

Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Martham Methodist School Room on 20 April 2005 at 19:30 hrs.

Those Present:

Councillors:

Chairman Cllr M Huke

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

Others: B Cllr J Hudson

Clerk in attendance: Lisa Harold

Together with 4 members of the public.

Apologies:

PC D Cook B Huxtable

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Brown had been told that Martham was no longer going to have a litter picker employed by the Borough Council. She had contacted the Borough Council and a Mr Trotman had agreed to visit the village to inspect and would arrange litter picking if needed. Mrs Brown asked if the Parish Council could employ a litter picker as it had done in the past. Borough Councillor Hudson urged the Parish Council not to take this route as Parishioners paid taxes to cover this and in effect would end up paying twice! It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter to the Borough Council asking for clarification.

Mrs Kirby thanked the Parish Council for deciding to use the tree stump on the green to form a seat.

Mrs Moore asked that before Black Street was resurfaced highways be asked to remove the hump in the road which prevented the water from entering the drain.

Borough Councillors Report

The Chairman asked the Borough Councillor to provide details as soon as possible regarding the release of 106 monies from The Avenues development.

Police Report

PC Cook had sent his apologies with a covering letter explaining that recent incidents were being dealt with. He suggested a meeting between the Parish and Police to discuss crime in the village. Cllr Carberry proposed that this be arranged, this was seconded Cllr Beales, all in favour. The Clerk was asked to contact PC Cook to ask that this be arranged for late June/early July.

COUNCIL MEETING

Apologies for absence

Cllr Huxtable as he was attending a meeting in Hemsby regarding the Medical Practice at the Chairman's request. PC Cook due to other commitments.

Declarations of Interest

T Watson, B Wright – Allotment holders. J Beales being on the Carnival Committee.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These having been circulated previously were **Proposed** by J Beales, **Seconded** by M Horrocks, Unanimous, and were duly signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Staithe Road leases – These had now been returned to the Parish Council completed and signed by both parties. It was proposed by Cllr Huke that Cllr Jordan be allowed to engage a Solicitor to draw up a sub lease between the Parish Council and the Scouts for up to £600.00 in order to complete this before the next meeting, anything over this amount would have to be agreed by full council. This was seconded Cllr Carberry, all in favour.

Medical Provision in the Village- Cllr Manifold had spoken with the practice manager and had outlined the fact that many Parishioners were not happy with the service given at the present time. The Manager had responded by saying that 3 new partners had been appointed with Dr's Taylor and Stein appointed to Martham. When questioned about the high number of locums the Manager had pointed out that each Doctor was entitled to 7 weeks holiday a year plus 7 weeks training and these absences had to be covered somehow. A new computer system was being installed to link all 4 practices. Currently no one was allocated a specific Doctor and all of these actions were aimed at providing stability. The Practice Manager had suggested a regular meeting with representatives of the Parish Council every 2 to 3 months and would be writing to the Clerk to outline this proposal . All present were in favour of this being every quarter and including the other Parishes which were covered by the Coastal Villages practice.

Shoreline Management Plan

An open day had been arranged by Cllr Horrocks on the 16th April at the Clip. This was attended by 20 parishioners, 5 parish councillors and the clerk. All Parishioners who attended had taken away with them a form to fill in regarding their views on the SMP. Cllr Jordan had drafted a response from the Parish Council which was read out by the Chairman. It was agreed that this be sent to Terry Oakes Associates with a covering letter and copies forwarded to MP's and Borough Councillors. The Chairman thanked Cllr Jordan for his concise response.

Future of the Fair

The Chairman had met with Mr Gray when his fair had visited the village to discuss the possibility of moving it to a later date and adding to it in some way. The Chairman proposed a May Fair with traditional stalls and competitions. He was keen to state

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that this would in no way compete or detract from the Carnival. Mr Gray seemed very interested and had even offered to contribute towards the organisation of this event. Cllr Warnes agreed to formulate a proposal to bring to the Council.

Coop Bottle Bank Rubbish

A Parishioner had cleared this away, however the Clerk had spoken with the Manager of the Co op in Norwich who had given permission to dispose of rubbish in the skip at the back of the co op store.

War Memorial Cleaning

This was proving to be difficult as, although the church had agreed that electricity could be used from the church, access was difficult. Clerk to look into a cleaner with it's own water supply.

Appearance of Norwich House and Old Mace Shop

It was agreed that this was not a Parish Council issue.

Planning

Planning Applications Received for Parish Council Comments

Address	Application Type	Comments
Elmside, White Street	16 dwellings	No objections
10 Maple Close	Garage/garden store	No objections
Oddfellows Hall	Holiday let	Objected due to poor vehicular access
Flegg High School	2 new classrooms	No objections
25 Oak Tree Close	2 storey side extension	No objections
1 Grove Farm Cottage adj	1 dwelling plot with garage	Off road parking for No 1 Grove Farm

Planning permissions granted by GYBC

Address	Application Type	Comments
31 Rollesby Road	Single storey rear extension	
12 Rowan Road	2 meters high fence	To be stained
Rectory House, Repps Road	Garden wall to replace picket fence	

It was agreed that, should the Mushroom Farm site not be cleared by the 1st May, a letter be sent to the enforcement officer informing him of this, on that day.

The appeal for a fence to be erected adjacent to the footway at 19 Willow Way had been upheld.

