

**Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting  
Held in the Methodist Room, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2004 at 19.30hrs.**

**Present:** Cllr Huxtable (Chairman)  
Cllrs Woodward, Wright, Watson, Carberry, Nicholas-Jago, Manifold, Huke,  
Jordan and Gates  
Lisa Harold Clerk  
Borough Councillor Hudson  
Together with 5 members of the public.

**Apologies:** None

It was noted by the Chairman that at the previous meeting he had neglected to mention that Parish Councillor Hudson (who had since retired from the Parish Council) had served for more than 20 years as a Parish Councillor. The Chairman had already sent a letter of thanks.

**Public Forum**

It was pointed out that a large number of street lights on Repps Road were not working . Borough Councillor Hudson to investigate and report to maintenance company. Mrs Brown asked why the jobs she had brought to the attention of the Council last month had not been done, it was explained that they were in hand. Borough Councillor Hudson to chase repairs to Maple Close sign. The footpath at Oak Tree Close was overgrown, Clerk to notify Patrick Pike.

Shrubs had overgrown the footpath at the Oddfellows Hall, Clerk to ask the owner of the shrubs to cut them back. The verges on Hemsby Road were in need of cutting, Clerk to notify Highways.

Mrs Banham of Martham Boat Club informed the Council that correspondence between Mr Alston and the Broads Authority relating to the ownership of the land on which the pontoon stood was in progress and she would keep the Council informed of any further information as it arose.

**Borough Councillor**

Cllr Hudson pointed out that the Bell Meadow pond belonged to the Borough who were therefore responsible for maintaining it. As per previous years the verges were not cut until the ducks had finished nesting and therefore this would be done in the very near future. Cllr Hudson to inform the surrounding homeowners.

**Council Meeting**

**Apologies for Absence**

None. All present.

**Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman**

With only 1 nomination, being Cllr Woodward, he was voted in as Chairman. Cllrs Carberry, Huke, Wright, Gates, Watson, Jago and Huxtable in favour, carried.

With only 1 nomination, being Cllr Huxtable, he was voted in as Vice Chairman. Cllrs Carberry, Huke, Wright, Woodward for, none against, carried.

**Co opt 1 other member to the Council**

2 nominations had been received being Mrs Georgina Nicholas Jago and Mrs Julie Beales. It was proposed by Cllr Huxtable, seconded Cllr Huke that a private ballot be carried out to decide who should join the Council. 5 were in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions, carried. Cllr Nicholas-Jago declared an interest being married to Mrs Gerogina Nicholas Jago and did not vote.

Ballot papers returned to the Clerk recorded 5 in favour of Mrs Julie Beales and 4 in favour of Mrs Georgina Nicholas Jago (again Mr Nicholas Jago did not vote). Mrs Julie Beales therefore elected to Council and as she was not present Cllr Jordan to contact her to inform her.

### **Working Parties**

Cllr Jordan expressed his concern over the fact that these parties were all Working Parties and not Committees. He proposed that the Finance Working Party be changed to a Committee, seconded Cllr Manifold, 7 in favour, none against, 1 abstention, carried.

The need to change the Website working party to a ICT/Press release party was discussed. This party would be responsible for producing information in any form for the Council's and Public's use. The need for a Quality Parish Council working party was also discussed. Recommended numbers for each committee and working parties were recorded by the Clerk. Clerk to liaise with all Councillors prior to the next meeting to produce draft list ready for discussion at the next meeting. Cllr Watson suggested that the Clerk contact the Governor Liaison Unit as his term as First School Governor expires in the very near future.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Watson and Wright as allotment holders. Jordan as the Boat Dyke Trust Chairman.

### **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed Watson, seconded Wright, all in favour.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Village Signs**

Cllr Manifold reported that the schools had been notified but Highways had made the working party aware of problems regarding insurance to cover the installation of the signs. The possibility of siting the signs on private land with planning permission was being looked into. Clerk to investigate the cost of £5 million liability insurance. All were in favour of the working party to carry on with the work they had been doing. The Carnival Committee had been informed of the recent developments.

#### **Smees**

The Clerk had been in touch with Mr London, a retired Councillor, who had provided her with a map showing the 4 Smees in Martham. 1 had been taken by adverse possession about 30 years ago which left the Parish with the three which were rented out. Cllr Huxtable reported that these three Smees and the Staithe at Damgate Lane were still in the process of being registered as a Charity.

#### **Staithe Road Play Area**

Clerk had chased the legal team at GYBC. Awaiting the agreement to sign. The Scouts have been kept informed.

### **Boat Dyke Trustee Appointments**

The working party had held interviews but due to holidays etc not all applicants had been able to attend. It was proposed Cllr Huxtable, seconded Cllr Wright that the working party be able to appoint a trustee without prior Council approval but to provide the Council with a resume. All in favour.

### **Planning**

#### **Planning permissions granted by GYBC planning**

Whittaker Carpets change to shop front, satellite dish at the Co op, Moregrove Farm barn conversion 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Manor Farm 2 new dwellings and barn conversion (MPC had objected to this application) and the pumping station at Hall Road improvements.

Permission had also been given to lop a tree at 5 Rollesby Road.

#### **Planning permissions refused by GYBC**

Grove Farm and 19 Willow Way fence extension (MPC had objected to both these applications).

#### **Planning applications received for Parish Councils Comments**

Enlarge conservatory at 23 Damgate Lane – No objections.

