

## MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Community Centre, Playing Field Lane, Martham, on  
Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 7.30 pm

**Public Participation:** Reports received from County Councillor and District Councillors: NCC Cllr James Bensly sent his monthly report (previously circulated).

A member of the public attended the meeting in relation to a planning application on Hemsby Road, looking for support an appeal as no complaints have been received. The business employs up to 10 people, and they wish to expand locally to create more jobs. A lot of thought and consideration had gone into the application for residents. The council declared they had no objections and so under planning matters It was RESOLVED to submit a letter of support.

A member of the public suggested working with Somerton Parish Council and the Norfolk County Council to reduce the speed on Somerton Road

### **477/25: ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Cllrs Bob Fossey (Chair), Colin Starkings (Vice-Chair), Sharon Coates and Andy Neave. The Parish Clerk was also in attendance.

**Apologies:** Ian Bradford, Graham Bye and Andy Wilson – other engagements. GYBC Cllr Leslie Mogford. Three members of the public in attendance.

**478/25: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS** – no new declarations were made.

**479/25: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 December 2025 were AGREED and signed by the Chair.

**480/25: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – no new updates.

### **481/25: CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENTS/CONSULTATIONS/CLERK REPORT**

Planning Matter: To consider planning comments from local business. It was RESOLVED to submit a letter of support for the appeal.

Cllr Fossey (Chair) shared details of an issue on Cess Road in terms of local flooding of sewerage. Anglian Water have responded to reports from residents. The matter had been reported to Environmental Health by the Chair, and it was cleared up the next day. Unfortunately, water continued to leak the following day. Environmental Health at GYBC have confirmed the matter had been resolved for the time being.

### **482/25: PLANNING\*: GREAT YARMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL (GYBC)**

To consider any applications received from [GYBC](#)

**a) 06/24/0386/VCF:** Development: Application to vary Conditions 2, 7, 12, 21, 29, 34, 40, **41, 42 and 44 of pp 06/21/0917/F** (Conversion of existing barn to 2 dwellings and erection of 44 dwellings and associated infrastructure), to amend the design, appearance ,siting of house types,

layout of site access, landscaping, tree protection, and boundary treatments. **Location:** Land south of Somerton Road and White Street East of Church Farm Martham, Great Yarmouth. **NOTED**

It was **NOTED** the GYBC Development Management Committee were meeting at 6.30pm to discuss this application on the same evening. Reason at committee Constitution: The proposal concerns new residential development of more than 25 dwellings at a site of more than 1ha in area. GYBC Officer SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION: That permission be approved subject to securing the full range of mitigation measures required for internationally designated sites (GIRAMS), an updated site layout plan, and subject to recommended conditions and the planning obligations within an existing Section 106 Agreement.

**Council Comment:** Please refer to previous comments as submitted with the original application.

#### **b) Great Yarmouth CIL Draft Charging Schedule Examination Hearings**

The Examination Hearings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24th February 2026, commencing at 09:30, and will be conducted virtually, via Microsoft Teams. A copy of the Noce of the Examination Hearing is enclosed as part of this email. A copy of the Noce of Examination Hearing and further information regarding the Great Yarmouth CIL Draft Charging Schedule examination is available to view on the Council's website at [cil.planning.great-yarmouth.gov.uk](http://cil.planning.great-yarmouth.gov.uk).

**Council Comment:** NOTED

#### **c) BROADS AUTHORITY LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD):**

The draft document and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening can be found on the Broads Authority website [here](#). The consultation period is from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Please provide us with any comments by the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. You can send comments to us by email at: [planning@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:planning@broads-authority.gov.uk). Hard copies - please call us on 01603 610734 and we are also available to discuss the document on the same contact details. **Council Comment:** NOTED

#### **483/25: VILLAGE MATTERS**

a) **Martham & District Garden Club** – A request to use the Green for Plant Sales in 2026 was considered. The request to use the Green in May and September 2026 was **AGREED**.

#### **b) Chairmans Update**

The Chairman's report included an update on the latest position of the SAM2 sign put up on Hemsby Road which has been effective. Data from the sign was presented to council with more dates to be included on the plan. Defibrillator usage report was also shared.

#### **c) Councillor updates**

Updates from Cllrs included:

Cllr Sharon Coates – A table sale was made £54 on the sale of defibrillator which will pay for a set of pads. The project has resulted in ten units for the village. Maintenance income is required.

Low Road and Hemsby Road litter is increasing with at least two bags of rubbish collected each week. Fly-tipping has also been reported on [Love Clean Streets](#). The date of the 'Annual Litter Pick' event has not yet been agreed, although it was suggested that end of April is sensible.

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Cllr Andy Neave – work on the allotments is ongoing.

**484/25: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) **Accounts:** monthly income and bank balance reconciliation/s to 31 December 2025\*. **AGREED**
- b) **Expenditure:** expenditure payments for December 2025 and January 2026. **AGREED.**
- c) **Budget and Precept:** The Precept and the revised budget for 2026/2027.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the budget and set the Precept for £110,500 - 4.28% increase of £3.39 per year which is an equates to 0.07p per week on a Band D property.

**485/25: MEETING DATES 2026-2027**

- a) The dates of the meetings for Full Council for 2026-2027. **AGREED**
- b) The date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish 2026 was suggested as 8 April 2026. It was **AGREED** to check diaries for availability and to confirm at the next meeting.

**476/25: NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING** - The date of the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 18 February 2026. **NOTED**

**476/25: EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** – It was **RESOLVED** 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.

- Sensitive correspondence received within the month was considered. It was **AGREED** that if any information was held on record this can be shared in line with the Transparency code.

Chairman..... Date.....

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Scribe	Administration	116.6
BT Group	Phone	85.5
Rix Family Business	Christmas Tree	250
Ring	Doorbell Subscription	79.99
Cllr Expenses	Victoria Plumbing - Tap CC	146.9
Unity	Service charge	6
Santander	Service charge	9.98
Plan	Mobile Phone	60.82
Administration	Council/Community Centre	5102.71
CT Expenses	Community Centre	17
Clerk Expenses	Stationary/Xmas Costs	£27.68
Insurance & Rent	Community Centre	£983.00
Konica Minolta	Printer	£116.03
Norse	Bin	£6.00
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>£7,008.21</u></b>

#### **Balance per bank statements 31 December 2025**

Santander Savings	1,677.24
Santander Current	2,168.52
Nationwide Savings Building Society Account	32,136.62
Unity Trust Current Account	90,363.50
Lloyds	354.53
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>126,700.41</b>

#### **Income**

Interest	Nationwide	£39.57
Room Hire	Community Centre	£125.00
Alford	Recycling	£11.00
Allotments	Annual Plot Cost	£960.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,135.57</b>