

**Minutes of Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Marton on
Thursday 2 January 2020 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Mr P Gill (PG) Vice Chair; Mr T Cole (TC); Mr A Robinson (AR); County Cllr R Windass (RW); District Cllr A Myatt (AM); Mrs E Gill (EG) Clerk

Apologies: Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis

Members of the Public Present: 6

Declarations of Interest: None

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2019 were signed and dated as a true and accurate record by RS.

County Issues: RW acknowledged the recent Government commitment to extra funding for Adult Social Care but noted there would still be a shortfall to address. NYCC budget discussions are in progress and he welcomed the Parish Council's input.

District Issues: AM wished to correct a previous statement in that she would now be unable to call-in a decision (on the sports pavilion) to the Planning Committee. It transpires that in order to call-in a planning application to committee the intention to do so needs to be announced at the start of the planning process. Hence there is a requirement for contentious planning issues to be identified at the start of the process.

Matters Arising:

1. Playing Fields – The planning officer dealing with the application for the new sports pavilion has now left the council and the case is waiting to be reassigned. However Sport England, in consultation with HBC, have agreed to retract their holding objection to the proposal. This is a positive move and removes the main obstacle to gaining planning permission.
2. Village Shop – The new rental agreement is in place.
3. Village Hall – Redecoration work has been carried out in the village hall and the internal walls have been repainted (lower levels). Please note that bookings for the hall will be handled by Jenny Lewis from mid-January onwards.
4. Planning

Decision Notifications

a) 19/04404/FUL – Land West of The Barn, Grafton Manor, Limebar Lane.
Erection of one new dwelling and garage with associated access and hard/soft landscaping. Planning permission has been REFUSED.

b) 6.71.193.B.PNG 19/04580/PNG – Grafton Grange Limebar Lane
Prior notification of conversion of agricultural building to flexible use (Use classes B1 and B8).
Planning permission has been Approved subject to conditions.

Accounts:

Recent transactions:

Out:

Date	Item	Total £
15/11/2019	Clerks Expenses	£107.36
19/11/2019	HBC Annual Safety Inspection Play Area	£132.00
20/11/2019	Parish Online Subscription	£42.00
27/11/2019	Clerks Salary (November)	£130.00
10/12/2019	KC Hire (portaloo)	£404.40
10/12/2019	P Gill - sign for playground	£17.88
13/12/2019	Dalton Enterprises (mowing)	£500.00
14/12/2019	Thomas Clapham (moles)	£100.00
14/12/2019	Dalton Enterprises (mowing)	£140.00
	Total out	£1,573.64

In:

Date	Item	Total £
17/11/2019	Shop Rent (Qtr 4)	£1,200.00
29/11/2019	HMRC VAT repay	£22.49
	Total received	£1,222.49

Current account balance at 14 December: **£26,002.46**

Deposit account balance at 14 December 2019: **£23,696.21**

Payments to be authorised:

Virus Software due on 28 January £30.00

Correspondence:

No correspondence was tabled.

Any Other Business:

- Concern was raised by a resident as to the lack of renewable energy adoption within the new village development sites, particularly in respect to solar and ground/air source heat systems, this appears contrary to HBC's own renewables policy.

The Meeting was then opened to the public:

- No comments from the public.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Marton.

Signed:

Dated:

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Monday 10 February 2020 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Mr P Gill (PG) Vice Chair; Mr T Cole (TC); Mr A Robinson (AR); Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis (CS-L); County Cllr R Windass (RW); District Cllr A Myatt (AM); Mrs E Gill (EG) Clerk

Apologies: None

Members of the Public Present: 6

Declarations of Interest: None

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 January 2020 were signed and dated as a true and accurate record by RS.

County Issues: RW reported on the progress of setting the NYCC budget where Heads of Department have been challenged to save £19M. Adult Social Care, and Children & Young Peoples needs are a large proportion of the budget. Whilst £9m has been granted by Government towards this in 2019 the risk remains it is a one off payment and funding for care will remain an ongoing issue. In other cost cutting measures mileage allowances for school transport are being offered to parents in more remote areas as a cheaper alternative to the use of buses and taxis. However Council Tax will increased by 1.99% in 2020/21, this being the maximum permissible increase before a referendum is required. It was also noted that the Highways office have been extremely busy following this weekends storm.

TC thanked Highways for their swift action in removing a fallen tree blocking the road in Grafton and also for filling potholes in Marton within 5 working days of being reported. Residents were also reminded that pot holes can be reported directly to North Yorkshire County Council using their Report Online facility. Following the success of the recent Harrogate Borough Council forum RW was asked if there was an opportunity for an open forum at County level for Parishes to attend in order to have queries answered and strategy explained; RW to respond to March meeting. TC also enquired regarding the cost to the taxpayer of the council run care home in Boroughbridge as compared to the equivalent private care home facilities; RW to investigate.

