

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Virtual Zoom meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2020 at 7.30pm

Following the introduction of new legislation, (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) which took effect on 4th April 2020, this Parish Council meeting was a virtual meeting, held online. This legislation may remain in place until 7 May 2021.

1. ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Bradford, Hooper, Jameson, Roberts, Starkings, Smith and Watson.
Apologies were accepted from Councillors Bob Huxtable and Tony Gates.
Parish Clerk S. Kent was also in attendance.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillors wished to state dispensations are held by Cllrs Starkings as an allotment plot holder.
Cllrs Bradford and Starkings are trustees of the Martham Coronation Recreation Ground Trust.
Cllrs Bradford and Hooper are Trustees of Martham Boat Dyke Trust.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2020 were AGREED as a true and accurate record and will be signed at a later date due to CV-19 restrictions.

1.1 CLERK'S REPORT - previously circulated included the following:

Play areas: GYBC have closed with a sign being put up to inform local residents. The play areas will be closed until further notice.

Public toilets: GYBC have closed the public toilets.

GYBC and NCC are gathering information about what each community is already doing to help their residents and will support local communities

Facebook: Where possible, people should be encouraged to join Facebook so that they can keep up-to-date with what is being done in the village.
Cllr Bradford is now posting regularly on FB.

NR29 Guide: May/June issue: Now a Digital version The deadline for inclusion is Friday 24th April.

Website is having an overhaul so some documents may be missing until re-loaded (Clerk). Social media is being used for CV-19 then a page on website will be put back up again.

Local businesses are dealing with the situation in various ways Facebook is being used for this information.

Local council meetings: Under the Coronavirus Act, the Secretary of State has published meetings regulations which remove requirements to hold annual meetings and allow virtual meetings up to 7 May 2021.

Village matters: There has been a report of dead ducks in the pond.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Email: Cultural Lead - Great Yarmouth Borough Council. Noted.

Letter: Norse Commercial Services. It was noted that tenders for grass-cutting are due and in progress. It was

AGREED to appoint Vortex to cut the grass in the interim period for the next two months and then progress with quotes post CV-19 Proposed Cllr Starkings seconded Cllr Hooper.

CLERK

Email: Land North of Repps Road - Planning comments. Noted.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Applications received from GYBC for comment:

06/18/0352/F: Installation of mini treatment plant following planning approval, 41 Low Road Gatehouse, Martham, NR29 4RE.

Council Comments: No objections:

5.2 Decisions received from Broads Authority for comment. None

5.3 Applications received from Broads Authority for comment. None

5.4 Notifications of decision. None.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Bank Reconciliation was received and noted.

Current account balance - as at 3 April 2020: £46,094.81.

Income: Martham Boat Dyke Trust for cones £149.50, Scarecrow Festival £50.00- Total: £199.50

6.2 Expenditure was AGREED Proposed Cllr Bradford, seconded Cllr Smith.

EXPENDITURE April 2020		TOTAL
Staffing/HMRC Contributions	Salaries	£2508.94
Norfolk Pension Fund	Staff pensions	£617.90
URM	Bottle bank	£25.20
S.Kent Expenses	Zoom meeting access	£14.39
R.Scott	Litter picking	£443.00
EKS Living Clean	Litter picking	£33.17
Konica	Printer	£233.72
Norse	Bin	£52.92
Wescotec - Bus shelter	VAT	£29.57
Total		£3,958.81

7. ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Contractors working in the Village. It was noted that consideration should be taken for local contractors working in the current pandemic and to request contractors to risk assess their services.

7.2 Norfolk Community Foundation Trust Grant – to consider applying to give support to CV-19 emergency response and foodbank. AGREED.

CLERK

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Back Lane Pond

The meeting was closed at 9.06pm

Signed:
Chairman

Dated:

111/April 2020