Demolish garden wall and erect new at 11, 13, 15 & 17 Repps Road – Objected

It was proposed Cllr Woodward, seconded Cllr Huxtable to allow Cllr Huke to continue to report to GYBC planning regarding comments on applications between meetings.

Cllr Huke to investigate the building of a new brick wall at the Gables on Hemsby Road which was out of keeping with the listed building.

Clerk to investigate how long the owners have to wood clad the stable building on Hemsby Road as per the planning application.

### **Finance**

	Net	Vat	Total
PAYE Apr, May & June	£243.84		£243.84
Village Cleaner Net pay	£50.36		£50.36
Clerk Net pay	£441.71		
Clerk electricity	£4.00		
Total cheque			£445.71
Clerk Pension	£84.54		£84.54
AOL connection	£15.80		£15.80
P Starling Grass cutting x 3	£405.00	£70.87	£475.87
WWYC Update pages	£12.50		£12.50
ENTA sub	£5.00		£5.00
Section 137			
Victim Support	£25.00		£25.00
Total for June	£1287.75	£70.87	£1358.62

Proposed Cllr Huxtable, seconded Cllr Wright, all in favour.

### **Correspondence**

Mr Blackie of Martham Ferry Boatyard had written to the Boat Dyke Trust, a copy of which had been passed to the Council. Building work to commence soon, an unloading area has been designated for the bungalow owners use, however long term parking will have to be arranged elsewhere. Cllr Jordan explained that this letter was as a result of the Boat Dyke Trust writing to the Boatyard to ensure that construction vehicles do not go onto trust land. Cllr Jordan to photograph the area now so that evidence is obtained as to its current state. Mr Blackie can be contacted should any problems occur.

GYBC Community Gardeners Initiative. The Parish Council asked for two areas to be considered, one area has since started to be maintained by the Borough Council and the other has been added to the cutting rota. Therefore no grant will be given.

Hall Road residents together with photographic evidence of parking by the bowls club users obstructing the road and complaining about the road markings. Cllr Huxtable pointed out that these problems were envisaged and discussed at the time of the planning applications for the Avenues development. Cllrs Huke, Woodward and Wright to arrange a site meeting and to invite Mrs Fakes (Hall Road resident). Copy of letter and photos to be sent to PC Cook.

### **Ponds**

Cllr Huke to inform residents in Bell Meadow pond area that GYBC will be maintaining this area. The main pond outside the Kings Arms pub not quite finished. He asked for permission to burn the wood collected at the fish and chip shop pond. Proposed Cllr Huxtable, seconded Cllr Jordan that the pond committee should dispose of this as they saw fit. All in favour.

### **Footpaths**

Footpath number 15 between Low Road and Norton's Farm had been seeded with corn and not reinstated. Cllr Woodward to approach farmer to discuss. Footpath over The Wongs needed to be cut. Footpath no 6 between Thunder Hill and Mustard Hyrne was overgrown. Cllr Woodward to meet with Mr Pike to discuss scope of work and produce map of paths covered. It is known that some paths are cut by the Broads Authority (thought to be no's 6&7) and that Mr Cossey cuts footpaths 8&9. This information to also be detailed on the map.

Christine Kirby had also volunteered to continue to report to the Council regarding footpath maintenance.

**Footways/Highways**

Work had commenced on the A149/B1152 junction improvement and was estimated to take around 5 weeks.

Yellow lines painted on Rollesby Road were uneven and too thin, to date signs had not been installed stating the restriction. Cllr Woodward to complain to authority.

Cllr Watson and Jordan had met with Matt Worden of Highways to discuss wheelchair access on some footpaths within the village, the triangle on Repps Road and the flooding on Low Road, A letter from him regarding this visit is pending.

Cllr Jordan had also discussed with him the possibility of a turning area at the Staithe and a parking area. Again a letter is pending regarding this.

At this point, the time being 9.55pm Cllr Jordan proposed that the meeting finish at 10.10pm, this was following the standing orders, this was seconded Cllr Wright, all in favour.

**Village Green/Car Parks**

The verge between the Co op car park and the green needs tidying, preferably before the Carnival. The Clerk was given a small works budget of up to £250.00 to get this done. Proposed Cllr Manifold, seconded Cllr Jordan, all in favour.

Clerk to write to Kings Arms new management to inform them of PC use of car park for overflow.

**Representative Reports**

Parish Plan Cllr Jordan expressed his disappointment that only 1 other Councillor attended the open day held at the Clip. The Chairman acknowledged that more support was needed to see the recommendations highlighted in the report were carried through.

Playing Field Nothing to report.

Village Hall Problems with vandalism on Youth Café nights were continuing, there had been no further dialogue regarding the car parking problems.

Youth Club A meeting was being held in the near future to discuss liaison between the Youth Café and the Youth Club.

Luncheon Club Nothing to report.

1st School Nothing to report.

Allotments Hardcore had was being laid to improve access for wheelchairs. Topsoil had been dumped but had now been dealt with. A person had been seen dumping old furniture just inside the gate. Allotment working party to approach this person to discuss. The allotment committee were given permission to purchase a sign to read “No parking in front of gateway, no fly tipping”.

Clerk to ask landlord (NCC) to cut hedge.

**Items for Next Agenda**

Training for new Councillors

Play area

Dog mess bins

Oak Tree Close play area bins.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Signed ..... Date.....