

**Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held in the Martham Methodist School Room on 19 April 2006 at 19:30 hrs.**

**Those Present:**

*Councillors:*

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

*Presiding:* M Huke

*Others:* B Cllr B Coleman PC D Cook

Clerk in attendance: Liz Toll                      Together with 9 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

A letter of resignation dated 18<sup>th</sup> April 2006 had been received from Cllr Warnes. The clerk will write to thank her for her services to the parish.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing to report. A member of the public paid compliments on how nice the Greens were looking now that the daffodils were in bloom.

***Borough Councillors Report***

Nothing to report.

***Police Report***

PC Cook had nothing to report. Cllr Wright questioned the parking of a car on the Repps Road Green, PC Cooke confirmed this was a Highways matter. Cllr Watson mentioned concern again of vehicles parking dangerously near the bend at Cess Road, PC Cooke will monitor this area again but stated that Marlborough Green parking which was mentioned, will always be an ongoing problem.

**COUNCIL MEETING**

***Declarations of Interest***

T Watson, B Wright – Allotment holders.

***Minutes of Previous Meeting***

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

***Matters Arising***

Cllr Huxtable congratulated Mrs Toll, temporary clerk on a good first set of minutes.

***Meeting – GYB Services***

Cllr Manifold met with Mr Barrett the newly appointed Service Delivery Manager of the Borough Council on his recent visit to the village. He pointed out issues that would be looked into including additional litter bins and a general litter pick to include the Staithe area. It was noted that dog fouling was evident, in particular at Sandy Lane, it was agreed that a “dog bin” would be provided at the top of the lane. Mr Barrett would be investigating matters concerning the Road Sweeping machine and would confirm the outcome in writing.

***Removal of Ducks:***

Cllr Huke felt that as quite a lot of the ducks had disappeared, obviously nesting, it would not be an appropriate time to take action. As only one quotation had been received from companies approached, legislation states that the council endeavours to obtain at least three tenders for consideration. All in favour to carry forward to September meeting when another assessment of the duck population would be made.

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### **Archive Storage**

Cllr Wright and Huxtable had obtained 2 metal filing cabinets for storage of past records and correspondence, with an option of a third. The information Working Party will sort through the paperwork and archive as necessary.

### **Staithe Road Leases**

The clerk had deposited Original Leases in respect of land at Staithe Road with H.K.B. Wiltshires Solicitors for safe keeping.

### **Rent Review Community Centre**

Cllrs Jordan, Wright and Watson attended a committee meeting at the Coronation Recreation Ground and was felt that N.C.C. were in breach of conditions of their Lease. Cllr Jordan felt that the Lease could be amended to a full repair status. A trustee of the Playing Field is looking into this and will reply as soon as possible. Concerns were raised at the meeting as to the general state of repair of the building and felt that N.C.C. were obliged to correct this.

### **May Fair:**

Cllr Beales had offered to assist Cllr Horrocks with the planning of a future May Fair and this would be discussed at the May meeting.

### **Repps Road Bus Shelter**

Cllr Watson together with residents had monitored youths congregating at the Repps Road bus shelter and felt that there were no longer problems as in the past. It was agreed to review the situation again in September and arrange for renovation of the shelter.

### **Bowls Club Management**

At a recent committee meeting of the Bowls Club the chairman confirmed that this venue would be an additional community area for the village. The club has been funded as an "Open Club" and that all parishioners would be most welcome, membership fees would apply but there would be no charge for tuition. Flegg High School are looking into introducing their pupils.

### **Report on Finance Meeting 12 April**

At the recent finance meeting it was decided to trial a simplified presentation of monies for use of councillors.

### **Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Nominations for Chairman and Vice can be forwarded to the clerk before the May meeting. Election for these posts to be made at the A.G.M meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Planning**

#### **Planning Applications Received for Parish Council Comments**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1 Sydney Close	Rear conservatory	No objections
53 The Green	Kitchen extension	No objections
Sutfield House White Street	Conv pkg sheds to accomm	No objections
74 Repps Road	2 Storey extension	No objections
2 Sycamore Avenue	Conservatory	No objections
Thunder Hill Farm	Refurbishment ext & conversion	No objections
The Old Mill Back Lane	7 Self contained apartments	No objections – advise planting scheme for the amenity land to avoid becoming waste area

Highways to be contacted regarding access from Back Lane turning into Hemsby Road

#### **Planning permissions granted by GYBC**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Comments</b>
9 Coronation Avenue	Rear extension	
Martham Playing Field	Vehicular access	
7 Deepdale Ave	Single storey side extension	
48 Repps Road	Tree preservation	

