

# Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting

## Held in the Martham Methodist School Room on 18 May 2005 at 19:30 hrs.

**Those Present:**

*Councillors:* Chairman Cllr Huke  
 Cllrs J Beales B Carberry T Gates B Huxtable K Jordan T Watson B Wright M Horrocks S Warnes  
 Clerk in attendance: Lisa Harold Together with 6 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

P Manifold PC D Cook B Cllr B Coleman B Cllr J Hudson

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Brown had tried many times to get the bin emptied at the village hall end of the Oddfellows Footpath, it had now not been emptied for approx. 1 month.

Cllr Huxtable reported that the Scouts had offered to litter pick in the village in order to raise funds for the new scout hut.

Mr George's hedge was overgrowing the Oddfellows footpath, Clerk to write to ask if it could be cut.

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Appointment of Chairman**

Cllr Huxtable and Cllr Watson nominated Cllr Huke to stand as Chairman for another year, all were in favour, carried.

**Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Wright and Cllr Jordan nominated Cllr Huxtable to stand as Vice Chairman for another year, all were in favour, carried.

**Declarations of Interest**

T Watson, B Wright – Allotment holders.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

**Matters Arising**

Litter Picker Village centre

A letter had been received from GYBC Environment and Health department but this did not give the information required. It was agreed that another letter be written to this department asking when the litter picker would be reinstated, a copy of which would be sent to Borough Councillors Hudson and Coleman.

Staithe Road Leases

Cllr Jordan reported that a solicitor had been found for £500.00 and following a site visit with P Able of the scouts was waiting confirmation of the scouts requirements before passing this information to the solicitor for the formation of the sub lease. It was noted that 2 allotments were let at present, it was agreed that as soon as an allotment at Cess Road was available these would be offered to these tenants.

Medical Provision in the Village

Cllr Huxtable had attended the meeting in Hemsby with the Medical Centre manager and doctors. He supported what Cllr Manifold had stated at the previous Parish Council meeting and stated that the medical centres were aware of the problems but there was a shortage of doctors in the area. It was agreed that Cllr Beales, Huxtable and Manifold should be the representatives for Martham Parish Council at any future meetings that may be held by the medical centre managers.

May Fair

It was asked that this be put on hold until the September meeting.

War Memorial cleaning

Cllr Warnes volunteered to look into cleaning this using a pressure washer and water and electricity from the church. It was agreed that this should be done with Cllr Wright present so that if damage occurred it was witnessed. If this was unsuccessful the fire brigade had offered to hose it down voluntarily.

**War on Dumping GYBC**

A letter had been received from GYBC asking for Fly tipping Hotspots to be identified within the village for monitoring. The end of Cess Road where the dyke runs under the road, Ferrygate Lane near the lay-by and Playing Field Lane top end were identified. The Clerk was asked to forward these to GYBC.

**Shoreline Management Plan GYBC Response**

A copy of the response to the SMP by GYBC had been forwarded to all. This reiterated what the Parish Council had stated in their own response.

**Planning**

*Planning Applications Received for Parish Council Comments*

Address	Application Type	Comments
White Street	Demolish row of 3 cottages and rebuild	No objections
The Surgery, The Green	Renewal of temp portacabin	No objections
64 White Street	Conservatory	No objections
85 Repps Road	Oil tank, toilet and entrance	No objections
31 Rollesby Road	Garage and store side ext	No objections
41 Staithe Road	Demolish garage build dwelling	Access from Staithe Rd needs improvemnt

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### Planning permissions granted by GYBC

Address	Application Type	Comments
12 White Street	Change of use	
Flegg High School	New teaching block	
Gibbett Hill farm	Single storey rear ext	
25 Oak Tree Close	2 storey side ext	
26 Marlborough Green Crescent	Relatives accom side ext	
10 Maple Close	Garage/garden store	
21 Riverside	Extension and new roof	Objected by PC

The applicant for 1 Grove Farm cottages was intending to address the Development Control committee. The remainder of the cars at the Mushroom Farm site were subject to police investigation and therefore could not be moved. The Way leave payment of £1914.00 for placing cables under the green had been received. Cllr Watson asked if there would be a pharmacy at the new Medical Centre. He was directed to the Clip where revised plans were available

### Finance

Item	Net	VAT	Total
Clerk net pay	389.08		<b>389.08</b>
Clerk pension	98.24		<b>98.24</b>
Clerk electricity	4.80		<b>4.80</b>
Photocopying	128.04	22.39	<b>150.43</b>
Stationery for sign competition	3.18		<b>3.18</b>
Internet	15.99		<b>15.99</b>
Environment agency drainage	10.15		<b>10.15</b>
Allotment paths	72.00		<b>72.00</b>
B Wright mileage to seminar	54.17		<b>54.17</b>
Planting of trees on green	40.97		<b>40.97</b>
P Pike footpath cutting	50.00		<b>50.00</b>
<b>Total for May</b>	<b>920.47</b>	<b>22.39</b>	<b>942.86</b>

It was reported that 106 monies had been received from the Borough Council as reimbursement for the planting and protection of the trees on the green.

Finances to be agreed, **Proposed** by T Watson, **Seconded** by T Gates, Unanimous.

### Correspondence

An email had been circulated to all from Mrs Dodson regarding the street cleaning on Rising Way. Cllr Beales had visited the site and agreed that some areas mentioned in the email did need attention. Clerk to ask Borough to inspect and to send a copy of Mrs Dodson's email.

### Ponds

Complaints had been received regarding dead ducks and ducklings. The Chairman apologised but stated that these were removed as soon as possible. Mr David Flood had offered his services to help around the village. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to thank him for this.

### Footpaths

The footpath maps had been printed but needed collating, Cllr Gates volunteered to do this. It was agreed that they should be sold at 50p each. Cllr Jordan agreed to produce some posters advertising maps for sale to display in outlets selling them. A framed colour copy of the map was given to Cllr Carberry to display at the Clip, Cllr Gates agreed to produce another for the library. Cllr Warnes reported that on Pratts Loke the manhole cover was still missing at the back of the duck farm. Clerk to report to Norfolk County Council.

### Footways/Highways

The Back Lane traffic calming scheme had been confirmed as not taking any of the green. It was proposed Cllr Huke, seconded Cllr Watson that a letter should be sent to Norfolk County Council backing the need for a scheme on this stretch of road but that the current scheme was unacceptable and to ask for a meeting to be arranged between highways and the Parish Council. All were in favour.

A letter had been received regarding the visibility of the zebra crossing explaining that illuminated signs were in place and that slow road markings were going to be added in the future. Clerk was asked to write to ensure these would be on both sides of the road and to ask for a time frame.

Letters had been received from both the police and highways regarding parking on Somerton Road at school picking up times. The Clerk was asked to write to highways to ask for Slow road marking on the approach to the bend on both side of the road and to ask for a 20mph speed limit in view of the possible increase in traffic with the developments at the High School.

### Village Green/Car Parks

A previous Parish Councillor Mr Rod Cole had e mailed the Clerk asking for a disabled parking bay to be outlined on the Co op car park. All agreed that this was necessary and should be done. Complaints had also been received from members of the public regarding the parking at the pond as some people were parking parallel to the pond therefore taking up more room

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than necessary. Cllr Huke proposed that the Parish Car Park sign at the pond be reinstated and that 5 bays at an angle to the pond should be marked this was seconded by Cllr Gates all were in favour and it was agreed that a £300.00 small works budget for this work (including the disabled bay) would be given to the small works working party. A vote was then taken to discuss further green issues in camera, all were in favour to do this at the end of the meeting after the public had left.

### ***Representative Reports***

#### ***Boat Dyke Trust***

A litter pick by the Crusader volunteer group had been most successful with a trailer load of rubbish being taken away. The trustees were currently advertising for a new Clerk.

#### ***First School***

There had been 2 meetings held with both first and middle schools. Business as usual.

#### ***Allotments***

All rents had been collected and banked, a no parking sign was being purchased to display.

#### ***Youth***

Rock Youth Café AGM to be held this month.

#### ***Village Hall***

A meeting was pending, security cameras were still on the agenda to be purchased.

#### ***Luncheon Club***

Nothing to report.

#### ***Parish Plan***

Nothing to report.

#### ***Transport***

Cllr Beales reported that the Acle flexa bus was not being used as much as was hoped and therefore it may be withdrawn in the future.

Changes to the 603/604 services were imminent and there was an up to date timetable at the Clip and the Lathams bus ran on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month and would soon be running on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month and on this day continuing to Wroxham. She had made enquiries into the new Medical Centre and proposed links to this but had not received the information to date. She had found a Car link which charged 35p per mile from the drivers home and a minibus which ran every Friday for a yearly subscription charge, both these services were for disabled users. Cllr Beales agreed to forward this information to the Webmaster for inclusion on the website.

#### ***Village Signs***

At present the working party were trying to find a contractor to carry out the work.

#### ***Play Area***

Cllr Huke reported that the working party were working towards the proposal for total rejuvenation of the area at the Rollesby Road site. At present the work had been quoted at around £179,000. Possible funding sources had been identified, however in order to apply for such grants an indication of monies available from third party sources had to be listed. He asked permission to indicate that 106 monies would be available for this and that the amount could be in the region of £88,000 although no commitment of monies would be made until a firm amount was known and discussed at full Council. Cllr Huxtable proposed that the working party be allowed to fill in the forms in this way, this was seconded Cllr Watson all were in favour. Cllr Huke also asked for £67.50 payable to GYBC planning for the planning application for the entrance to the car park off Rollesby Road and £100 for N Trust. All were in favour of these amounts being paid.

At this point, the time being 10.00pm, Cllr Jordan proposed that standing orders be moved to allow the meeting to continue past 10.00pm, seconded Cllr Huke all in favour.

### ***Items for next agenda***

Street map

The public were then instructed to leave at 10.02pm.

The following item was then discussed in camera due to the delicate nature of business, therefore the minutes of this part of the meeting are confidential and not published here.

***There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22.18 hrs.***

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

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