

Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting

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

Those Present:

Councillors:

Chairman M Huke

J Beales B Carberry T Gates K Jordan P Manifold T Watson B Wright S Warnes M Horrocks

Others: B Cllr B Coleman

Clerk in attendance: Lisa Harold

Together with 6 members of the public.

Apologies:

B Cllr J Hudson PC D Cook Cllr B Huxtable

PUBLIC FORUM

A Parishioner brought to the Council's attention an area of land on Ferrygate Lane which was being used as a fly tip and had been for some time. Borough Councillor Coleman explained that this land was owned by James Chapman and therefore the Council would not remove rubbish from private land. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Chapman asking him to clear the area.

It was agreed to ask highways for some horse signs for Low Road.

A letter will be sent to all residents of the cottages adjacent to the doctors surgery asking for them to park their cars more considerately and to abide by the "no parking" signs.

Borough Councillors Report- Nothing significant to report.

Police Report- PC Cook had sent his apologies. Cllr Wright reported that damage had been assured to the village hall on Saturday night by vandals and a lady member of the gardening club had been assaulted these incidents had been reported to Police. The Parish Council were asked to report the resident on Low Road using the highway as a rubbish tip again.

COUNCIL MEETING

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Huxtable unable to attend due to band practice for a competition. PC Cook due to another commitment..

Declarations of Interest

T Watson, B Wright – Allotment holders. J Beales – Carnival Committee and K Jordan- Music for All Committee.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These having been circulated previously were **Proposed** by P Manifold, **Seconded** by B Wright, Unanimous, and were duly signed as a true record.

Introduction of New Councillors

Following an uncontested election Mrs Sandra Warnes and Mrs Maggie Horrocks had been elected to the Council. They were welcomed by the other members of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising

Staithe Road leases- The final drafts had been received with the points clarified concerning the rent review after 10 years. It was explained that the rent review would value the land as play area land only. Proposed Cllr Huke to accept the leases and sign them, seconded Cllr Jordan, all in favour. These were given to the Clerk to sign and copy prior to returning to the Borough Council.

It was then proposed Cllr Jordan, seconded Cllr Wright that the Parish Council should bear the full cost of drawing up the sub lease for the Scouts. All in favour. Quotes for the legal work to be obtained and 106 monies sought to cover this cost.

Medical Provision in the village- Cllr Manifold had made preliminary enquiries but had been waiting for the Primary Healthcare Trust to meet as he believed this meeting would answer some of the Parish Councils queries. To be carried forward to the next meeting.

High school meeting- The Clerk and Cllr Huxtable had attended a meeting at the High School. The school is keen to help in obtaining Asbo's where needed and were interested in events that happened out of school hours. They urged parishioners to call the school if they have complaints regarding behaviour to and from school as this would enable information to be given to the police to obtain Asbo's. Both the school and the Parish Council are keen to provide evidence sheets to the public so that information can be collected on persistent offenders.

Shoreline Management Plan

It was agreed that a meeting/information day should be held to inform parishioners of the plans included in this. Cllr Horrocks to organise meeting before the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Jordan to draft a reply for discussion at next meeting. This was proposed Cllr Gates, seconded Cllr Carberry, all in favour.

Statement fo Community Involvement

Cllr Huke had tried several times to view this document to no avail. He would try to view before the deadline.

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Planning

Planning Applications *Received* for Parish Council Comments

Address	Application Type	Comments
Rectory House, Repps Rd	Wall to replace picket fence	No objections
Gibbet Hill Farm	Single storey rear extension	No objections
26 Marlborough Green Crescent	Single storey extension	Close proximity to neighbour
Suki, 21 Riverside	Extension and new roof	Elevated roof out of character
12 Rowan Road	2 meter fence	Already erected does not enhance area

Planning permissions *granted* by GYBC

Address	Application Type	Comments
2 Peartree Ave	Extension to provide bedroom	
The Avenues	Four dwellings	
1 Coronation Cottages	Conservatory	
Charmurly, Damgate Back Lane	Extensions and relocate oil tank	

Section 137

Cllrs Carberry, Wright and Watson declared an interest in this item. Cllr Jordan had already declared an interest at the beginning of the meeting.

Martham Music for All committee had requested a donation towards the costs of this years event. It was proposed Cllr Manifold, seconded Cllr Gates to pay £25.00, all were in favour.

Finance

Item	Net	VAT	Total
Clerk net pay	462.88		462.88
Clerk pension	86.89		86.89
Clerk electricity	4.00		4.00
Clerk expenses	11.18		11.18
Inland Revenue PAYE	314.81		314.81
Internet	40.99		40.99
NCAPTC Book	14.50		14.50
Skippers stationery	90.56	12.91	103.47
Audit Commission	250.00	43.75	293.75
J Hudson repairs to bollard on green	91.60		91.60
B Huxtable mileage	10.10		10.10
Perspex for CLIP window	55.00		55.00
Playground management books	23.50		23.50
Section 137 - Music for all	25.00		25.00
Total for March	1481.01	56.66	1537.67

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

It was agreed that a direct debit to pay the Internet charges should be set up to avoid credit card late fees.

Correspondence

A letter had been received from Mrs Brooks concerning dog fouling in the churchyard. Many Councillors said that this was a problem in other areas and was a hard situation to tackle as it was difficult to prove who was responsible. The Chairman handed some Councillors stickers which pointed out that fines were applicable to anyone not clearing up after their dog. These could only be put on Borough Council property and only on other property with the owners permission. Councillors agreed to approach the Church Wardens to ask permission to display some in the churchyard, some would also be put along Black Street.

Ponds

It was agreed that the pond committee would continue to cut and trim the trees around the ponds.

Footpaths

Cllr Gates had completed the footpath map for the village. Cllr Huke to obtain costings to reproduce this in a smaller format to sell at various outlets in the village. Cllr Gates reported that some footpath signs were still missing. The Clerk to provide the number of the contractor who replaces these so that Cllr Gates may contact him directly.

Footways/Highways

A parishioner had asked that a "No through road" sign be put at the entrance to The Avenues. Clerk to report to highways. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the borough to put road markings on Grove Road/Close as there was no priority here. It was pointed out that there was no "Rollesby Road" sign opposite Jubilee Walk, Clerk to report.

A letter had been received from a bus driver asking that the hedges on White Street opposite Smith and Sales be cut back, Clerk to ask highways.

Cllr Warnes voiced her concerns over the traffic calming scheme for Back Lane and the bollards proposed for the small lane between the Old Schoolhouse and The Manse. She was concerned that this area would be treated by some as a private car park

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thus leading to problems over ownership in the future. It was agreed that the Clerk would chase this item and when the time came notices be displayed.

Village Green/Car Parks

Requests to use the green had been received from the Methodist Circuit for 18th June and Martham Fun Carnival for the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July (and subsequent set up and clear up days), both of these requests were granted.

A letter had been received from NCC Highways who were looking into the dispute with Mr Nicholas Jago. It was proposed by Cllr Huke that a small working party should be set up to handle this situation, this would consist of Cllrs Huke, Warnes and Manifold and the Clerk, this was seconded by Cllr Wright, all were in favour.

To date only one quote had been received from P Starling, it was agreed that if no other quotes had been received in 10 days from the date of the meeting the contract would be given to him, this would ensure that the grass would be cut before it became too long.

It was reported that the bank at the co op car park was getting churned up by cars parking too close. It was also noted that the rubbish near the bottle banks was accumulating. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask co op if they would supply a bin and if they did would the borough empty it?

Representative Reports

Boat Dyke Trust

The AGM had been well attended.

First School

Business would carry on as normal for the foreseeable future.

Allotments

A meeting had been held of the allotment working party and two other Councillors to decide on the rent structure for the allotments. It was suggested by this group that allotment rents should be increased over the next three years with full allotments being priced at £11.50 for 2005/06, £13.00 for 2006/07 and £14.50 for 2007/08. Half allotments would be priced at £6.00 for 2005/06, £7.00 for 2006/07 and £7.50 for 2007/08. In return for the increases it was proposed to trim hedged annually and upgrade pathways. It was proposed Cllr Carberry to accept this, seconded Cllr Beales all in favour.

Playing Field

At the previous meeting the Clerk had been asked to investigate whether it was acceptable for Parish Councillors to stand as committee members of the Playing Field committee. It had been clarified by the Charities commission that this was perfectly acceptable as long as they were on the committee through their own interest, although conflicts of interest should be managed carefully. The Playing Field Committee had agreed to make funding applications to improve the play area in their name as the Parish Council were not eligible for some grants.

The Coronation Recreation ground working party were obtaining 3 quotes for the work and were sourcing funding.

Cllr Watson provided the Clerk with a document relating to ownership of Playing Field Lane, she would copy this to all, this road was again potholed and this was being taken up with the contractor who had recently carried out repairs.

Some time ago plans had been drawn up to improve the toilet facilities at the pavilion, these were currently being reviewed and it was hoped that this project would be taken up again.

Youth

The Youth café was going well with enough funds to continue for another year.

Village Hall

Due to the recent vandalism it was hoped that CCTV would be installed to the rear.

Luncheon Club

Nothing to report.

Parish Plan

Nothing to report.

Transport

Nothing to report.

Village signs

This was progressing although there was no clear winner as the best parts of many signs had been put together to make each sign. Quotes were now being sought to produce the signs.

Items for next agenda

SMP Draft letter

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:50 hrs.

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

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