

Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Martham Methodist School Room on 19 January 2005 at 19:30 hrs.

Those Present:

Councillors:

Chairman : Cllr M Huke

Cllrs J Beales B Carberry T Gates B Huxtable K Jordan P Manifold T Watson B Wright PC D Cook

Clerk in attendance: Lisa Harold

Together with 9 members of the public.

Apologies:

B Cllr J Hudson B Cllr B Coleman

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Bradford thanked the Parish Council for their support in obtaining a grant towards the cost of a pathway to the Church. The grant had now been given and work would start soon. She then asked if it would be possible to obtain a bin like the others in the village for the churchyard to replace the old broken one. Clerk to speak to Borough Council.

Mrs Banham reported that near the entrance to Rising Way off Repps Road 2 drains were overflowing. Clerk to report to highways.

It was reported that the footway from Woodstock Way to Hamilton Walk was uneven. Clerk to report to highways.

Police Report

PC Cook to visit elderly lady on Rowan Road who had had problems with cyclists biking over the front of her property boundary and being a nuisance. He also reported that parking on the blind corner of Somerton Road at school pick up time was being monitored and that a letter had been sent home to parents via the First School.

COUNCIL MEETING

Resignation of T Woodward and V Nicholas Jago

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Huxtable read both letters of resignation to the Council. It was proposed by Cllr Jordan, seconded Cllr Huxtable that a letter of thanks be sent to them both for their time spent as Parish Councillors, 8 in favour, 1 abstention, carried. The Clerk stated that all Parish Council property had been returned to her by Mr Woodward, however items held by Mr Nicholas Jago were still outstanding and a note had been sent to him asking for these items to be returned.

Election of Chairman

Cllr Huxtable explained that as Mr Woodward had been Chairman a new Chairman should be elected. Cllr Wright nominated Cllr Huke all other Councillors were in favour. Cllr Huke accepted this post and took to the Chair.

Cheque signatories

Cllr Huke then explained that due to both of the resigning members being cheque signatories it had been necessary to make Cllr Beales a temporary signatory since the last meeting (this had been discussed with the acting Chairman Cllr Huxtable). All were in favour of Cllr Beales continuing with this role, Cllr Huke volunteered to be the third signatory, all were in favour.

Election of two new Councillors

The Clerk reported that 10 parishioners signatures had been forwarded to the Borough Council requesting an election. It was agreed that the election should take place on Thursday 10th March provided 3 or more people stood for election. Notices would be posted around the village informing the public of this date and also how to stand for election.

Apologies

Borough Councillors John Hudson and Barry Coleman were at other Council meetings. The Council accepted their apologies.

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 J Beales, Unanimous, and were duly signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Membership of freemasons and other organisations – Cllr Beales had investigated this issue and reported that membership to such organisations should be declared on the Register of Members Interests and should an item be included on the agenda pertaining to a charity which a members lodge is involved with this should be declared at the meeting. Cllr were reminded that their declaration of interests form could be amended at any time.

Staithe Road leases – Cllr Jordan reported that the 2nd draft was still pending from the Borough Council legal department. He would chase Borough Councillor Hudson in order to speed things up.

Rowan Road trees- Cllr Huke would report at the next meeting.

Medical Provision in the Village – Due to the Councillor nominated to deal with this issue having resigned, Cllr Manifold volunteered to arrange a meeting with the practice manager and report at the next meeting.

Training

There was another initial training course being held at County Hall. Councillors to contact Clerk if they wish to attend.

106 Monies

Borough Councillor Hudson had advised that business plans and costings would have to be provided for the Borough Council to consider releasing the money. Cllr Carberry reported that at a recent meeting held at the Clip with some youth representatives it seemed that the need for a skateboard park had been replaced with requests for a multi use sports area. It was decided that a meeting should be arranged between the play area working party, Borough Councillors and Adrian Ransome so that a way forward can be progressed and timescales implemented.