A letter was read from Mr Whittaker explaining that he had purchased roller shutters on a planning officers verbal permission only to be told later that, as it is a conservation area, he should apply for planning permission. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Whittaker explaining that whilst the Parish Council were sympathetic to his predicament the issue was not a Parish Council matter and that planning procedures should be followed. Proposed Cllr Jordan, seconded Cllr Horrocks 9 for, 1 against, carried

BT had asked for permission to install cabling underground around the edge of the green near the coop in order to provide better communication services to the surgery. It would mean removing 6 overhead cables. It was agreed that permission be given subject to the green being reinstated to its current state after work was completed, Cllr Jordan agreed to take pictures prior to commencement of work to ensure this. Proposed Cllr Carberry seconded Cllr Watson all in favour. It was then agreed that the £1914 way leave payment made for this be given to the Village Signs working party to cover the cost of producing the signs in addition to the money given by the Carnival Committee, proposed Cllr Huke, seconded Cllr Wright all in favour. The Chairman reported that up to date figures for 106 monies were :- Play spaces £28701.02, open spaces £2323.41 and Maintenance £6392.74.

Section 137

The Carnival Committee had requested a donation towards the cost of the Carnival, proposed Cllr Manifold, seconded Cllr Jordan to donate £25 all in favour.

Finance

Item	Net	VAT	Total
Clerk net pay	512.64		512.64
Clerk pension	122.82		122.82
Clerk electricity	6.00		6.00
Clerk telephone	52.94	9.26	62.20
Refreshments for Clip SMP open day	21.07		21.07
Internet	18.56		18.56
Councillors guide book new edition	6.40		6.40
Skippers stationery	67.58	7.71	75.29
Clip window rental	10.00		10.00
P Starling Grass cutting	135.00	23.62	158.62
Village hall rent annual village meeting	8.50		8.50
Insurance	774.16		774.16
NCC Allotment rent	335.00		335.00
P Blake removal of tree on green	120.00		120.00
Internet access	89.63	15.69	105.32

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Item	Net	VAT	Total
Methodist circuit use of room	132.50		132.50
Recreation ground ½ year grant	3750.00		3750.00
Village Hall ½ year grant	250.00		250.00
St Marys churchyard cutting ½ year grant	600.00		600.00
Stickers for village sign competition	17.02	2.98	20.00
Section 137 – Carnival committee	25.00		25.00
Total for April	7054.82	59.26	7114.08

Finances to be agreed, Proposed by B Wright, Seconded by T Gates, Unanimous.

It was proposed Cllr Manifold, seconded Cllr Wright that notice be given to AOL and that Broadband be installed up to £17.99 per month. All in favour.

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Ponds

Tree trimming had been completed. Quotes were being obtained for planting around the main pond and also to correct the drainage problem at the pond near the fish and chip shop.

Footpaths

A list had been given for replacement signs to be installed. The Clerk had been instructed to obtain quotes for a stock of more signs. The first draft of the footpath map was shown to all present and it was agreed that this should be printed at an approximate cost of 50p per map and be sold in outlets at around 70p. The Information Working Part was asked to see if the Broadcaster newsletter could mention this as available in the village. It was proposed that 50 be the first print run, proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Carberry, all in favour.

Footways/Highways

A letter had been circulated to all councillors from MP Tony Wright to a parishioner concerning the poor lighting at Clarendon Drive. It was agreed that a letter of support be written to the Great Yarmouth Borough Council to reiterate the need for better lighting in this area..

Another letter from MP Tony Wright had been circulated regarding the lack of visibility at the zebra crossing. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Highways to ask for ways to improve the warnings that a zebra crossing is near. A suggestion was to put red tarmac a few meters either side of the crossing.

Since the last meeting the Borough Council had rejected the Parish Council's suggestion of Burraway Close as a name for the development road off Hall Road. As a decision had to be made prior to the meeting the Clerk had contacted as many Councillors as possible with the name Market Road and the majority decision had been to accept this.

A letter from Chamberlain Talbot and Bracey solicitors had been circulated which indicated that they believed that Playing Field Lane was an adopted road. The Chairman asked that, in view of many changes taking place at the playing field, this be put on hold and reviewed in 12 months times when the decision could be made as to whether a search on this road should be paid for, all were in favour of this.

Village Green/Car Parks

The Village Green working party had not been able to meet as not all the information required had been received. It was hoped that a meeting could be arranged before the next parish Council meeting.

Representative Reports

Boat Dyke Trust

Cllr Jordan reported that the Clerk was resigned and that the trustees would be advertising for another Clerk.

First School

A meeting was to be held on Monday 25th April for the 1st School Governors and another for the Middle School.

Allotments

No one had complained about the increases and nearly all rent money had been received.

Playing Field

The Coronation Recreation Ground working party had identified funding sources and were currently compiling the applications. It was hoped that within 1 year the project would be completed.

The Music for All festival was all set for the 29th May and would be broadcast live for 4 hours by the Beach radio station.

Youth

The Youth Café AGM was to be held on 26th May 2005 7pm at the Pearson Room, Village Hall.

Cllr Carberry reported that due to the fire in the toilets at the youth club it had been forced to close by the County Council until a proper committee could be formed. The Chairman stated that the youth club needed a serious review after the Play area had been completed.

Village Hall

CCTV was going ahead after quotes and costings had been agreed.

Luncheon Club

At the AGM diners had asked that the meals be put up to a round £3.00 to help with money collection.

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Parish Plan

Nothing to report.

Transport

Nothing to report.

Village Signs

Prices for the work were being obtained, in the view of the Way leave money now being available this would make this job much easier.

Information Working Party

Cllr Jordan asked that the working party be charged with the responsibility of bringing the Parish Council in line with the new legislation . All were in favour of this.

Items for next agenda

None forwarded. The Clerk informed all present that the Annual Village meeting would be on Monday 16th May 2005 7.30pm at the Pearson Room, Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:47 hrs.

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

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