

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Community Centre, Playing Field Lane, Martham
Wednesday 28 September 2022 at 7.30pm

Public Participation – Great Yarmouth Borough Councillor Leslie Mogford gave an update on the latest developments with the Third River Crossing. He added the Marina Centre is now also open.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Cllrs Bradford, Fossey, Hooper (Chair), Watson, Roberts(part), Smith, Starkings and Bye.

The Parish Clerk and a member of the public were also in attendance.

Apologies were noted from Cllrs Huxtable/Pallett/Sayer – other engagements.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

001/22: No changes to current list.

Cllr Roberts joined the meeting at 7.37pm

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

002/22: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 July 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman. It was noted the August meeting was cancelled and the September meeting was re-scheduled due to the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the related period of mourning.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

003/22: Local Hero Award – Cllr Fossey gave a verbal update on a recently held working group meeting with Cllrs Pallett and Sayer. A draft proposal will be brought to council in due course.

CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

004/22: Local Housing Needs Survey

Email: The latest update from Broadland Housing on local housing needs survey was received. The survey will be sent to local residents during the month. Councillors highlighted the positive approach in engaging with local residents at this stage of the planning process.

PLANNING

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

Applications

06/22/0753/F: Proposed construction of a grain storage building and machinery workshop

Location: East Coast Growers Ltd, Grove Farm Lettuce Lane Martham NR29 4TY

005/22: Council comment – no objection

06/22/0724/HH: Flat roof, single storey front extension including garage conversion and extension; front bedroom extension and an extended entrance lobby. Cambrian 31 White Street Martham NR29 4PQ

006/22: Council comment – no objection

06/22/0707/PDE: 39 Repps Road, Martham, NR29 4TH. Proposed single storey rear extension

007/22: Council comment – no objection

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 (CONDITIONS).

06/22/0450/HH: 53 Cess Road, Martham, NR29 4RQ. Proposed alterations to existing bungalow; Conversion of garage and front extension to create Hobby room. APPROVED.

06/22/0197/O: The Chairman gave an update on his attendance at the Development Control Committee held on 7 Sep 2022 - 18:00 for Application No: 06/22/0197/O Development: Outline application (with full details of access only) for the demolition of an existing barn and the construction of a new dwelling and new vehicular access/highway improvements. Location: Mill Barn Hemsby Road Martham, NR29 4QQ.

008/22: It was unanimously RESOLVED for Cllr Hooper to draft a response to the latest decision of refusal by GYBC and subsequent appeal – next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Plan To review the Communications Plan – Cllr Bradford raised the need to review the current plan to include the use of social media and apps to improve operational communications.

Cllr Bye added how he had seen an improved level of communication.

009/22: It was RESOLVED to review the plan with the latest changes to be made at a future council meeting.

Cllr Bradford/Clerk

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Speed Reduction Group A verbal update on the Speed Reduction Group was received from Cllr Fossey. Cllr Fossey had been working throughout the month explaining what the role entails to potential volunteers. More volunteers had submitted their applications to the Police Speedwatch Coordinator. This work is ongoing and contact will be made with neighbouring villages to meet the threshold required to form a group imminently.

Cllr Fossey

REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES

Safer Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) Meeting - 22 September 2022

Cllr Hooper gave an update on his attendance to the Safer Neighbourhood Action Plan meeting. He added the latest priorities were more local engagement and visibility. Problems raised for Martham included the theft of push scooters.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

010/22: The Income, bank balance and reconciliation for August 2022 were AGREED. A balance for September 2022 will be presented at the next Full Council meeting scheduled on 19 October after the month accounts could be closed on 30 September 2022.

011/22: Expenditure payments for August/September 2022 were AGREED.

012/22: The External Audit Report received for 2021/22 with no further actions. Noted.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Main Pond Working Group

An update on the progress of a 'Main Pond Working Group' was received. Cllr Bradford stated how the pond would need a number of volunteers to clean the pond in the first instance which he would lead on. The Clerk confirmed she had received multiple complaints.

013/22: It was RESOLVED to post an update on social media channels once a date for cleaning had been confirmed. Cllr Bradford agreed to arrange a date with support from Cllrs Hooper, Watson and Starkings.

Toilet Opening Hours

GYBC had been in contact with the suggestion of reduced Toilet open hours. After discussion it was **014/22: RESOLVED to respond with comments NOT to reduce opening hours and to offer support by working with the Borough Council to find an alternative solution as the toilets were a valuable asset to the village.**

Village Green-Park Area

015/22: Consideration was given to a village ‘green- park’ area – Cllr Fossey opened a discussion based on the use of open spaces in the village. It was highlighted that the village could benefit from a safe recreational space which could benefit many other interests in the village. It was suggested to look at potential areas in future planning applications in different areas of the village. In recent surveys and focus group comments, parents with young children had to walk a long way to access the current open spaces.

EVENT UPDATES

016/22: Macmillan Coffee Morning - held on Saturday 18 September and organised by Cllrs Roberts/Fossey and Hooper had raised over £200 despite the very poor weather. Cllrs felt it was also a very good opportunity to engage with local residents.

017/22: Queen Elizabeth II Period of Mourning – Cllr Hooper gave an update on the opening of the Community Centre to local residents to enable people to watch the Queens Funeral. The purpose of the event was to ensure people were not alone.

018/22: To pass a resolution excluding the press and public from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1060 on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose discussion on the items below due to the discussions relating to contracts.

UTILITIES AND CONTRACTS

Utility Bill Costs - Consideration was given to methods of off-setting the lack of budget for increases in utility costs. The Clerk added how smart meters had been installed where possible, and work was ongoing with suppliers to receive accurate bills for budget management.

019/22: It was unanimously RESOLVED to stop paying for the churchyard bin with immediate effect.

020/22: NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 19 October 2022

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

SignedChairman

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