

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at the Community Centre on Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 7.30pm

Public Participation

SMEE Project update—Steve reported on the recent progress made at the SMEE. The patch of stinging nettles had been cleared although advertising the nettles work to volunteers had not been attractive. An old map of the SMEE shows a pond had been in place on the wildlife area which will be looked at in the future. The group has attracted more local volunteers from Horsey and Winterton. As advert was shared with the Parish Clerk for addition to the Parish Council website. An application for some Trees and Hedges as part of the Norfolk County Council '1 million trees' project had been submitted.

1.ATTENDANCE: Present: Cllrs Hooper (Chair), Bradford, Huxtable, Watson, Roberts and Sayer. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Smith.

2.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillors reminded Council that Cllr Bradford has a declaration of interest in place as Chair of Martham Coronation Recreation Ground (MCRG) Playing Field Committee and Cllr Watson as Vice Chairman and Cllr Watson as a trustee. Cllrs Hooper and Bradford are members of the Boat Dyke Trust.

3.MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The accuracy of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 15 September 2021 was AGREED, PROPOSED Cllr Bradford, seconded Cllr Hooper all in favour. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

4.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1. GYBC Parish Liaison Meeting – Cllr Hooper added that GYB Council are undertaking a review of litter and waste recycling and the way this works moving forward. This will happen in December and January 2022. There will also be a Sport review coming in future months.

4.2. The date of the Finance Committee Meeting of Wednesday 10 November 2021 was noted.

5.TO CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR CO-OPTION

No formal applications were received – next meeting.

6.CLERK'S REPORT - to note Clerk report which included the following:

COVID-19 Booster jabs: A reminder that Covid booster jabs are now available to book if there's been six months since your last dose AND you are:

- An adult aged 50+
- Living in a residential care home for older adults
- A frontline health or social care worker, including in residential and nursing homes for older adults
- Aged 16-49 with underlying health conditions that put you at higher risk of severe COVID-19
- An adult carer aged 16+
- An adult household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed

People can make an [appointment](#) for a booster via the National Booking Service if you're eligible or call 119 for free between 7am-11pm seven days a week. Booster jabs are being offered in line with national and Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation guidance.

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7.CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS – for information only.

Email: GYBC - Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy Survey. Cllr Bradford AGREED to work with the Clerk to complete the survey. **Clerk/Cllr Bradford**

Email: HM Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, The Lady Dannatt, MBE - Specially commissioned memorial plaque to commemorate the resilience of the community during the time of the pandemic. A long discussion on the placement of the plaque took place and it was AGREED to consider once the plaque had been received.

8.PLANNING

8.1. To consider applications or notification of decisions received from GYBC for comment

06/21/0768/TCA: Development: Removal of two Ash trees from rear of property

Location: 38 The Green, Martham, NR29 4PA.

Council Decision: No objections

06/21/0823/F: Variation of Condition 3 of pp. 06/21/0459/O - Changes to approved layout plan (Erection of dwelling/associated works), 10 Playing Field Lane, NR29 4SP.

Council Decision: No objections

06/21/0804/D: Approval of reserved matters for pp. 06/20/0459/O (Erection of dwelling/associated works) - Access, appearance, landscaping, layout & access, 10 Playing Field Lane, NR29 4SP.

Council Decision: No objections

06/21/0772/F: Proposed kitchen extension to front elevation, 3 Blenheim Avenue, NR29 4TW.

Council Decision: No objections

8.2. To consider any applications received and notifications of decision from Broads Authority for comment:

BA/2021/0281/COND: Land Adjacent to Martham Pits, Ferry gate Lane, Martham.

Redesign and relocate toilets, showers and office building, variation of condition 2 of permission

BA/2018/0227/FUL: Approve Subject to Conditions

Cllr Hooper noted that despite the conditions set the terms remained ambiguous and it was **RESOLVED**, PROPOSED Cllr Watson, seconded Cllr Hooper to request clarification on the number of tents permitted and the specific times of the year. **CLERK**

9.VILLAGE MATTERS

9.1.NCC Highways Update

The Clerk updated on progress made to improve accessibility to the village bus stops for wheelchair and mobility scooter users after recent meetings with Norfolk County Council Highways engineers.

DIY Bus Stop - is ongoing and NCC are waiting to hear from developers if the new pavement improvements will include accessibility requirements.

Village Centre Bus Stop – has been inspected some time ago and then more recently when the Clerk met with an engineer. The island is deemed too dangerous for wheel chair/mobility scooters due to cars coming from all directions. Recent Highways work had seen the replacement of all curbs on the opposite side of the road where the Co-op is located so some access is given at this bus stop.

10.COMMUNITY CENTRE

10.1. To note the Eye Screening Clinic will be returning from 15-19 November 2021. **Noted.**

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11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.1. The Finance report, bank reconciliation and expenditure payments for October were received.

Bank Balance: as at 1 October 2021 £86,900.60 (£30,368.40 of which is reserves).

October expenditure payments: of £8,749.80 were AGREED, it was **RESOLVED**, PROPOSED Cllr Bradford, seconded Cllr Starkings’ to agree the payments schedule, all-in favour.

Income: Precept - £34,339.50, Interest - £1.24, Recycling - £12.00 and Hire Fees £94.00. **Noted**

12.ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Christmas Tree

The Chairman resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

13.LEGAL MATTERS

13.1.1 The next steps to be taken in the legal case were discussed, it was AGREED to request further legal advice.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed The Chairman

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Payments List October 2021

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unity	Service Charge	£18.00
Staffing	Salaries/PAYE & NI	£3724.75
Norse	Bin Rental	£9.00
G and H Services	Allotment Pilings	£588.00
Clerk Expenses	Zoom/MPC meetings	£14.39
Rodney Scott Gardening	Litter Picking	£235.00
Broadland Computers	PC Software renewal	£40.00
Konica Minolta	Printer costs	£116.86
EKS	Litter Picking	£278.58
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£360.00
SLCC	Training	£54.00
Thistles and Thorns	Wreath	£45.00
Norfolk County Council	Allotment Rent	£580.00
Flogas	Utilities	£174.24
<u>Scheduled DD Payments</u>		
BT Group	Telephone	£74.04
Plan.Com	Mobile Phone	£45.00
Anglian water	Utilities	£82.18
Anglian water	Utilities	£26.33
Anglian water	Utilities	£2,284.43
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<u>Income</u>		
Hirer	Plot Fees	£84.00
GYBC	Precept	£34,339.50
Nationwide	Interest	£1.24
Alford Storage	Recycling	£12.00
Community Centre	Room Hire	£10.00
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<u>Total</u>		£34,446.74
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