

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 7.30pm

Public Participation – To receive questions from members of the public and to receive reports from: County Councillor and District Councillors. In line with standing orders each member of the public may address the Council for a maximum of five minutes in relation to items on the Agenda.

County Councillor Haydn Thirtle reported on the current Covid-19 (CV-19) situation.

- 160 people are in the James Paget with CV-19 currently, with a further 770 people in the three major hospitals across the County. There is also a high level of staff sickness and as a cluster hospital the James Paget is also taking patients from Peterborough and Essex with the hospital currently at 91% capacity.
- NCC and GYBC have funds available from hardship to anyone who may need help with financial difficulties and is helping local parishioners.
- The Boat Dyke trust is also helping people in the area with funds for people who are experiencing

Great Yarmouth Borough Councillor Leslie Mogford reported on the pandemic with how busy small businesses are struggling with no income. Letters have been sent to all parishioners across the Borough with an offer of support. Seventeen 'Covid-19 Marshalls' have been working in Great Yarmouth who are busy encouraging people to wear masks.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Cllrs Bradford, Hooper, Smith, Huxtable, Watson, Starkings, Jameson, Roberts and Gates. S. Kent (Clerk).

Two parishioners were also in attendance.

Apologies: were given by Leslie Mogford for Great Yarmouth Borough Councillor Andy Grant

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- Cllrs Bradford, Starkings and Watson are Trustees with the Martham Coronation Recreation Ground Playing Field Committee.
- Cllrs Huxtable, Starkings and Watson are allotment holders with dispensations already in place.
- Cllrs Hooper and Bradford are members of the Boat Dyke Trust.
- Cllr Smith declared an interest in the 'Repps' Road planning applications.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council were agreed and it was **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 December 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and will be signed at a later date by the Chairman, PROPOSED Cllr Starkings, seconded Cllr Smith.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Please note: No decisions are made in this part of the meeting

Bench request and NCC Policy – the Clerks report previously circulated that applicants should contact Norfolk County Council to seek permission. The added that applicants are legally required to apply for permission to carry out work, roadworks, street works or other notifiable activities on the public highway. The Clerk will send further details to Cllr Watson for distribution. **CLERK**

Transforming Community Cancer Care (TCCC) – Councillor Roberts had been in contact with the Village Hall that had been willing to host in principle dependant on cost and further discussions however, as the lockdown had been introduced no site meetings can take place at this time.

5. CLERK'S REPORT – was noted and included:

Virtual meetings: Norfolk Association of Local Councils have stated that there is no option under current legislation to extend current regulations under the Coronavirus Act 2020 section 78 (3) beyond 7 May 2021. The Government is now being lobbied on extending and making permanent the provision for local authorities to meet remotely and is considering this matter.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS – for information only.

Email: To note Vacancies for Broads Local Access Forum Members. Noted

Email: To note NHS covid-19 vaccination briefing. Noted

Open letter: National ALC Chairman Sue Baxter. Noted

Email: Police budgets consultation - previously circulated. Noted

7. PLANNING

6.1 To consider applications received from Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC) for comment:

06/20/0555/F: Proposed extension of 3 Bed semi-detached house to add further two bedrooms, 3 Pyman Close NR29 4UR (Revised drawings)

Council Decision: No objections

06/20/0668/F: Extension to existing cart lodge to provide gym, Home Office and Beauty Room. 'Honeysuckle Barns', Hemsby Road, NR29 4QG.

Council Decision: No objections

06/20/0682/F: Detached cart shed garage - Yew Tree Barn 49A 'Staithe Road' Martham NR29 4PY.

Council Decision: No objections

06/20/0617/F: Proposed construction of garage - 66 Black Street, Martham, NR29 4PR.

Council Decision: No objections unless being used as accommodation.

06/20/0667/CD Repps Road Martham GREAT YARMOUTH Discharge of conditions 8 & 9 of pp. 06/18/0149/O - Site investigation

Council Decision: No objections

06/20/0601/CD Repps Road (Land South of) Martham GREAT YARMOUTH Discharge of conditions 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 & 18 of pp.

Council Decision: No objections

06/19/0639/F - 1. Plans of roads, footways, street lighting, foul & surface water drainage; 2. On-site parking; 3. Archaeological investigation; 4. Slab levels; 5. Boundary treatments 20-11-20

Council Decision: No objections

06/20/0605/O Mill Barn Hemsby Road Martham NR29 4QQ Outline application to relocate existing barn conversion with replacement dwelling, set back and including new access

Council Decision: No objections with full Parish Council support noted.

6.2. To consider any applications received from GYBC for comment: None

6.3. To receive notifications of applications or decisions from Broads Authority: None

8. VILLAGE MATTERS

8.1 To consider request for improvements to park areas
Councillor Bradford gave an update on the Park Improvement Working Group. Covid-19 lockdown had stalled developments and will be re-started once appropriate timing.

8.2 Expenditure for spreading wild flower seed around back lane pond was considered and
RESOLVED: to agree a budget of £75.00 PROPOSED Cllr Huxtable, seconded Cllr Roberts

8.3 To note recent flooding on Marlborough Green Crescent. Cllr Hooper suggested contacting
Planning enforcement for further information. **Cllr Hooper/Clerk**

9. COMMUNITY CENTRE

9.1 Community Centre improvements were considered.

RESOLVED: For the Caretaker to redecorate the Community Centre toilets and improve the internal noticeboards. It was agreed that supplies can be obtained from Martham DIY, PROPOSED Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr Starkings, all in favour. **Clerk**

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 To receive Finance report including:

(a) Bank reconciliation as at 4 January 2021: £79,395.75 (£30,000 allocated to reserves).

(b) Authorisation of expenditure payments listed below - Total: £3634.51

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Staffing	Salaries/HMRC/Pensions	3026.18
Norse Eastern Ltd	CC - Bin Rental	£7.20
EKS Living Clean	Litter Picking	£300.29
SLCC	Training Conference	£90.00
R. Scott	Hedge Cutting/Litter Picking	£114.00
Clerk Expenses	Zoom/MPC meetings	£14.39
Clerk Expenses	Stationery/Resources	£64.45
Unity Bank	Service Charge	£18.00

(c) Income: Allotments: £756.00 and Recycling; £19.50 Total: £775.50

The Finance report and bank reconciliation was received. Expenditure payments previously checked to the online bank statement by Cllrs Bradford and Starkings.

RESOLVED: PROPOSED Cllr Starkings, seconded Cllr Roberts, all in favour

(a) To authorise the expenditure payments list previously circulated for January 2021

(b) Note Bank Reconciliation and income of £775.50

10.2 Setting the Precept for 2021/2022 was discussed by Council and it was -

RESOLVED: to increase the Precept by £2800 in 2021/22. This will mean a £1.73 increase per house, per year with the tax base of a Band D property, PROPOSED Cllr Starkings seconded Cllr Hooper all in favour.

11. PROJECTS – COMMON ROAD SMEE

Cllr Smith added to the monthly report previously circulated – that the volunteers continue to work with Norfolk Wildlife Trust and are making continuous progress with the project with coppicing now completed. They are doing a great job of improving the village wildlife.

12. FOOTPATHS - checklist completion – Councillor Watson

A discussion was held regarding signage on some of the village footpaths. Cllr Watson raised some paths which require signs.

Cllr Hooper agreed to issue Cllr Watson with a map which can be populated and send to County Councillor Thirtle for further scrutiny.

Cllr Hooper

The checklist for grass and hedge cutting is in progress.

Cllr Watson

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – None

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

SignedChairmanDate.....