

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at the Community Centre, Playing Field Lane, Martham
Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 7.30pm

Public Participation

SMEE Project volunteers reported on the progress made over the last month. Volunteers are still needed and welcome to attend the next session. The Norfolk County Council 1 Million Trees Project had issued some hedging to the Smee which had now been planted. An advert will be added to the website and Facebook to recruit more volunteers. **Action: Clerk**

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Cllrs Hooper (Chair), Bradford, Fossey, Sayer, Pallett, Bye and Watson. Three members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Starkings – Previous engagement, Cllr Roberts – Sickness, Cllr Huxtable – previous engagement and Cllr Smith – safety concerns.

2. COOPTION – It was RESOLVED, PROPOSED Cllr Bradford, seconded Cllr Pallett, all in favour to agree to the co-option of Robert Fossey as a new member of the Council.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillors wished to remind Council that Cllr Bradford has a declaration of interest in place as Chair of Martham Coronation Recreation Ground Playing Field Committee and Cllr Watson as Vice Chairman. Cllrs Watson and Huxtable are allotment plot holders.

Cllrs Hooper and Bradford are members of the Boat Dyke Trust.

Cllr Sayer is a member of the Cricket Club.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 February 2022 were AGREED as a true and accurate record with the Chairman signing at the meeting, PROPOSED Cllr Bye, seconded Cllr Watson, all in favour.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1. Christmas Tree: an update given by Cllr Bradford and the Clerk confirmed the Christmas Tree order had been placed for a Norway Spruce for this year. Professional advice confirmed further consideration is required for the location of a permanent tree should council wish to progress. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Huxtable**

5.2. Speed Watch Group – Cllr Fossey informed council of progress made in relation to setting up the group. More volunteers are needed, posters have been placed on the notice boards and in the newsletter.

5.3. Kissing Gate – Cllr Bradford informed council that sadly the gate had been removed as per the instruction of the Norfolk County Council County Highways Officers. Council had finally been informed that after having reviewed the legal documentation there is no legal reason for there to be a gate at this location and thus should be removed with immediate effect.

6. CLERK'S REPORT – the Clerk update/report for March 2022. Noted

7. CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

Email: GYBC Toilet Vandalism – It was AGREED to add to social media. **Action: Cllr Bradford**

Email: Request from GYBC Community Champions – Cllrs to notify the Clerk of any active local groups which engagement workers may attend. **Action: Cllrs**

Email: Parish Liaison Meeting on Monday 28th March 6pm. Noted.

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8. PLANNING

8.1 Applications considered for comment:

06/22/0098/HH: 5 Peartree Avenue, Martham, NR29 4RJ. Proposed single storey rear extension and window alteration to front elevation.

Council Decision: No objections

06/22/0082/PAD: Rectory Farm, Low Road, Martham, NR29 4RE. (Prior approval application for proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 no. dwellinghouses).

Council Decision: No objections

06/22/0053/HH: Selwyn House, 28 The Green, Martham, NR29 4PA. Proposed demolition of existing dilapidated structures and erection of double garage.

Council Decision: No objections

8.2 Decisions received from GYBC:

06/21/1009/LB: The Gables Farm, 3 Hemsby Road, Martham NR29 4PB, proposed reinstatement of the roof and the thatched roof covering to the rear addition of the property. Listed Building. **GRANTED**

06/22/0028/CU: 2 Daisy Close, Martham, NR29 4PJ. Proposed change of use of 1560 square metres of arable farmland to extension of domestic garden adj. to field. **GRANTED**

06/22/0014/PU: 28 Hall Road Martham, NR29 4PD. Lawful development certificate - Proposed use: Conversion of bungalow attic into two bedrooms and bathroom. Internal staircase. **GRANTED**

8.3. To consider applications and decisions received from The Broads Authority [planning](#)

BA/2022/0082/FUL: Riverside, Martham, NR29 4RG. Replacement dwelling and erection of boat house.

Council Decision: No objections

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

9.1. Emergency work on windblown tree removal and cost of £80. Noted

9.2. Queens jubilee planning and update – Cllrs Pallett and Hooper gave an update in relation to the event plan. Most activities which include the Play bus, Face painting and a Bouncy Castle will be free. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and celebrate on the main green on Friday 3 June 2022 12-3pm.

Posters will be placed on the notice boards, the website and social media sites.

Action: Cllrs/Clerk

9.3. Installing signage and seat to 'Damgate' Footpath - Cllr Watson AGREED, PROPOSED Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr Sayer, all in favour to meet with Cllr Starkings to install a wooden bench similar to recently built benches at other footpaths located in the village.

Action: Cllr Watson

9.4. Bench on Coop Village Green: Cllrs to consider costs for laying a concrete pad – next meeting.

Action Cllr Bradford

9.5. Use of the Village Green request – It was AGREED for use of the Green for local church service meetings on multiple Sundays throughout the year.

Action: Clerk

11.FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.1 Financial report including bank reconciliation, income and expenditure payments previously circulated were received. Bank balances: £53,351.37 (£30,374.69-Reserves), Income: £799.17 and Expenditure payments: £5,888.96 for March were AGREED, RESOLVED, PROPOSED Cllr Bradford, seconded Cllr Bye.

11.2 It was **AGREED** to pay the cost for the Scarecrow Festival insurance of £425.20, all in favour.

12.ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA - None

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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. To consider quotes for Tree Risk Assessment/Survey

It was **RESOLVED**, PROPOSED Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr Sayer, all in favour to proceed with Norfolk Trees.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

SignedThe Chairman.....

Payments List March 2022

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Staffing/CC costs	PAYE/NI/Pension	£4,569.74
Rodney Scott Gardening	Litter Picking Feb	£215.00
Clerk	Exp Zoom/Training	£37.97
EKS	Litter Picking	£278.58
Norse Waste solutions	Bin Rental Church	£7.20
Norse Waste solutions	Bin Rental CC	£7.20
Flogas	Utilities	£117.58
Konica Minolta	Printer	£116.86
Konica Minolta	Printer	£5.89
Parish Online	Subscription	£96.00
Maple Trees Ltd	Tree Work	£80.00
Burrell Pest Control	Allotment Treatment	£130.00
SLCC Norfolk	Training	£39.00
Scheduled DD Payments		
BT Group	Telephone Feb	£74.04
Plan.Com	Mobile Phone March	£47.30
URM	Recycling Charges	£66.60
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Income February 2022

Interest	Nationwide	£1.17
Allotment plot hire fees	Plot fees	£693.00
Astco Recycling	Recycling credits	£15.00
SLCC	Training	£90.00
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