

Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Martham Methodist School Room on 16 February 2005 at 19:30 hrs.

Those Present:

Councillors:

Chairman : Cllr M Huke

Other Councillors : J Beales B Carberry T Gates B Huxtable K Jordan P Manifold T Watson B Wright

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

Clerk in attendance: Lisa Harold

Together with 11 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Robin Chenery stated his concerns regarding the recent Shoreline Management Plan which had been issued. The plan outlined proposals to allow much of the coastline to remain unprotected from sea corrosion and Mr Chenery believed this would flood the broads and alter this beautiful landscape. The Chairman agreed with Mr Chenery's concerns and it was agreed that the report should be circulated amongst Councillors and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr Hurren of Grove Close reported that he had met with Great Yarmouth Borough Council to discuss ways in which the signposting of houses at the sheltered housing accommodation could be improved. He also stressed the importance of keeping the turning bay at the end of the road clear for just this purpose. Borough Councillor Hudson agreed to deal with this issue. Sandra Warnes asked if a letter to Highways could be written to ask for double yellow lines to be placed on the corner of Somerton Road opposite her house as parents were regularly parking on this blind bend when picking up their children from the first school. She gave the Clerk some photographs to illustrate the problem. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways enclosing a copy of these photos.

Both Mrs Brown and Mrs Moore asked about the situation regarding a member of the village claiming a part of the green. The Chairman directed them to item number 8 on the agenda. Mrs Moore stated that many years ago the Parish Council were noted as having concerns about parking on the road in front of the shop and took action to prevent this.

Mrs Horrocks reported that to date the Deepdale Avenue sign had still not been replaced, Borough Councillor Hudson agreed to deal with this issue.

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Jordan asked Borough Councillor Hudson to chase the situation regarding the Staithe Road leases. He also asked Cllr Hudson about the review of Play Areas in the borough recently reported in the paper. Borough Councillor Hudson explained that there could be some money available to add to 106 money but some areas were in greater need than others. Borough Councillor Coleman backed this up by reporting that £140,000 had been set aside to spend on play areas in the Borough.

Police Report

Nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEETING

Declarations of Interest

T Watson, B Wright – Allotment holders.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These having been circulated previously were **Proposed** by K Jordan, **Seconded** by B Carberry, Unanimous, and were duly signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rowan Road trees- A quote had been received from Kirk Building Contractors to form a barrier between the infected trees and the others at a cost of £88.00 it was proposed by Cllr Huke that this work be given the go head, this was seconded by Cllr Watson, all were in favour.

Medical Provision in the village – Cllr Manifold had arranged a meeting with the practice manager and would report at the next meeting.

High school meeting – The Clerk had contacted the school to arrange this but had not received a reply. Clerk to chase and report at next meeting.

Clerk appointment with Ormesby Parish Council- Since the last meeting the Clerk had been offered and had accepted the position as Clerk to Ormesby St Michael Parish Council. It had been agreed that Ormesby would pay Martham Parish Council £150 per annum for the use of office equipment and cover 15% of all repairs and maintenance plus Clerk training, this was subject to a 3 month review by both parties. All were in agreement with this and congratulated the Clerk on her appointment.

Play Areas Formation of New Working Party- Due to the Coronation Recreation Ground Committee having officially handed the 100ft strip of children's play area back to the Parish Council for regeneration Cllr Huke proposed that a new working party to handle this project alone should be formed called the Play Area Project Working Party to consist of Cllr Jordan, Beales, Carberry and Huke with Mrs Banham as a volunteer member. The Chairman reiterated that this in no way should replace the original Play Area Working Party and the sole objective of the group was to form a business plan for this project and see it to completion. This was seconded by Cllr Manifold, all were in favour. Cllr Huke hoped that in two months the group would be at the stage where funds could be applied for.

New Committees and Working Parties- The current list of working parties and committees had been circulated for amendments and these were made with some vacancies left for the new Councillors. Clerk to liaise with new councillors and compile a new list. The Chairman congratulated the Parish Plan group on their display in the Clip window. It was proposed by Cllr Watson that accounts be set up with Martham DIY and SSAF and that small works to the value of £200 could be carried

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out with 2 of the 3 small works committee members approval going through the Clerk. It was hoped that this would speed up minor repairs in the village. This was seconded Cllr Gates, all in favour.

War memorial Cleaning – A letter had been received from the Martham Branch of the Royal British Legion asking if the War Memorial could be cleaned. Cllr Huke and Wright had inspected the memorial. It was proposed by Cllr Huke to provisionally clean it this year and to obtain costing for proper restoration, treatments and repair for inclusion in the next years budget. This was seconded by Cllr Manifold, all in favour.

Letter Mrs G Nicholas Jago ownership of green- The Chairman explained that copies of letters from Mr and Mrs Nicholas Jago of 17 The Green had been circulated to all Councillors and that if any members of the public wanted to read them they could. These letters were outlining claims on the green with unsubstantiated evidence. It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter to Mr and Mrs Nicholas Jago explaining that the points of their letters were being investigated and a full reply would be written when these investigations had been carried out in full. Until then all property owned by the Parish would remain in situ. Clerk to send copies of all correspondence to the Borough Councillors. Documents were pending from Land Registry.

Planning

Planning Applications Received for Parish Council Comments

Address	Application Type	Comments
Back Lane	5 detached houses	Traffic calming needed on Back Lane
2 Peartree Ave	Bedroom extension	No objections
Charmurly	Extension	No objections
31 Rollesby Road	Single storey rear extension	No objections

Planning permissions granted by GYBC

Address	Application Type	Comments
168 Repps Road	Sale of Koi	Only whilst occupied by Mrs Stonebridge
17 Hall Road	Conservatory	
The Avenues	Phase III 19 dwellings	
Hall Road Coal yard	3 detached houses	

It was agreed that Clerk should contact planning to ask when and how 75% of occupancy on The Avenues development would be achieved so that 106 monies could be released.

