

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Community Centre, Playing Field Lane, Martham
Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 7.30pm

Public Participation – Two members of the public were in attendance to discuss the following items.

Smee Project – The lead volunteer gave an update on the latest work which included plans for a final programme of work this year. Volunteers are always in need with a constant effort on recruitment. It was highlighted how the SMEE is the only actual wild space in Martham.

SAM Signs (Speed Awareness Monitoring) - A member of the public from a neighbouring village introduced himself as a SAM Sign Coordinator which is part of the Speed Awareness Monitoring (SAM) sign programme. These signs are relocatable electronic signs that display a speed related message to passing motorists. They are intended to remind a driver of their speed and make relevant changes to their driving behaviour. The suggestion of working on collaboration with other parish councils was welcomed.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Cllrs Hooper (Chair), Bradford (Part), Bye, Fossey, Sayer, Pallett, Roberts, Smith, Starkings' and Watson. Two members of the public and the Parish Clerk were also present.

Apologies: Cllr Huxtable (other commitment).

7.45pm Cllr Bradford joined the meeting

2. 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.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 September 2022 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate copy by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – none

5. CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS – none

None

6. PLANNING

6.1 Great Yarmouth Borough Council - to consider applications and decisions received [GYBC](#)

Applications

06/22/0864/TCA: The Rectory, 68 Black Street, NR29 4PR. Proposed works to trees: Copper Beech (T1) - Reduce by up to 3m and Crown raise to approximately 4.5m; Cherry (T2) - Reduce by up to 3m; Copper Beech (T3) - Reduce west side of canopy by up to 3m and crown raise to approximately 4.5m; Copper Beech (T4) - Fell due to close proximity to outbuilding.

Council Comment: Objection to the felling of Beach T4

RESOLVED: To object to the Beech (T4) - Fell due to close proximity to outbuilding.

6.2 Decisions received:

6/22/0556/HH: 9 Willow Way, Martham, NR29 4SH. Proposed single storey rear extension. APPROVED
06/22/0502/CD: Land north of Hemsby Road, Martham, NR29 4QS. Proposed discharge of condition 15 of PP 06/20/0390/F - Contamination - Remediation and supplementary report, letter of reliance of remediation. APPROVED. **Noted**

06/22/0707/PDE: 39 Repps Road, Martham, NR29. Proposed single storey rear extension (Permitted Development). **Noted**

6.3 Planning Matters:

06/22/0197/O: Mill Barn Hemsby Road Martham NR29 4QQ

Consideration was given to submitting further comments in relation to this application. It was AGEED for Cllr Hooper to draft a response for circulation to council before submission, based on the previously agreed submitted comments.

Action: Cllr Hooper

7. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

7.1. An update on the Speed Reduction Group was shared by Cllr Fossey. The next stage has successfully been achieved with the recruitment of a complete group to raise awareness. Sites which have to be approved by Highways can only remain in situ for four weeks and then other sites have to be allocated for erection. They will collect data as an evidence base for future council consideration in the traffic management work.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Fossey

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 The income, bank balance and a reconciliation to 31 September 2022 was received.

Balance per bank statements as at 30.09.2022

Santander Savings	1,637.92
Santander Current	1,234.77
Nationwide Savings Building Society Account	30,403.37
Unity Trust Current Account	52,500.57
Lloyds	354.53
Total	<u>£86,131.16</u>

(Please note £30,000 is allocated as reserves)

8.2. Expenditure payments for October 2022 were agreed. It was RESOLVED to approve the payments scheduled.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

9.1. Main Pond – An update on the progress of a ‘Main Pond Working Group’ was given by Cllr Bradford. Volunteers had attended the activity to clear the pond, to remove multiple trailers of rubbish in order to improve the quality of the water. Thanks were shared over social media to let residents know what was happening and to give recognition to those who attended to give help. Cllr Bradford stated that more of these events were needed to get the pond back to an improved state. An engineer’s visit is planned to check the roadside quality adjacent to the pond area.

Action: Town Clerk/Cllr Bradford

9.2. Allotments - An update on the availability of allotments was shared by Cllr Bye. Consideration to the cost of plots will be added to the Finance Committee Agenda which is expected to be scheduled later this year when budgets are to be reviewed.

Action: Clerk/Finance Committee

9.3. Footpaths – Cllr Hooper shared an update from the Norfolk County Council Footpaths Officer in relation to registering some public rights of way. Due to the increased submission of applications due to the 2026 deadline, Norfolk County Council are now quite seriously under resourced and are taking some years to reach final decisions on applications. The sooner they are submitted though the sooner they will be determined but the parish council should be mindful that the process will take some time.

10. EVENTS

10.1. Coronation – Consideration was given to organising an event celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty The King on Saturday 6th May, 2023. It was agreed for an event to take place if a budget is available. Cllrs Sayer and Pallett agreed to work on a proposal with the Clerk at a later date.

Action Clerk/Cllrs Sayer and Pallett

11. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 16 November 2022

Signed

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Payments List Oct 2022

NCC	Allotment rent	£580.00	BACS
Gallagher Insurance	Insurance	£1,087.31	BACS
Staffing	HR/Pension/NI	£3,234.03	BACS
Rodney Scott Gardening	Litter Picking	£300.00	BACS
Expenses	Zoom	£14.39	BACS
Konica Minolta	Printer	£152.63	BACS
EKS	Litter Picking	£300.04	BACS
Expenses	Pond Equipment Cleaning	£5.99	BACS
Expenses	Pond Equipment Cleaning	£79.95	BACS
Viking	Stationery supplies	£128.18	BACs
Norse	Bin rental	£96.48	BACS
TV Licence	Subscriptions	£159.00	DD
Plan Communications	Mobile Phone	£45.00	DD
URM	Open spaces	£30.24	DD
BT Group	Telephone Feb	£80.48	DD
		<u>£6,293.72</u>	