

Moor Monkton Parish Council

Annual Report 2022/23

In May 2022 Peter Gibbs was elected Chairman of the Parish Council and Robert Tomlinson was elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr Ann Johnson stood down as Chair she had held the post for several years and the PC acknowledged her commitment and leadership over this time.

In November the chairman resigned from the Council and Robert Tomlinson was elected Chairman and Lynne Tomlinson was elected as Vice Chairman. In January a new Councillor, Donald Wilkinson, was co-opted onto the Council.

Planning

During the past 12 months there have been

- 8 Planning Applications,
- 5 Non Compliance Enforcements and
- 2 Appeals against planning applications.

W4904 War Memorial

Two quotes were obtained for work on installation of the plaque into stone and the work was awarded to a local parishioner at a cost of £2020 + VAT. The Rededication Ceremony will take place on 23rd September 2023, which is close to the 80th anniversary of the Lancaster Bomber that crashed in Moor Monkton in 1943, killing the whole crew. MMVA have pledged £630 to cover the shortfall in costs and the RKC will provide tea and refreshments. Our local MP Nigel Adams, will be attending along with other dignitaries,

Other issues that the PC have dealt with are:

- Flooding of the cattle grid on East Lane
- Providing a donation of £50 to the CAB for help in the community
- New lighting installed at the A59 crossroads at the end of Church Lane
- Installation of 40mph signs on A59 crossroads in MM ahead of Turn Bridge

- Installation of “Be aware of Horses” signs on Church Lane
- A few intruder attempts prompted a call for consideration of CCTV in the village
- A new Defibrillator was purchased as it was cheaper to replace than to mend. However we were able to claim the cost back from HBC. The Asset Register was updated accordingly.
- Various policy documents were updated in accordance with the YLCA requirements.
- New Pooh Bins were supplied and installed by HBC with an additional one on Church Lane.

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

MMPC donated £200 towards the cost of the celebrations and it was a collaborative event between the PC/MMVA and RKC. It was a great day with events such as sports day for the children, tombola, raffles and a wonderful BBQ. It was well attended and profits were split between the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, York City of Sanctuary and Kids against Plastic.

A Memorial tree was also bought and planted on Church Lane to the south of All Saint’s Church, and a commemorative plaque was affixed.

Litter Pick

A litter pick was organised within the village, down Church Lane, along Marston Lane and the A59. A lot of bags were filled with litter. It’s important to keep our village looking as clean and tidy as possible and we are grateful for all those who were involved.

Newsletter

MMPC produced a Newsletter which was circulated to households in the village, it was either delivered by hand or sent electronically. The Newsletter detailed items of interest and carried a survey of what facilities the village could benefit from – the most popular responses indicated a wish for CCTV in the village and possibly a play area facility.

Hedgerows and Verges

Following the concerns of some parishioners it was decided that hedgerows should not be cut after March and the verges should not be cut back until June, to encourage wildlife and wild flowers.

NYCC Unitary Authority – from 1st April 2023

From 1st April HBC together with other Borough Councils in North Yorkshire ceased to exist and is replaced by NYC. York City Council remains the same and will work collaboratively with the NYC. Council tax will be harmonised over the next 2 years due to the variations throughout the new Authority.

New Settlement Consultation (Maltkiln)

A proposed development of some 4000 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure was proposed to be based round Cattal station and to be known as Maltkiln. There is a lot of local concern and opposition to the development. Local Parish Councils worked collaboratively to present a united front. MMPC’s concerns were centred on the effects of the increased traffic on the A59 and drainage/flooding issues, and the lack of necessary infrastructure from the outset.

Nation Grid - Yorkshire Green

Representatives from Yorkshire Green attended a couple of PC meetings to explain their plan of action. It is part of the renewable energy initiative and 7km of overhead lines are to be replaced and 5 pylons are being removed and replaced by 4. Consent should be in 2024 and finish 2027.

Cllr Robert Tomlinson

Chairman Moor Monkton Parish Council

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