to be discussed at the October meeting.
- RN to replenish village's grit bins.
- Priestcarr Lane and Legram Lane - potholes - Clerk to inform NYCC.
- Complaint regarding the skip on footpath of Marton green - AL to inspect.
- Complaint regarding damaged tarmac surrounding drain lid on Grafton Hill - Clerk has chased NYCC regarding this.

Date of the next meeting: 4th October 2012

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed Dated

A meeting of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Thursday, 4th October 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL)(Chair), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr R Naish (RN), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr N Duxbury (ND), District Cllr A Alton, County Cllr J Watson, Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalfe (Clerk)

Members of the public present: 32

The minutes of the last meeting were amended and will be signed and dated as a true and accurate record by AL.

County Issues: None

District Issues: None

Matters Arising:

AL ran through the action points raised in the last meeting with the PC.

1. Incinerator:

AL welcomed members of the public, including those attending from neighbouring parish councils.

An update on recent developments was provided.

North Yorkshire County Council intends to determine the planning application at a meeting to be held at County Hall, Northallerton on October 30th 2012. This is a revised date.

There will be a site visit one week before by the Planning Committee and officers.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the planning meeting on October 30th and the Parish Council will provide details on its web site.

Councillor John Watson provided an update. JW expected the application to be "called-in" by the Secretary of State and for a public enquiry to be held. JW intends to argue that the economics of the scheme are flawed and thinks this is a relevant argument to the planning committee since it goes to the heart of the claimed "need" for the facility.

Councillor Anthony Alton provided an update. AA thanked the PC for its work in this matter and encouraged any objectors at the site visit and planning determination to be respectful to the committee members.

Members of the public asked questions relating to the planning application, expressing concern regarding the scale of the plant, its landscape impacts, the financial risk and the lack of transparency during the planning process, specifically regarding access to key financial information.

AL thanked JW and AA for their support in this matter.

2. Playing Fields:

Nothing to report.

3. Village Shop:

The PC has interviewed three candidates to explain the PC's interest in supporting the shop on behalf of the Parish. TJ stated two candidates have paid deposits and the PC have met with them. A third candidate has pulled out. The Post Office has begun their process of assessment and has asked the candidates to submit business plans, but this could take some time. The PC is finalising a revised lease.

4. Village Hall:

The AGM has taken place and the committee elected.

5. Planning:

- Sycamore House, Thorny Hill Lane - Formation of a pond - HBC letter confirming grant of planning permission subject to conditions.
- Sycamore Lodge, Grafton Lane - Erection of two storey and single storey extension - PC has no objections.

6. Memorial for Lee Stott:

Emily Bennison/Torty Hunt to start fundraising soon. Clerk to liaise.

7. Helms Charity:

Andrew Ainley has confirmed that four charities exist and that one has funds in excess of £4000 from an annual rent of £150 from a paddock on the outskirts of the village and a number of other similar small pockets of land. LD/ND to take this forward and talk to the Vicar. To discuss at the next meeting.

Accounts:

In: HBC Precept Payment £1,675.00, £907.00 donation from the TJ bike ride fundraiser to the Green Development Fund.

Out: TPM Landscapes £1,440.00, Eunomia Research £4,950.00, Mole Control £100.00, Clerks payroll £200.00, Autela Payroll £14.04

Correspondence:

- North Yorkshire Highways emails - confirmation that the drain surround in Grafton will be rectified a.s.a.p, and that the paths in Marton will be made safe within the next three months with further consideration for full resurfacing in the future.
- HBC New Parish Consultation - the PC will explore the potential of viewing electronic applications on-line at the next appropriate occasion.
- HBC Planning Enquiry Service changes - From 01/12/12 HBC Planning Enquiries team will operate a 'call head service' for consultations instead of the current 'drop in' service.
- Harrogate & District Volunteering Oscars 2012 - nominations given from residents.

Any other Business:

- Internet update - TJ stated Broadband has nearly been fitted in village hall and locations in Marton and Grafton have been identified as a potential repeaters. A resident mentioned that BT will be rolling out broadband in 2014. AL made it clear that the PC was not promoting any provider over another.
- TJ has completed his fundraising bike ride and has raised £907. AL congratulated and thanked TJ for his efforts.
- LB reported back from the speeding sub-committee meeting, they have asked for a Police speed check, Clerk to organize and contact Doug Hunt for suggested sites within the village. Village name boards have been requested, with suggested locations at Braimber Lane, Gallabor Lane and Thorny Hill Lane. To be discussed at the next PC meeting.
- LB reported back from the Police liaison meeting. Residents are reminded to use the 101 Police telephone number if they want to inform the Police themselves of speeding cars within the village.
- Hedges on Gallabor lane - resident complaint regarding the over grown hedges. Clerk to contact the selling agents (Hunters) of the relevant paddock.
- Residents queried the sighting of Lee Stott's memorial bench.
- A resident informed the PC that NYCC has cleaned the road gullies.

