

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 7.30 pm

Public Participation – Four members of the public were welcome to the meeting.

Matters discussed included legal services available in the village

494/26: ATTENDANCE

Present: Cllrs Bob Fossey (Chair), Graham Bye, Colin Starkings (Vice-Chair), Ian Bradford, Sharon Coates, Andy Sharples and Jack Horner-Glister. Apologies for absence were noted from Cllr Andy Neave – sickness.

Co-option: consideration was given to the application received from Jack Horner-Glister and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the application and co-opt Jack onto the Council as a new member.

495/26: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

No new declarations of interest in items on the agenda were given.

496/26: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2026 were **AGREED** and signed as a true and accurate record.

497/26: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – for information only (no decisions).

An update on matters arising from previous minutes was received and the action log tabled and reviewed.

498/26: CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENTS/CONSULTATIONS/CLERK REPORT

Community Centre – The heating in the main hall is no longer working and needs replacing. A quote has been requested in order to give more information for a grant application for the Centre.

499/26: PLANNING*: GREAT YARMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL (GYBC)

a) **APPLICATIONS** – no new applications were received from [GYBC](#)

b) **DECISIONS** – The Hall Road successful appeal decision was NOTED.

500/26: VILLAGE MATTERS

Chair and Councillor Updates

An update on the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 April 2026.

Cllr Fossey – positive feedback was received with a full community centre hall from groups and representatives from the village. **Defibrillator** – jigsaw sale will take place to raise funds for the pads. **SAM2 sign** location changed to Hemsby Road. The second sign has been delivered. A new volunteer is being recruited to analyse the data to be shared with residents. **Anti-Social Behaviour** reported with broken glass in the play areas reported. **Safer Police Action Planning meeting** (SNAP) will be held on 30 April 2026 6pm at the rabbit hutch in Caister-On-Sea.

Cllr Andy Sharples – ongoing reports on **dog fouling** with the estates management company writing to the owners of homes on the Cripps Estate. Some signs have been erected however it is not known who has done this.

Cllr Sharon Coates – priority has been given to work on the Annual Parish Meeting preparation and then the Litter Picking preparation. Jigsaw collection **and fund-raising sales** continue.

Cllr Colin Starkings - has been leading on an **Energy Audit** and review of the utility costs for the Community Centre. Planning for the **car park refurbishment** continues with work on a communications plan to keep residents informed. Interim repairs will be made at the end of the month.

Action Cllr Starkings/Clerk

Cllr Jack Horner-Glister – Jack volunteered to place cones near the potholes on Playing Field Lane in advance of work on the resurfacing. Work on the SMEE continues with more updates to follow.

501/26: PROJECTS

No progress on council projects has been made but all quotes are in progress.

502/26: FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **Accounts:** To receive the bank reconciliation and financial report-next meeting.

b) **Expenditure:** To approve payments for the month.

Payments List April

2026

| <u>Payee</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Scribe | Accounts | 116.6 |
| BT Group | Phone | 91.5 |
| Norfolk County Council | Allotment Rent Half Year | 700 |
| CC Expenses | CC Paint Supplies | 32.99 |
| Martham DIY | Supplies | 144.04 |
| Unity | Service charge | 7 |
| Santander | Service charge | 4.99 |
| Plan | Mobile Phone | 60.82 |
| | Council Monthly Admin | |
| Admin | Costs | 4416.2 |
| Flo gas | Council/Community Centre | 325.86 |
| PC Expenses | Subscription | 19.99 |
| Cleaning | Community Centre | 495 |
| Broadland Computers | Laptop | 610 |
| Norse | Bin | 38.1 |
| Viking | CC Storage | 281.99 |
| NPTS | Training | 43.2 |
| Cllr Fossey | Lane Registry Expenses | 14 |
| Total | | <u>£7,402.28</u> |

503/26: NEXT MEETING

The date of the next **Full Council Meeting** scheduled for Wednesday, 20 May 2026 was NOTED.

504/26: EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC: no matters were raised.

505/26: The meeting closed at 8.32pm