

## **MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held at the Community Centre, Playing Field Lane, Martham on Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 7.30pm

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** no members of the public were present.

No reports received from Norfolk County Council (NCC) and Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC) Councillors this month.

### **170/23: ATTENDANCE**

Present: Cllrs B Fossey (Chair), G Bye, P Hooper, I Bradford, L Pallett, and T Watson.

Apologies were received from C Starkings, V Smith, S Coates, A Sayer, and Cllr Huxtable. Noted.

### **171/23: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Cllrs Bradford and Watson declared an interest in the Cricket Club Section 106 application.

### **172/23: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Christmas Tree and Lights – Cllr Bradford gave an update on the installation of the tree on the Green. Thanks were given to all of the volunteers who contribute their time each year.

Back Lane Pond – Cllr Hooper gave an update on his visit to the pond with Cllr Huxtable and a local volunteer. It was recommended that the work on the pond needs to start in January and February 2024. Volunteers are required to help out on Saturday 13 January 2024 at 10.00. **Cllr Hooper**

It was suggested for a social media post to go out via the Parish Council Facebook page.  
Cllrs Bradford and Smith

- The Pampas Grass requires removal as it is taking over the reeds.
- The Hawthorn hedge and the stinging nettles need cutting.

Cllr Huxtable joined the meeting at 7.43pm

### **173/23: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 November 2023, were **AGREED**, and signed by the Chair.

### **174/23: CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/REPORTS/SURVEYS**

To discuss correspondence received in relation to the Village matters:

#### **Section 106 Developer Contributions Application Great Yarmouth Borough Council Response 1. Martham Parish Council - £66,000 (application for maximum sums available)**

Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC) have responded to the application submitted by the Parish Council which proposed all groups and clubs benefitting from the sum of £66,000 available. The application iterated that the sums to be distributed in a fair and appropriate way with the intention of encouraging a match funding contribution where possible with a sustainable element to the infrastructure provided in line with the criteria of the Open Spaces Assessment.

The Parish Councils application intended to ensure the whole community benefits and not just individual groups. GYBC have confirmed that they believe that there is potential for the 'Green and informal Open

Space in the Centre of the Village' (Dissenters Graveyard Area) and allotment improvements to be considered further. They have requested further information on these areas.

## **2. Public Consultations: Section 106 Developer Contributions – other applications**

- a) **Saffron Housing** - Proposed construction of 65 affordable dwellings (Class C3) with associated access, off-site highways work, drainage, **INFORMAL, AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE INCLUDING A LEAP**, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Total Cost of Scheme: Estimated £45,000 capital cost plus maintenance, based on indicative proposals submitted as part of our Planning Application, and cost advice from our independent cost consultant.
- b) **Martham Cricket Club** – Outdoor Cricket Practice Facility **£38,280.00**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED**, to draft a response which includes all the comments made and submit a Freedom of Information Request of how Section 106 contributions have been spent.

## **3. Letter**: Request for permission to plant a tree.

It was **RESOLVED** to respond suggesting an alternative private landowner as the council do not have any allocated suitable to enable this.

## **175/23: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Contributions to monthly article/paragraph on Councillor activity from Councillors include:

The monthly footpaths check has been completed for the paths that are accessible. More visits will take place in February 2024.

**Cllr Watson/Volunteers**

It was - **RESOLVED** to start the fundraising activity proposed by Cllr Fossey in January 2024. Costs have been received to produce the material.

**Cllr**

**Fossey/Cllrs/Clerk**

## **176/23: PROJECTS**

**SMEE** – no further updates for this month.

**Defibrillator Project** – the first defibrillator has been installed on the Fire Station building and is on the circuit ready for use.

## **177/23: PLANNING**

### **Great Yarmouth Borough Council**

1. To consider applications and received [GYBC](#). None
2. To note decisions received. None

**Tree Preservation Order**: Trees on land at the old broiler farm east of Martham TG 4517. **Noted**

### **Broads Authority applications**

3. To consider applications and note decisions received. **None**

### **Norfolk County Council**

4. To consider applications and note decisions received. **None**

## **178/23: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. It was **AGREED** to ratify the presented expenditure payments processed for December 2023.
2. The conclusion of external audit. **Noted**.
3. Further updates on the GYBC proposal to remove the Concurrent Functions Grant were noted.

The Parish Council have received a letter from GYBC informed the council that all Parish Council budgets should be set without the calculations of the concurrent function grant usually received. In the case of Martham the Parish Council will lose £11,200 which directly affects all grass cutting of the village Greens, all footpath cutting, open space grassed areas used for sports and litter picking across the village.

**179/23: NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

The date of the next full council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 17 January 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Staffing	HMRC/PENS/PAYE&NI/SALS	£5,036.82
Rodney Scott Gardening	Litter Picking	£130.00
EKS	Litter Picking	£342.04
Plan Communications	Mobile Phone	£45.00
Norse	Bin Rental	£6.00
BT	Office Phone	£67.74
Unity Trust	Service Charge	£18.00
		<b><u>£5,645.60</u></b>