Date of the next meeting: 1st November 2012

The meeting closed at 9.20

Signed Dated

A meeting of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Thursday, 1st November 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL)(Chair), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr R Naish (RN), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr N Duxbury (ND), Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalf (Clerk)

Apologies: District Cllr A Alton, County Cllr J Watson

Members of the public present: 20

The minutes of the last meeting were amended and will be signed and dated as a true and accurate record by AL.

County Issues: None

District Issues: None

Matters Arising:

AL ran through the action points raised in the last meeting with the PC.

1. Incinerator: NYCC Planning Committee met on 30 October and determined to approve the Allerton Park incinerator application. The vote was 9:2 in favour of the scheme. The PC and others opposed to the scheme are seeking to get the decision “called-in” by the Secretary of State in order that the decision can be reviewed by an independent planning inspector at a public inquiry. AL asked that as many as people please write to Ms Bev Jones at the National Planning Casework Unit, 5 St Philips Place, Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2PW, or email: bev.jones@communities.gsi.gov.uk requesting call-in of the NYCC Allerton Park planning decision for a public inquiry by the Secretary of State. Further details can be found on the Parish Council web site at:

www.marton-cum-grafton.org

Thanks to all members of the Parish Council who attended the site visit and planning meeting to oppose the scheme, and to Brian Cooper, Nick Wilson and Rosie Wilson for speaking so strongly against the scheme.

2. Playing Fields:

The Annual Playground Inspection report was reviewed. Action points to be carried out are cleaning of the slippery surfaces and graffiti. TJ/RN to action.

3. Village Shop

TJ reported that unfortunately one candidate has dropped out due to personal reasons; however, the other candidate had a Post Office interview yesterday and is waiting for the decision, hopefully, before Christmas. PC indicated that they are happy for candidate to be approved.

4. Village Hall:

Mike Popple submitted the Village Hall Building Annual Inspection Report. There were no major items for the PC to consider. Wireless internet connection has now been installed in the Village Hall.

5. Planning:

- 1 Priest Cottages, Reas Lane, Marton - Erection of a 2 storey replacement extension. The PC had no objection.
- Highfield Court, Thorny Hill Lane, Marton - Conversion/erection of a garage. The PC had no objection.

6. Memorial for Lee Stott:

Emily Bennison has emailed the residents for fundraising.

7. Helms Charity:

The Helms Charity was established in 1699 in order to support Parish residents. The fund has accrued over the centuries and has rarely been disbursed. The fund accrues rental income from several parcels of land owned by the Parish Council. ND and LB proposed that the PC offer a small amount to residents over the age of 70 years to contribute towards fuel payments. It was agreed to discuss this matter further with the Vicar before the next meeting.

Accounts:

ZHM has received the End of Year Accounts from Mazars Accountants. AL thanked Miles Stanyard for his help in compiling the accounts.

In: Nothing

Out: Mazars £186.00, HBC £60.00 (playground inspection), MCG Cricket Club £275.00 (grass cutting) and Glasdon UK £205.68 (dog waste bin).

Correspondence:

- R Sneddon regarding Cold Calling in the village - Mr Sneddon discussed with the PC the possibility of making the village a 'no cold calling zone'. AL invited residents to speak and the PC voted in favour of the proposal. R Sneddon to approach County Cllr John Watson and take appropriate steps.
- Mr T Hunt request regarding viewing of old Parish Council minute books for a history project in the village - PC agreed. Clerk to contact T Hunt.
- MCG Cricket Club - suggestions of solutions regarding damage to playing square and outfield discussed. RN to take further.
- NYCC bus service 142/143 Ripon/Boroughbridge/York - from 17/11/12 there will be a joint ticketing scheme between Harrogate Coach Travel (Connexions Buses) and Eddie Browns on a trial basis.
- Ripon Citizen Advice Bureau - request for funding. PC declined.

Any other Business:

- Mrs Suttcliffe's Barn, Grafton - Clerk to contact the Building Inspector at HBC as the PC no longer finds this situation acceptable and concerns have been raised regarding the Barn roof being a serious health and safety hazard.
- A resident has complained about the several overgrown hedges around the village. Clerk/RN to contact owners.
- TJ mentioned that wireless broadband had been installed in parts of Grafton and much of Marton.
- LB attended the village speeding meeting and reported back that they proposed a leaflet drop in speed awareness week commencing 26 November and were currently getting signage quotes.
- ND has received a quote from J Rennison to carry out crown lifting works to the lime tree on Marton Green, PC agreed. Clerk to apply to HBC for this works to be carried out.

