

**Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held in the Martham Methodist Chapel on 15 November 2006 at 19:30 hrs.**

**Those Present:**

*Councillors:*

J Beales T Brookman B Carberry T Gates M Horrocks M Huke B Huxtable K Jordan T Watson B Wright

*Presiding:* M Huke

*Others:* PC D Cook & Community Support Officer

Clerk in attendance: Pat Devlin

Together with 4 members of the public.

**Apologies:**

B Cllr B Coleman

**PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman thanked Mrs Brown for her regular attendance at the Parish Council Meetings and her invaluable input. He said that she would be missed when she moved from the village.

Mrs Moore asked about when the ducks would be culled. The Chairman explained that it was a majority decision of the Parish Council that this would not take place. He explained that it was only a temporary solution as the ducks would return if the feeding continued at the same level.

***Police Report:***

PC Cook was asked if the van being parked at the top of Cess Road, which seemed to be causing an obstruction could be moved. He said that he would investigate and possibly speak to the owner. The matter of the Repps Road bus shelter was not closed yet but due to the lack of witnesses the police would struggle. At this point Cllr Jordan informed the meeting that he had had his windscreen smashed on his car.

The two telephone call boxes had been trashed and the litter bins ripped off their mountings on the new play area. PC Cook said that all incidents reported were logged and that Martham had been noted as a problem area.

PC Cook reported that the sign over the doorway of the old mace shop was causing no offences that could become police matters.

**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 T Brookman, Unanimous, and were duly signed as a true record with the following amendment. Page 4 – Footpaths – last sentence ‘when purchased.....’ to be struck.

Cllr Jordan then thanked the clerk for the minutes that had been produced, seconded Cllr Brookman.

***Matters Arising***

**Doctors Surgery:** The Chairman explained that a site map showing the extent of the Green in relation to the old surgery had been circulated. Cllr Jordan was asked if he would download a copy of the original deeds from the Land Registry site. The Chairman said that unless some decision was made prior to the property going on the open market there would be ongoing problems with access. A much fuller discussion of the issues was necessary and it was decided that the matter be put on the next agenda.

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Councillors were asked to forward any views they might have to the Clerk prior the next cut off date.

**Street Cleansing:** After reporting at last months meeting that the barrow cleaners were to be reinstated in the village, it now seemed that finances would not permit and monies available would be steered toward mechanical sweeping. It was agreed that a letter be sent from the Parish Council stressing their disappointment and asking that the barrow cleaners be put back into operation early next year.

**Litter Bins:** No further advancement had been made in this matter

**Hemsby Road Bus Shelter:** Cllr Beales reported that the sites for the new bus stops to serve the medical centre had been circulated to councillors. Kevin Jordan suggested that the council write to Mott MacDonald and explain that we intended to put a shelter by the bus stops and was there some way that the two works could be worked in conjunction with each other. The Clerk would speak with Gemma Matsell.

Cllr Jordan asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to Ben Bennetts for the demonstration he gave of the LaMIS system. It was agreed that this should be sent.

## *Planning*

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

<b>Address</b>	<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Land adj Elmside, White Street	40 Dwellings	Parish Council unable to support this application as it would increase the volume of traffic generally within the village and put severe pressure on the infrastructure including education and services. The Chairman also explained that overall the development only contained 15 percent social housing approx 6 homes. The original application was for only 16 dwellings
Land adj to Medical Centre	5 Detached Dwellings	Whilst the Council had no objections to the housing there was concern over the large area of land at the front of the development. The new footway runs through the area to the Medical Centre, who will keep the footway clear and manage the landscaped area. A bus stop is to be placed at the end of the footway and will have a bus shelter. Can the development include a provision for this plus lighting.
2 Maple Close	Retention of Boundary Fences	The Parish Council objected to the enclosure of the property by 2 metre high fences. They believed it out of character and thought it contravened the covenants on the estate. Several letters of complaint had been received regarding these fences
86 Repps Road, Ealing House	2 storey rear ext. repos. Kit & dining rm	No objections
Alberta House, 57 Cess Road	3 Bungalows	No objections

### *Planning permissions granted by GYBC*

<b>Address</b>	<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Comments</b>
164 Repps Road	New Roof & rooms rear ext. & porch	
Clarkes Farm	Change of use	
3 Rising Way	New 2 storey extension	
14 Hall Road	Sun room, gge, car port	

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### Finance

Item	Net	VAT	Total
Clerk net pay	466.23		466.23
Liz Toll Additional Hours	33.49		33.49
Secret Garden – War Memorial	65.00		65.00
NCC Rents – Allotments	335.00		335.00
Secret Garden – Bench in bus shelter	150.00		150.00
Bailey of Norfolk – Top dressing bowls green	502.00	87.85	589.85
Miracle Clean Ltd – October	76.00	13.32	89.32
Miracle Clean Ltd – November	95.00	16.65	111.65
Waste Recycling Limited	101.01	18.20	122.21
<b>Total for November</b>	<b>1823.73</b>	<b>136.02</b>	<b>1962.75</b>

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

Cllr Jordan asked the clerk to be aware that no further bills should be paid for 'Fast 24' as they were no longer trading.

### Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were put on the table for councillors to take and read after the meeting.

**Play Area:** Letter received to say that GYBC was formally committing to taking over legal responsibility for the children's play area, multi-sports court and skate park on Martham Playing Field.

**Caister-on-Sea:** Copy of letter sent by Caister clerk to Borough re flooding. The contents were noted.

**Countryside Alliance:** A letter of support with regards to the Post Office would be sent and other groups informed. A copy of the display card would be given to Ethel Watson for the Parish Magazine.

**Shaping Health:** The contents of the letter were noted and it was agreed to invite them to the February or March meeting.

**Parish Liaison Meeting:** It was noted that the next meeting would be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2007. Cllr Huxtable would be asked to confirm that he would be able to attend.

It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the correspondence received about the planning applications.

The request for a grit/salt bin in Damgate Back Lane would be forwarded to Highways for their comments.

### Carols on the Green

It was agreed that this go ahead . The Clerk would send out the normal form for completion, once it had been amended by Cllr Beales. It was reported that no licence was required for this function.

Proposed Cllr Watson, seconded Cllr Jordan, unanimous.

### Footpaths

A copy of the working party minutes had been circulated. The fly tipping on the footpath had now been referred to the relevant department for investigation.

Footpath No. 17 was overgrown and needed looking at again. It was reported that due to a misunderstanding not all the path was cut last time. The working party would meet and authorise a further cut.

### Footways/Highways

Cllr Beales reported that the church wall on White Street was covered in ivy. She would speak to the vicar about the matter. It was also reported that the barrier at the end of the churchyard footpath was now leaning in across the already narrow footway causing an obstruction. This would be reported.

Cllr Beales reported that there seemed to be some work being carried out on the hole by the main pond. The Clerk would clarify what was being done and how long it would take.

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It was asked whether anything had been heard from John Hudson about the overhanging trees on Black Street. The Clerk – to email for update.

Cllr Wright told the meeting that nothing further had been done about the hole which had appeared on the green area opposite the DIY. It was further reported that the wooden posts had not been replaced yet around that section of the green area.

Clerk – to chase.

### ***Personnel***

**THE COUNCIL THEN WENT INTO AN IN CAMERA SESSION. THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WERE ASKED TO LEAVE.**

Minutes of the in camera session are to be distributed separately.

**THE CHAIRMAN ENDED THE IN CAMERA SESSION AND ALLOWED THE PUBLIC AND PRESS TO RE ENTER THE MEETING.**

### ***Communications***

A list had been distributed to the Councillors detailing the Clip Surgeries. The rota would be available soon.

It was reported that there was a problem with the information board locks.

LaMIS would be made available to more councillors.

### ***Small Works***

It was agreed that the Repps Road Bus Shelter should be repaired and strengthened.

Some Fly posting was taking place in the village. The Chairman would speak to Jeff Gallant and ask him to stop or supply a poster for placing on the Information Board. (Action – Chairman)

The Hermanus would be asked to stop fly posting our village. (Action – Clerk)

### ***Village Signs***

The Clerk reported that Westcotec were unable to quote for the erection of the village signs. A reminder had been sent to NCC.

### ***Representative Reports***

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

A copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Trust had been circulated to councillors. Cllr Jordan reported that Phil Humphreys had applied to stand as trustee.

It was agreed that Mr Humphreys be accepted. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Huke - unanimous

#### ***Allotments***

It was reported that a lot of people were now wanting plots and it might be beneficial to make some plots smaller.

### ***Finance Report***

The Chair asked that those present at the Finance Meeting accept the minutes as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Huke – agreed with the following amendment. That the fifth paragraph re the figure for the Car Park be struck.

It was agreed to adopt the figures presented, less an amount of £1100.00 on non concurrent functions.

Proposed Cllr Jordan, seconded Cllr Watson - unanimous

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*Items for next agenda*

Village Green – Doctors Surgery

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22:00 hrs.*

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