

Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Martham Methodist School Room on 21 July 2004 at 19:30 hrs.

Those Present:

Councillors:

J Beales B Carberry T Gates M Huke B Huxtable K Jordan P Manifold V Nicholas-Jago T Watson
T Woodward B Wright

Others: B Cllr J Hudson B Cllr B Coleman PC D Cook

Clerk in attendance: Lisa Harold Together with 3 members of the public.

Apologies:

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Brown reported that several maintenance issues were outstanding around the village. The Chairman explained that there had been problems regarding small works but that a representative was to be appointed later in the meeting who would hopefully then take this situation in hand. Borough Councillor Hudson was to look into the replacement of Maple Close sign.

Mrs Banham reported that the area of land beside her house had still not been maintained despite the Borough Council stating in a previous letter that it would be cut. Clerk to chase.

Borough Councillors Report

Following the previous meeting where a member of the public reported 7 streetlights on Repps Road being out Borough Councillor Hudson had investigated and found only 1. He had reported all other streetlights out in the village at that time.

Police Report

PC Cook had nothing to report. Councillor Jordan asked if he was aware of the situation regarding the skateboarders on the Rochford Road steps, PC Cook was not. The Clerk issued PC Cook with a copy of the letter regarding this problem from highways, PC Cook to monitor. Cllr Manifold asked PC Cook for an update on the Hall Road bowls club parking situation. PC Cook and Councillor Woodward to continue to monitor and report.

COUNCIL MEETING

Declarations of Interest

T Watson, B Wright – Allotment holders.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These having been circulated previously were ***Proposed*** by T Watson, ***Seconded*** by V Nicholas-Jago, Unanimous, and were duly signed as a true record.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Julie Beales (who was co opted at the previous meeting) to the Council.

The Chairman proposed that the August meeting be cancelled due to holidays etc, this was seconded by Councillor Watson, all in favour. Any urgent business to be forwarded to Cllr Nicholas- Jago or Councillor Woodward for attention between meetings. The Clerk will be unavailable from August 14th until August 31st.

Matters Arising

Smees – Further to Cllr Huxtable's efforts to register the Smees as a charity it had been discovered that these belonged to the Borough Council. Borough Councillor Hudson had also investigated the matter at the Town Hall and was given permission to speak. He had spoken with Joe Woodcock at the Borough Council regarding the matter and Mr Woodcock was willing to help the Parish Council come to some arrangement with the Borough Council. It was proposed by Councillor Huxtable that the Parish Council take over management of the Smees and to continue collecting rents as before, and that he, together with Borough Councillor Hudson liase with Mr Woodcock at the Borough Council to arrange this, seconded Cllr Wright, all in favour.

Boat Dyke Trustee- Mr Peter Crichton had been selected by the working party as the best candidate and he had been informed of this by the Clerk.

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Training for New Councillors – This was offered and Councillors who wished to be sent on the next training course should inform the Clerk.

Working Parties- A list of suggested working parties had been circulated prior to the meeting. Alterations were made and a final copy to be circulated to all Councillors and displayed on the notice boards and website. It was also agreed that Councillor Beales be added to the village signs working party, all in favour.

Footpath no 15- Cllr Woodward had been to see the farmer and the footpath had been reinstated.

Litter Bins and Dog Mess Bins- Cllr Nicholas Jago stated that a bin near the benches at the pond would reduce the amount of chip cartons etc placed here, it was suggested that a donation toward the cost of this be asked for from the Chip Shop. Borough Councillor Coleman stated that dogs mess should be placed in the normal bins located around the village.

Play Area – The Clerk handed the draft leases for the Staithe Road play area to the Play area working party. Clerk to investigate the ownership of the Scout Hut which will be built on this land.

Cllr Carberry had visited the Stalham Skateboard park and had spoken to the Chairman of Stalham Parish Council Mr Wolsey who had offered to come to meet with Martham Parish Council. Cllr Carberry to arrange a meeting with the Play Area working party and Mr Wolsey and to report to the Parish Council in September.

New Licensee at Kings Arms Public House – It was noted that the new licence would transfer to Mrs Openshaw on 27th August 2004. Mrs Openshaw had written to the Parish Council regarding the use of the car park as an overflow for the village. Cllrs Woodward and Nicholas Jago to meet with her to discuss.

