

Marton Parish Meeting

The next village meeting is to be held in the Mission Room at 7pm on Tuesday 4th March.

You are encouraged to attend as this is your opportunity to voice your views on what is important to the village and raise issues that you feel need to be addressed.

Alongside the normal business matters, special items for this year's agenda are:

- North Yorkshire Council and the Environment Agency - attending to discuss the flooding and answer questions.
- Yorkshire Water works to reduce pollution in the river – update on progress and next steps.
- Village hall – update on damage and next steps.

Matters to be discussed must be listed on the agenda in advance so that anyone who may have a vested interest can come along and express their view. The agenda is currently being drawn up, so if you have an item to be included you can either email martonparishclerk@outlook.com or submit an item in writing to me at the address below.

The final agenda must be published no later than 24th February, and it will be placed on the village noticeboard (just along from the bridge).

Ahead of the meeting I need to provide you with one piece of information from Heather Lagan, the Senior Flood Risk Management Engineer at NYC. Those of you who attended the drop-in sessions at Kirkbymoorside or Sinnington may have discussed the Property Flood Resilience grant, and there would appear to be some mixed understanding taken away.

I have sought clarification. This scheme results from flooding in 2015, and it is coincidental that delivery is happening now – Marton was not on the list of villages that suffered from surface water flooding back in 2015, so is not included in the project; on that basis we are excluded from funding. However, negotiations around where the final funds will be spent are still ongoing and that is why some homeowners who attended the drop-in sessions were asked to complete the necessary forms.

The information from NYC is that if you think your property is at risk from flooding, you are interested in this grant, and you have not yet registered, you should do so. The form distributed at the drop-in says expressions of interest are by contact with the Flood Risk Management team at NYC via email, their address is floodriskmanagement@northyorks.gov.uk and registration must be by Friday 28th February, so **DO NOT DELAY**. There is no guarantee that any funding will be forthcoming, but you have to be registered to be considered.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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