Clerk to contact NCC Highways to enquire whether the traffic calming scheme detailed in 1997 for Back Lane encroached on the green and to look at minutes for 1997 when plan was drawn.

It was reported that the building works on Staithe Road were causing problems for the schools with inconsiderate parking. It was believed that this would improve in the next week or two but to inform Clerk if no improvement.

Finance

Item	Net	VAT	Total
Clerk net pay	451.57		451.57
Clerk pension	86.89		86.89
Clerk electricity	4.00		4.00
NRCC Subs	25.00		25.00
Skippers	38.41	3.34	41.75
Internet	20.70		20.70
Black Poplar Trees	75.00		75.00
NCAPTC Spring seminar	48.00		48.00
Land Registry	8.00		8.00
K Debbage Allotment hedges	350.00	61.25	411.25
P Starling Allotment hedges	140.00	24.50	164.50
Total for February	1247.57	89.09	1336.66

Finances to be agreed, **Proposed** by K Jordan, **Seconded** by B Carberry, Unanimous.

The Audit for the year ended 31st March 2004 had been returned and accepted by the audit commission.

Correspondence

It was agreed that Cllrs Wright and Jordan represent Martham Parish Council at the NCAPTC Spring seminar. GYBC had written to inform the Clerk of an uncontested election for the two seats, the names of the two new Councillors would be forwarded in the near future.

Ponds

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Christine Kirby had reported some footpath signs as missing and it was agreed that these should be replaced under small works.

Footways/Highways

An e mail had been received from GYBC stating that a name for the new medical centre had been forwarded as Kittle Medical Centre. It was proposed that the name Martham Medical Centre be forwarded as the Parish Councils preferred name and that strong objections should be forwarded against the proposed name. Proposed Cllr Huxtable, seconded Cllr Wright all in favour.

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A name for the new road had been suggested as Farmers Close, the Parish Councils preferred name was Burraway Close, it was proposed Cllr Huxtable, seconded Cllr Wright that this be forwarded together with the history behind the name, 8 were in favour, 1 against.

Village Green/Car Parks

Black Poplar Trees- Three had been purchased at a total cost of £75.00 and would be planted shortly. Initial enquires into metal guard railings had proved these to be too expensive at approx £350.00 per tree. It was agreed that wooden rails be looked into as an alternative. Clerk to investigate obtaining 106 monies to pay for these.

It was proposed by Cllr Huke that the old tree stump be topped and made into a seat, this was seconded by Cllr Watson all in favour.

St Mary's Church had asked permission to use the green to hold a plant stall on 4th June and cake stall fortnightly from 11th June to 3rd September . Whilst the Parish Council were happy for this to go ahead they were careful to state that this permission was given without prejudice to grant permission to others. This was due to the concern that the green could start being used too often and end up looking like a market on Saturdays!

Permission was given to the Nutmeg puppet company to hold their annual puppet show on the green on 22nd August at 11.30 am and 3pm, permission was also given to hold a pre carnival praise on the green united service on 26th June at 6pm.

Mr Gray had written asking permission to use the green for the funfair arriving 3.4 April and opening 7, 8 and 9th April.

Permission was given at the same rent as previous year. It was agreed that if possible the chairman should meet with Mr Gray during his visit to discuss the possibility of the funfair visiting later in the year.

PH Starling, J Chapman and A Tuddenham had all been asked to tender for the grass cutting of the greens 2005 season.

Representative Reports

Boat Dyke Trust

A site meeting was due to be held to discuss the muddy area and car park area. The annual meeting was to be held on March 10th at the Social Club 7.30pm all welcome.

First School

Nothing to report. A copy of the previous meetings minutes was handed to the clerk. Clerk to circulate prior to next meeting.

Allotments

Hedge cutting had been completed successfully. It was agreed that a rent review was needed but that as Cllrs Wright and Watson rented allotments and had declared interests they could not take part in this process. It was agreed that Cllrs Manifold, Gates and Huke would undertake this review with assistance from Cllrs Wright and Watson as soon as possible as rents were due at end of March.

Playing Field

The AGM had been held and 3 more Cllrs were now on the committee. A Ransome had stepped down due to work commitments, it was agreed to send him a letter of thanks. Mr Ray Dickinson was now Treasurer. Cllr Huxtable asked for it to be investigated that as Martham Parish Council were the ultimate holding trustees of the Ground could 3 councillors be on the committee?

An update from the Bowls club was read out, site meetings had begun and the land had been passed over.

Youth

Cllr Huxtable and Carberry had nothing to report. Cllr Huxtable to chase Penny Clarke as it seemed that they were not being informed of meetings etc.

Village Hall

A meeting had been held but there was nothing to report.

Luncheon Club

Due to rising running costs the price of meals had been put up from £2.50 to £2.80. Martham Club was full and Hemsby was almost full.

Parish Plan

A meeting with higher education authority had been held but to date the minutes had not been received.

Transport

An Acle Flexi Bus service had started which had to be phoned if needed to pick up in Martham Cllr Beales had tried contacting it but to no avail! This bus was available to connect at Acle.

Village Signs

It was hoped that a decision would be made by the next meeting.

Items for next agenda

East of England Plan

Shoreline Management Plan

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22.12 hrs.

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

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