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High School ASBO Concerns

A letter from Mr Ward Deputy Head Teacher of Flegg High School was read to the Council expressing concerns regarding Anti Social Behaviour of pupils out of school and ways in which to deal with it. Clerk and Cllr Huxtable to arrange meeting with him and report at next meeting.

Planning

Planning Applications Received for Parish Council Comments

Address	Application Type	Comments
1 Coronation Cottages, Cess Rd	Conservatory	No objections
Back Lane	5 new houses	Traffic calming needed
25 Rollesby Road	Alter orig applic boiler from inter to ext	No objections
Mushroom Farm	3 new properties	No objections

Planning permissions granted by GYBC

Address	Application Type	Comments
Martham Boatbuilding Cess Road	Replace piling etc	None
86 Repps Road	Extension for bedrooms	None
27 Staithe Road	2 detached bungalows	None
The Avenues, Hall Road	Phase III 19 dwellings	Only bunglws backing to Rowan Rd/Broome Cl

Planning permissions refused by GYBC

Address	Application Type	Comments
Kooky Burrow, Black Street	New house	Due to access issues

A letter had been received from Mr Elliott of 19 Willow Way regarding a neighbours fence which had been erected. Cllr Huke to investigate and report at next meeting.

An official copy of the withdrawal of the appeal by Mr Spinks for the land at the Mushroom farm had been received.

Finance

Item	Net	VAT	Total
Clerk net pay	482.15		482.15
Clerk pension	108.59		108.59
Clerk electricity	4.00		4.00
Clerk telephone	41.60	7.28	48.88
Clerk expenses	4.25		4.25
Internet	15.99		15.99
SLCC Subs	91.00		91.00
St Mary's Church remove fallen branch	120.00	21.00	141.00
C Rhodes Repair allotment paths	48.00		48.00
Website Host fees	120.00		120.00
Total for January	1036.58	28.28	1064.86

Finances to be agreed, **Proposed** by P Manifold, **Seconded** by K Jordan, Unanimous.

The financial return was then signed as amended to reflect the expenditure incurred in purchasing the new computer. The Chairman went on to explain that the Clerk had been approached by Ormesby Parish Council as a possible replacement for their Clerk who had recently resigned. It would be necessary for the Clerk to use the Parish Computer and dedicated phone line and some sort of monetary recompense should be made by Ormesby PC for this. It was agreed that this issue be forwarded to the personnel working to discuss with Ormesby PC and to report to the next meeting. It was stressed that to date the Clerk had not been offered the job and had only been interviewed.

Correspondence

None to discuss.

Ponds

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Footways/Highways

The rails at the end of Woodstock Way to be removed.

Village Green/Car Parks

It was proposed by Cllr Manifold seconded Cllr Wright that a price be obtained for the planting of 3 pure breed Black Poplar Trees on the green and the cost of tree railings to protect them. Cllr Huke to report at next meeting.

The Chairman then read a letter received from Mr and Mrs Nicholas Jago of 17 The Green Martham claiming ownership of the footway adjoining their property on White Street, the roadway in front of their shop and a small part of the green. They had also complained about a tree being pruned on this area of the green. The Chair also read the Clerks response. All present thanked the Clerk for her concise response. Clerk to investigate ownership of these areas and to report at next meeting.

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Representative Reports

Boat Dyke Trust

Cutting of the west bank had been completed. A Management committee member had resigned due to verbal harassment.

First School

A Local Transport plan was being compiled to send to the LEA. The reorganisation was going ahead but with much less money to spend and so many schools would have much less than originally intended.

Allotments

2 people were waiting for allotments. Cllr Wright to ask allotment holders if they wish to continue renting in order to review availability.

Playing Field

Minutes had been received by the Clerk. The AGM would be held on the 31st January. Music for All to be held on 29th May.

Youth

Nothing to report.

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

Luncheon Club

Nothing to report.

Parish Plan

Meeting with Local Education providers to be held in Jan/Feb.

Transport

Nothing to report.

Village Signs

Still being judged but would hopefully have the finalists by the next meeting.

Items for next agenda

Review of Committees

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:33 hrs.

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

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