District Issues: AM reported that the Local Plan has now been agreed and this includes a new settlement of 3,000 houses at the Hammertons. The potential major development at Flaxby is still being proposed but this is not included in the Local Plan.

HBC have contacted McG Parish Council to enquire about the possibility of a merger with Upper and Lower Dunsforths in order to create one large parish council. The Chairman of the Dunsforth Parish Meeting is stepping down in May and no one in their parish is yet willing to take on the role. HBC have therefore suggested an option to merge the two parishes. After debate it was agreed the Dunsforths should be encouraged to put more effort into replacing their own Councillors. The McG Councillors do not feel inclined to act on behalf of an area which is unfamiliar to them, with little perceived benefit to McG Parish and the additional burden of administrative work notwithstanding the potential complications presented within a flood risk zone. Chairman to respond to HBC to this effect (copy to AM).

Matters Arising:

1. Playing Fields
 - a) Sports Pavilion Update – Planning permission has now been granted by HBC. Contact has been made with the bodies offering grant funding and this is now in coming, Rory Cunningham

is managing the project and pushing it forward. A contractor is in the process of agreeing to the build with a possible start date towards the end of February. A portaloos may be required earlier this year as the project will not be finished before the start of the Cricket season in late April.

- b) The activities within the woodlands out-door classroom was discussed following a complaint by a resident in respect to the lighting of fires within the fire-pit area. The concerns included unsupervised use, the risk of fire spreading into the wood, climate change, encouraging antisocial behaviour, the lack of first aid and any provision for extinguishing fire. RS assured the meeting the schools Friday morning use of this facility is very well supervised, he acknowledged that teenagers, parents and children benefit from this facility and considers it is currently being used in a sensible manner. The other councillors agreed with this statement but it was also agreed to notify our insurers as to the use of the fire pit, the main stipulation being it's use be within an educational context. A letter of authority will be sent to the school to make clear the Parish Councils expectations as to the use of the woodland classroom area and in particular the safety and supervision of any future fires. Use of the area will continue to be monitored.

2. Village Shop – nothing to update.

3. Village Hall – The Annual Financial Statement had been presented to the Councillors by PG and was accepted. The Village Hall Committee require more members, contact PG if interested – it is not an onerous task. The old maps found in the archives have now been framed and are ready to be put up in the hall.

4. Planning

Decision Notifications

- a) 6.71.72A.FUL 19/04560/FUL – Limebar House, Limebar Lane, Marton cum Grafton
Partial demolition of existing dwelling, erection of 1 no. single storey extension, 1 no. single storey infill extension and 1 no. two storey extension with formation of second storey and alteration to fenestration. This application has been withdrawn.
- b) 6.71.206.A.FUL 19/04144/FUL - Marton Cum Grafton Cricket Club
Replacement of existing pavilion. Approved.

Enforcement

- c) 17/01757/FUL – Land comprising OS Field 1040 Stockfield Lane.
Alleged breach of chimney not in accordance with the approved plans.

5. Renewal of Garage Lease

The resident of 2 Priest Cottage summarized the history of his garage lease which runs out in January 2021. He stated that he would be keen to take another 21 year lease and would pay for the cost of having the lease drawn up. Rent reviews had been omitted from the current lease and TL agreed that the new lease should include rent reviews. The Parish Council agreed to this but did not agree a new rent as this will be agreed nearer to January 2021.

- TC reported that Section 106 money from The Orchards is now available for the village to draw on and encouraged residents to come forward with ideas of projects needing funding. He confirmed that the money would be available for a 10 year period. Potential opportunities include picnic benches at the tennis courts, water supply to the church, repair of water supply to sports pavilion, and possible purchase of mowing equipment. Any residents with ideas for investment of the money would be welcomed by TC.
- Possible use the Section 106 money to task developers of Yew Tree Farm to build a lawnmower hut on land which is to be gifted to village. (TC).
- Pheasant pens - It was noted that a planning application has not been submitted in connection with the pheasant pens on Priestcarr Lane. It was agreed the Clerk should contact Enforcement regarding this before the spring breeding season starts.
- The footpath down Church Lane is almost invisible with vegetation. Clerk to ask Highways to open it up.

The Meeting was then opened to the public:

- Reported flooding in Church Lane around 6" deep, almost into one property. Clerk to contact Highways to request drains be cleaned out.
- The footpath in Marton behind the leaning tree is in need of repair as the surface has degraded. Clerk to report it.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 5th March 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Marton.

Signed:

Dated: