

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Community Centre, Playing Field Lane, Martham, on
Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7.30 pm

Public Participation

One members of the public - James Chapman raised how the rubbish on the allotments is being put through the hedge onto the next field. He added how Tree Preservation Orders have been difficult to deal with when essential work needs to be completed. James kindly offered to remove and dispose of the dead Christmas Tree currently located on the main Village Green and also provide a suitable vehicle for the next Parish Council organised Funday scheduled in August 2024.

Police PC Gary May gave an update on the recent speed enforcement sessions undertaken for several hours over the weekend period. Police positioned their unit at the Repps Road, junction on 'Rising Way'. Ninety-four vehicles were noted (more were checked). Four vehicles met the criteria for being stopped and a verbal warning given.

Neighbourhood Watch: Norfolk Police are now partners of the National Neighbourhood Watch organisation. It was highlighted how house insurance premiums go down if there is an active local group. Attendees at the latest SNAP meeting had vote and agreed for 'Speeding in Martham' to be the latest Police priority.

233/24: ATTENDANCE

Present: Cllrs Bob Fossey (Chair), G Bye, Paul Hooper, Ian Bradford, Terry Watson, Sharon Coates, Adam Sayer, and Lee Pallett. The Parish Clerk was also present.

Apologies: were received and accepted from C Starkings, Cllr Huxtable and Cllr Smith. Noted.

Members of the public: four members of the public were in attendance.

234/24: ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

Bob Fossey was appointed as Chairman for the year 2024-2025.

The Chairman's signed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' was accepted.

235/24: ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN

Colin Starkings was appointed as Vice-Chairman for the year 2024-2025.

It was agreed to accept the request to sign and receive the Vice-Chairman's 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Starkings

236/24: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

No new declarations were made for the year 2024-2025 relating to items on the agenda.

237/24: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 April 2024 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

238/24: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

a. **Clerk Report:** the Clerk report previously circulated was noted.

b. Updates from Cllrs about activity undertaken during the month were received:

Cllr Coates – the litter pick had a good attendance with over twenty volunteers giving their time to help. Sadly, three washing machines has been fly-tipped onto a nearby field in the daytime which has not been addressed by the Borough Council as the council had been informed the land is private. This remains a problem. A suggestion was made for the litter pick to take place after the Scarecrow Festival next year. Cllr Coates has raised £252.00 from books and jigsaw sales. The High School had also raised £575 towards their own defibrillator. The quiz booked for July is fully booked, prizes are being donated, progress has been made on confirming the removal of the gym equipment. A booking for a table at the Carnival is in progress.

Cllr Fossey – three Speedwatch sessions have taken place since the last update. Village Walks have been undertaken. Correspondence has been answered as Chair of the Council.

Cllr Sayer – work continues with the allotments. Training to be confirmed. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Watson – footpath inspections continue.

Cllr Bye – noticeboards have been updated and the litter pick was undertaken with Cllr Coates.

Cllr Hooper – work on the pampas grass continues and scrutiny of all Planning applications.

Cllr Bradford – Dead ducks were schedule for removal. The Cricket Club defibrillator cabinet will be moved onto the Pavilion next week.

Cllr Pallett – Work continues of the Funday.

239/24: CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENTS

Correspondence (for information only):

a. Dead ducks in the main pond

Cllr Bradford confirmed he had volunteered to take the dead ducks out of the pond and would continue to respond to these requests as soon as possible. Thanks were passed onto other volunteers who had also removed the ducks.

b. Request for bollards on the Green

Cllrs Watson, Sayer and Pallett AGREED to undertake the installation of the bollards at a suitable time. **Action: Cllrs Watson, Sayer and Pallett**

c. Email regarding local bird history

Cllrs noted the information and passed on their thanks to the parishioner for the time taken and kind nature of the communication.

d. Speeding Farm Vehicles

Cllr Fossey added how complaints had been received and passed onto the relevant body for information to address the matter.

e. Goldfish on the Green

Cllrs considered correspondence received from a visitor living in a neighbouring village relating to the use of goldfish as fair prizes. In addition correspondence had been received with advice from Great Yarmouth Borough Council regarding the same matter. The Chair had acknowledged this and sent a response. It was AGREED to be discussed at the next Events Working Group meeting, with the ongoing monitoring of the Village Green Hire agreement. **Action: Events Working Group**

f. Fenced footpath on the Cess area – the Chair informed the council the matter had been resolved.

240/24: PLANNING GREAT YARMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL (GYBC)

To consider any applications received and note any decisions received [GYBC](#)

Applications received from GYBC:

06/24/0152/HH: Proposal - Single-storey rear extension to provide family room. Conversion of existing double garage into a games room. Single-story extension to existing garage to provide a replacement single garage - 3, Broom Close, Martham, NR29 4RZ.

Council comment: no objection.

06/24/0169/CU: Proposal - change of use of land to the rear of dwelling to include as part of rear garden - 15 Bradfield Drive Martham, NR29 4UP

Council comment: OBJECTION based on the proximity of the property to a BOYT. Cllrs felt the application was not legally compliant and therefore sets a precedent if it was agreed.

06/24/0172/CU: Proposal - change of use of land to the rear of dwelling to include as part of rear garden - 17 Bradfield Drive, Martham, NR29 4UP.

Council comment: no objection

Decisions received from GYBC:

Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.23 of 2023

Trees on land at the old broiler farm east of Martham, Great Yarmouth. GYBC has considered whether the Order should be confirmed and in doing so has taken into consideration any representations received. On 30 April 2024, the Council decided to confirm the Order without modification and therefore, the Order was confirmed on 9 May 2024. Noted

241/24: BROADS AUTHORITY APPLICATIONS

To consider any applications and note any decisions received.

Application received:

BA/2024/0135/HOUSEH: Proposal: Raise bungalow and decking and install bi-fold doors.

Address: Idle Hours, 50 Riverside, Martham, Great Yarmouth

Council comment: no objection

242/24: NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

To consider any applications and note any decisions received. **No applications received.**

243/24: PROJECTS

- a. SMEE - the Management Statement and Species list produced by the group in collaboration with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust was received as previously circulated.
- b. Dissenters Graveyard - work is ongoing.
- c. Defibrillator Fund Raising update - Cllrs Coates shared news of the funds raised in the village for the ongoing project.
- d. Speed Reduction Group - Cllr Fossey gave an update on three more Speed watch sessions held since the last meeting. A new volunteer has joined the group.

244/24: POLICE MATTERS

To receive an update on Police Matters - no new updates

245/24: VILLAGE MATTERS

To receive any updates or feedback

1. **Litter pick event** - Cllrs Bye and Coates gave an update suggesting holding the litter pick later next year and potentially after the Scarecrow Festival.

2. Scarecrow Festival

A request had been made for another festival next year on the 4 and 5 May 2024. Noted

3. Event Planning

Cllr Pallett gave an update on the booked events with more to be confirmed.

4. Annual Meeting of the Parish – Cllrs

Forty-two people attended the meeting, with multiple groups representing the village.

246/24: FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Accounts: a bank balance of £97,494.23 was received. Noted
2. Expenditure payments of £5,349.80 for May 2023 were agreed.
3. Precept: receipt of the first precept payment of £49,400.00. Noted.

247/24: ADMINISTRATION

To review and adopt any policies – next meeting.

248/24: ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To consider items for the next agenda which are to be agreed to be undertaken by Cllrs. None

249/24: NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING

The date of the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 19 June 2024 was AGREED.

250/24: EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1060 as it may not be in the public interest to disclose discussion on the items below due to the discussions relating to contracts or staffing.

251/24: LEGAL MATTERS

Outstanding legal matters were discussed, and it was AGREED to defer any action until further details were confirmed.

The meeting closed at 21.25 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Statutory HR Legal Obligations	Employment costs	£3,201.80
Admin Support	Community Centre	£270.00
R. Scott	Litter Picking - February	£228.75
Martham DIY	Padlock	£5.24
Plan Communications	Mobile Phone	£62.67
BT	Office Phone	£70.06
Tyrell and Brown	Streetlight Fitting Repair	£519.00
Norse	Bin Rental and Empty	£6.00
URM	waste collection	£60.48
Expenses	Webhosting	£95.80
Cllr Pallett	Fun day booking cost	£50.00
Lauras Character Adventures	Fun day booking cost	£80.00
Norfolk County Council	Allotment Rent	£700.00
		<u>£5,349.80</u>