#### **Planning permissions refused by GYBC**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Comments</b>

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### Finance

Item	Net	VAT	Total
Clerk net pay L Harrold	£599.30		£599.30
Clerk Pension	£104.79		£104.79
Temp Clerk	£423.55		£423.55
NCC Allotment Rent	£335.00		£335.00
Skippers	£28.98	£5.07	£34.05
Steve Robertson Vehicular access plans	£270.00		£270.00
P. Starling Grass Cutting	£100.00	£17.50	£117.50
K Debbage Hefe Cutting	£50.00	£8.75	£58.75
John Hudson Green Posts	£896.50		£896.50
Martham Methodist Chapel Room hire	£132.50		£132.50
NCAPTC	£380.39		£380.30
Miracle Cleaning	£76.00	£13.32	£89.32
BT Phones	£63.84	£11.17	£75.01
Secret Garden Green cutting	£125.00		£125.00
Allianz Cornhill Ins	£817.66		£817.66
St Marys Church (Grant)	£650.00		£650.00
Coronation Rec Ground Grant	£4000.00		£4000.00
Ink Xpress	£10.63	£1.86	£12.49
Bowls Club Grant	£500.00		£500.00
Martham Village Hall	£500.00		£500.00
<b>Total for April</b>	<b>£10064.14</b>	<b>£57.67</b>	<b>£10121.81</b>

Clerk Nett Pay includes additional hours worked collating end of year financial returns. Plus £125.84 maternity entitlement.

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

### Correspondence

The chairman had this day received a letter from Mr Symon Nicholas Jago. This would be carried forward to the May meeting.

### DEFRA

A circular had been received from DEFRA regarding Parish Council's guide to the Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005. All in favour as an Agenda item for May meeting.

### Ponds

Nothing to report

### Footpaths

Cllr Gates had received £22.50 from CLIP and the Boatyard for sales of footpath maps. Cllr Huxtable mentioned that the footpath leading from Staithe Road to Morgrove had been ploughed up but not reinstated. The clerk was requested to notify the land owner Mr J Chapman to ask if this path could be relaid. Cllr Huxtable also asked if the the Damgate Lane/Green Lane could be registered. Cllr Jordan mentioned that the Boat Dyke Trust are endeavouring to get a contractor for grass cutting for the Staithe footpaths but have been unable to find anyone. It was mentioned that it would be useful to know what footpaths the Broads Authority maintained.

### Footways/Highways

Cllr Huxtable reported that there is no road sign at the top of Damgate Lane this is required to assist emergency vehicles. Cllr Wright had received a request for street lights in Clarendon Drive. There is still no direction sign for Hemsby and Winterton from the village green although this is a tourist route. These matters to be reported to Highways Dept.,

### Village Green/Car Parks

Tenders had been received for the repair of the Co-Op car park all in favour to accept Waveney Asphalt quotation of £1224.52 added to the cost of posts already in place would make a total of £2121.00 of which East of England Co-Op had agreed to contribute 50%.

### Representative Reports

Minutes of CLIP meeting were available for councillors to inspect.

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**Boat Dyke Trust**

Cllr Jordan reported on the state of vandalism at the Staithe, the police are endeavouring to follow up these crimes and boat owners have considered offering a substantial reward for information leading to offenders. It was felt that each incident should be reported separately and that the Trust would be communicating direct to the Police.

**First School**

Nothing to report

**Allotments**

Nothing to report

**Playing Field**

Work has commenced on the new Play area and progress is being monitored.

**Youth**

No problems

**Village Hall**

Cllr Manifold made a speech at the unveiling of the plaque in memory of Mr C Pearson

**Transport**

Cllr Beales had received information on the bus service operated by OURBUS of Acle this replaces for a 6 month trial the former Acle Flex bus. Cllr Beales and will be meeting shortly with "OURBUS" representative.

**Village Signs**

The new village signs had been ordered with an expected delivery of up to 6 weeks. Tenders will be obtained from contractors to erect the signs.

**Luncheon Club**

Nothing to report

**Parish Plan**

Nothing to report

**School**

Nothing to report

**Martham Medical Centre**

Nothing to report. Cllr Manifold will arrange for the clerk to have the Minutes from the meeting for circulation to all councillors. Approval has been granted for a bus stop at the medical centre. The Parish Council would need to put in a request for a bus shelter and would be responsible to undertake maintenance.

**Coronation Recreation Ground**

Cllr Watson reported that the football tournament had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

**Items for Next Agenda**

Mr Symon Nicholas-Jago letter/Fun Carnival/Policies/DEFRA (Env Act)

The time being 9.40pm the public were asked to leave as the next item was to be discussed in camera.

***There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22.00 hrs.***

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

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