

# **MOOR MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 2021**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

2020/2021 Has been a very difficult year for the parish and many others alike. Most of our meetings have been conducted through zoom due to the Covid Pandemic sweeping the world.

#### **Councillors**

We had a resignation from Victoria Sharpe due to extra family commitments and so this created a vacancy. The vacancy was filled by Lynne Tomlinson after her resignation as Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk position was filled by Linda Goddard. We are grateful for the work performed by Victoria and Lynne in their respective roles and thank them most sincerely.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Michael Wilson continues as the NW Representative for the village sending round circulars of interest to all those registered, fortunately little crime is committed locally and the majority of warnings cover cyber crime. Vandalism occurred at crossroads of Marston Lane / A59 when the bus shelter was destroyed, after the PC clerk contacted HBC this matter was dealt with swiftly.

#### **Dog Fouling**

This continues to be a problem for the PC, as well as dogs being kept on a lead when in fields where livestock are present. The public should be aware that a farmer can shoot animals who are pestering his livestock. Irresponsible visitors come in to the village and park up then walk their dogs we are unable to monitor this problem. Leaflets have been delivered door to door by parish councillors and signs placed around the village and yet this horrible practice continues

#### **Ditches and Drains**

The Council has attempted to reduce flooding in the village both in the residential areas and the low-lying fields. The ditches bordering on the roadside are the responsibility of the owners of the land behind the ditch/fence/hedge. Any drains in these areas should be regularly maintained by the landowner as stated in the Environment Agency web site "flooding". We are currently working on a blocked drain at the Cattle Grid on the corner of East Lane and Main Street this flooded in the winter falling on to the road causing the corner to be very dangerous and icy, the problem is being looked at and will be resolved in the near future.

#### **Definitive Map**

Councillors have been working on this so that maps can be sited around the village to see where the footpaths and bridleways are. This is in the print stage at present.

#### **Defibrillator**

Thank you Trevor for regularly checking this equipment weekly. It is disconcerting that the equipment has been opened twice this year and has needed attention on both occasions. The code for entry has now been changed and so this should be safe.

### **A59 Junction**

Howard Fergusson PA to our local MP Nigel Adams has been trying to gain the attention of NYCC and HBC in looking at the A59 crossroads in the village to obtain measures to slow the traffic. We will be having new advisory 40 mph signs before the crossroads on the Harrogate side of the village and as you approach the village from York

The lighting at the crossroads was replaced but needs adjusting to benefit.

### **Edlington Memorial Plaque**

Discussions continue ref. The War Memorial plaque from Edlington town Council. The siting of the memorial has been discussed with the Rev. Richard Battersby and we will be speaking to stonemasons very soon. Kathryn Wright Churchwarden is pursuing the legal matters with the diocese. No date has been established for the dedication of the plaque.

### **Verge Cutting**

Cutting the verges regularly make driving safer with better sight lines. The PC will continue to consider all road users.

Ann Johnson Chairman to the Parish Council  
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