Date of the next meeting: 6th December 2012 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed Dated

A meeting of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on Thursday, 6th December 2012 at 6.30pm

Present: Prof A Long (AL)(Chair), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr R Naish (RN), Miss L Bullus (LB), Mr N Duxbury (ND), Mrs Z Hartley-Metcalf (Clerk), District Cllr A Alton (AA)

Apologies: County Cllr J Watson

Members of the public present: 12

The minutes of the last meeting were amended and will be signed and dated as a true and accurate record by AL.

County Issues: A written update from John Watson regarding the incinerator was read (see Item 1).

District Issues:

AA stated that HBC cannot set the next budget as key information from Government is not forthcoming at this stage.

The alternate weekly waste collection is proving a great success. In Feb 2013 another 10,000 homes will start the scheme and another 10,000 later in the summer. Current recycling is at 43% and this figure will rise as the scheme is rolled out to more households next year. Recycling rates could increase to over 50%.

Green waste collections had been suspended over the winter when waste volumes are low. This will save costs. Green waste collections will recommence after March 2013.

The council office move has been put on hold until after the New Year. HBC has lost 10% funds due to council tax rebates and a decision has been taken to stop the 6 month council tax exemption on empty homes.

HBC conference centre had good sales in November and future bookings have increased.

Matters Arising:

AL ran through the action points raised in the last meeting with the PC.

1. Incinerator:

NYCC has been informed by the Office of the Secretary of State that his office requires more time to determine whether to “call-in” the Allerton Pak planning application. Timescales are unclear although the indications are that a decision will be taken in the early New Year.

The PC agreed that Brian Cooper should continue to chair the incinerator action group and to be co-opted to PC for this matter. BC will liaise closely with AL and TJ on all matters.

2. Playing Fields:

RN stated the rabbit problem has been (partly) resolved with 21 fewer inhabitants reported. RN will review the position again in the spring.

3. Village Shop:

TJ reported that the new owner is hoping to complete the sale on the 30 Dec 2012 and that she is starting Post Office training in Leeds next week. ND mentioned that the lease will be formalized within the next few weeks. The PC thanked Mike Pople and Barrie and Denise Hall for all their help with keeping the shop going in the interim.

4. Village Hall:

Nothing to report.

5. Planning:

- The Mill House, Thorny Hill Lane, Grafton - Erection of two storey extension and formation of a new access and hard standing. The PC had no objections to the extension to the house, however it was concerned about the proposed access to the rear via Millfield. Issues raised were: i) safety concerns caused by cars reversing onto a blind corner; ii) a query regarding ownership of the thin strip of land situated between the rear of the Mill House property and Millfield Road; iii) the proposed hard standing is not aesthetically pleasing to the residents of Millfield, and; iv) that The Mill House already has access via an existing garage.
- Sycamore House, Thorny Hill Lane - application for the pond layout - PC had no objections.

6. Memorial for Lee Stott:

Emily Bennison and Torty Hunt have collected from the residents £529.33. The PC thanked them both for their great efforts. Data Services have kindly offered to donate the plate for the bench. Views from the residents have been sought and there is a general agreement that a bench is a good idea and/or a tree, located near to the shop if possible. The PC will review options and take a decision at the next meeting.

7. Helms Charity:

LB/ND have visited the Vicar to discuss dispersal of some of the funds. The Vicar agreed with the PC that it was a good idea to help elderly residents with their heating bills. LB suggested an email to the residents asking for suggestions of individuals who could benefit from such funds. LB also suggested that a donation could be made to the school for any children needing funds to go on school trips.

The PC agreed to this. The PC agreed to delegate to the Trustees the Authority to decide on a case by case.

Accounts:

In: Nothing
Out: Shire Aggregates £71.58 (grit)

Correspondence:

- Email from a resident regarding the application at The Mill House, Thorny Hill Lane, Grafton.
- HBC regarding the lime tree on Marton Green - an application for crown lifting and reduction of selective branches has been sought by the PC.
- HBC Precept - the PC discussed this and decided to keep the amount the same as last year.

Any other Business:

- Daffodil bulbs -the Clerk has collected Marton cum Grafton's allocation of daffodil bulbs from HBC. ND/RN to plant in various places around the village. Clerk has given some bulbs to the school and church.
- Email from a resident to ND regarding Lee Stott's memorial suggesting a tree on the green in Marton. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- A resident mentioned full gullies on Limebar Lane - Clerk to inform NYCC Highways.
- Ron sneddon mentioned he had completed the forms regarding 'no cold calling', response expected in January.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 9 January 2013 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed Dated