Planning

Planning Applications Received for Parish Council Comments

Address	Application Type	Comments
11 Maple Close	Conservatory	No objection
Charmurly, Damgate Back Lane	Front and rear porch	No objection
Co op, The Green	24 hour ATM	No objection
Flegg High School	Mobile classroom	No objection
5 The Green	Convert shop to residential	No objection

Planning permissions granted by GYBC

Address	Application Type	Parish Councils Comments on application
23 Damgate Lane	Enlarge conservatory	No objection
Hemsby Road	Residential development	Many comments but no objection
Hemsby Road	Medical Centre	Many comments but no objection

Planning permissions refused by GYBC

Address	Application Type	Comments
Damgate Lane	Appeal for new residence	Dismissed

It was noted that at the previous meeting the Council had given Cllr Huke permission to make decisions on planning on the Councils behalf where applications were not complicated and the date for submission of Parish Councils comments fell before the next Parish Council meeting date. However, due to the Local Government Act this power can only be given to an officer of the Council, therefore it was agreed that all decisions of this nature would be faxed to the Clerk and she, as an officer, would approve them before passing them on to the planning authority.

Finance

Item	Net	VAT	Total
Clerk net pay	551.28		551.28
Clerk pension	105.68		105.68
Clerk electricity	4.00		4.00
Clerk telephone	39.23	6.86	46.09
Skippers Stationery	19.50	0.47	19.97
R Cole mileage to UTWG	5.76		5.76
Internet	15.60		15.60
Software Virus search	20.73	4.35	25.08
Allotment maintenance B Wright	30.00		30.00
Village Cleaner net pay	80.70		80.70
P Starling Grass cutting			
P Pike footpath cutting	150.00		150.00
EBM Collection of old photocopier	75.00	13.13	88.13
External Audit fee 2003	250.00	43.75	293.75
P Blake Cut and clear co op car park	20.00		20.00
TH Quirke Pond Maintenance	2017.50	353.06	2370.56
Boat Dyke Trust tfr of Education Charity capital	1704.82		1704.82
Martham Old Folks tfr of Widows Charity capital	34.00		34.00
Cllr V Nicholas Jago	29.78	5.21	34.99
Section 137 - MacMillan Cancer Relief	25.00		25.00
Total for July	5178.58	426.83	5605.41

Finances to be agreed, **Proposed** by B Carberry, **Seconded** by M Huke, Unanimous.

Correspondence

A quote to repair the Repps Road bus shelter had been received for £140. As this was less than the previous quote from Mels the Man it was accepted and passed to the small works delegates for action. Clerk to contact Mels the Man to inform him that as he has not carried out the work to date the job had been passed to some one else.

The Clerk had been asked who owned the village hall and as no one present knew the answer the Clerk is to contact

Mr London (a retired Parish Councillor), Mrs Guymer and the NCAPTC for further information.

Ponds

Outstanding work is to be discussed with the Lord of the Manor prior to commencement.

Footpaths

Cllrs Woodward and Jordan reported that they were working on forming a comprehensive footpath guide.

Footways/Highways

Martham signs on Rollesby Road and Somerton Road had gone. A street nameplate for Common Road to be requested (this should have already been done by County Councillor Shrimplin). The hedge on Cess Road entrance from Repps Road needed to be cut back and also the hedge at the bottom of Rowan Road (Broome Close). The Broome Close sign was unreadable.

It was noted that the brick weave drive at The Rectory on Low Road came out onto the highway, Cllrs Wright and Woodward to discuss with the owners.

Village Green/Car Parks

The village green is badly pot holed and in need of maintenance. Small works team to arrange a site meeting to discuss the way forward.

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Representative Reports

Boat Dyke Trust

Nothing to report.

First School

Nothing to report.

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Playing Field

There had been no meeting held but Cllr Woodward had been in touch with Mr Ransome regarding the proposed improvements and would be able to report at the next meeting.

Youth

A meeting was held between the Youth Café and the Youth Club to discuss a way forward, a further meeting is to be held in September. Cllr Carberry reported that a bus was being purchased for community use by another organisation but would be available to youth groups.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Luncheon Club

All was going well.

Parish Plan

Nothing to report.

Transport

Cllr Beales to attend a meeting in Acle next Tuesday to discuss the Draft Broads Area Transport Strategy. To report at next meeting.

It was asked that up and coming meetings be discussed at future meetings so that delegates can be appointed to attend.

Items for next agenda

To be forwarded to the Clerk by 6th September 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22:10 hrs.

Signed..... Dated.....

(Previous minutes are also available on the Council Website: www.martham.gov.uk).