

**Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting
held in the School Room, Methodist Church, Repps Road, Martham
on 19th March 2008 at 19:30 hrs.**

PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman opened the public forum by welcoming one member of the public, Borough Councillor Mary Coleman and PC Cook. Apologies were received from County Councillor Michael Carttiss and Borough Councillor Barry Coleman.

Councillor Beales reported on behalf of a resident that two street lights were out on Black Street which she will report to NCC and that rubbish was accumulating around the area of 1 Grove Farm Cottages.

Councillor Mary Coleman reported that arising from the last meeting she had not received examples of difficulties with contacting the Borough Council from members but would be happy to follow them up if she was provided with specific examples including names and telephone numbers. In answer to a question from Councillor Huxtable Cllr. Coleman said that the issue of the information screen in Great Yarmouth Market Place was still being investigated but the two screens on the seafront were working normally.

Members were delighted to hear from the Councillor that the surfacing of roads and footways at The Avenues had been carried out.

PC Cook had nothing to report. Councillor Watson raised concerns about speeding vehicles in Marlborough Green Crescent. PC Cook was asked if he could do anything to help dissuade people from parking vehicles on the small green outside Broadland Fuels.

The Chairman briefed members about aspects of village green management.

The public forum session ended at 19:46 hours.

COUNCIL MEETING

Those Present:

Councillors: J Beales; T Brookman; B Carberry; T Gates; M Horrocks; M Huke; B Huxtable; K Jordan; P Manifold; T Watson; B Wright.

Presiding: M Huke

Clerk in attendance: Peter Dawson.

1. **Apologies**
None.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Councillor B Wright declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 12 as an allotment holder.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 20th February 2008**
These having been circulated with the agenda it was resolved to AGREE the minutes. ***Proposed by M Horrocks, seconded by B Carberry. Unanimously agreed.*** The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.
4. **Actions arising from the minutes**
 - 4.1 Penny Clark of NCC Youth Services had notified the Council that a new Locality Youth Worker has been appointed. His name is Ian French. The Youth Club will re-open under his management from 18th April 2008 each Tuesday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. During the

period before it opens Mr French will be visiting Year 7 pupils at Flegg High School to tell them about it and will be running a competition to give the club a new name. The club will be for Year 7, (11year olds) only until September and then for both Year 7 & Year 8 pupils that is 11 to 13 year olds.

- 4.2 The Chairman briefed members on the positive outcome of the meeting held with Gladedale (Anglia) Ltd on 4th March concerning the transfer of ownership of land at Miller Rest. Gladedale will be sending details of the agreed arrangements for the provision of lighting and planting.

5. Planning

- 5.1 A letter received from a resident of Thurne Rise on the day of the meeting objecting to the planning application at 39 Thurne Rise was read out and it was noted that the existing remarks on the schedule of planning applications supported the letter as submitted.
- 5.2 The schedule of comments on planning applications received for consultation was approved.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 The Chairman read out a 'thank you' card received from Christine Kirby after the agenda had been circulated.
- 6.2 Three applications were AGREED for use of the Village Green as follows:
- 27.3.08 to 5.4.08 Grays Fun Fair with a charge of £150.
 - 21.6.08 East Norfolk Methodist Church summer fete.
 - 4.7.08 to 7.7.08 Fund Carnival
- 6.3 It was AGREED that a letter of thanks be sent to Stuart Chaplin of NCAPTC on his retirement.
- 6.4 It was noted that the Rector had agreed to council proposals to tidy up planting at the front of the church hall. The Clerk was asked to seek tenders for the work.
- 6.5 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Huke and **seconded** by Cllr Jordan that the terms of the Lease to the Scouts of land in Staithe Road be accepted. *Unanimously agreed.*
- 6.6 The schedule of correspondence provided with the agenda for information was received.

7. Finance

- 7.1 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Horrocks and **seconded** by Cllr Manifold that a payment of £50 be made to hire the Village Hall for a craft fair as part of the May Fair celebrations. Income from stalls would help offset the cost. This to be added to the schedule of payments for the current month. *Unanimously agreed.*
- 7.2 The schedule of invoices circulated with the agenda was approved for payment. **Proposed** by T Watson, **seconded** by J Beales. *Unanimously agreed.*

8. Footways/highways

- 8.1 The Clerk was asked to report to Highways the poor state of the road surface and pot holes in Cess Lane.
- 8.2 It was noted that some of the hedges in Cess Road had been cut by residents as requested by Highways but that all the cuttings had not been cleared away.

9. Footpaths

NCC had provided revised cutting schedule proposals that the Footpath Working Party will consider shortly.

10. May Fair/Communications

Councillors Beales and Horrocks reported on plans for the enhanced May Fair being held from 1st to 5th May. Flyers had been printed which would be circulated by volunteers shortly. Posters had been received. A jazz band had agreed to take part. There will be a Craft Fair at the Village Hall on the Saturday. There will be a small fete at the Village Hall on the Sunday. The Churches were organising events. Car parking arrangements had been made. Local people were already showing a keen interest.

11. Small Works

- 11.1 Barge boards on the central bus shelter are rotten and full repairs will be arranged during 2008-09.
- 11.2 The fencing at the Co-op car park is rotten and is to be completely removed now that the bushes have matured.

12. Allotments

Vacant plots have now been marked out for re-letting. The boundary hedge on Common Road had been cut and residents had made complimentary remarks in thanks. Anglian Water had been contacted about the possibility of providing a water supply to the allotments. Anglian Water had also confirmed that they would remove the weeds from around the sewage plant adjacent to the allotments and had agreed that the Council could plant hedges around their compound.

13. Parish Council Liaison Meeting

Councillor Huxtable gave a very full report on matters discussed at the above meeting held on 6th March 2008 at the Borough Council. The meeting rejected Martham Parish proposals to investigate joint parish insurance cost reductions.

14. Personnel

Nothing to report.

15. Parish Plan

Nothing to report.

16. Luncheon Club

A meeting was held on 17th March . The outcome of a funding request for hall improvements is awaited from the Borough Council.

17. Items for Next Agenda

- Speed restriction proposals.
- Planting of open spaces.
- Back Lane improvements scheme.

18. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 16th April 2008 and the next Public Surgery is on 29th March when the representatives are Councillors Brookman and Carberry.

The meeting closed at 20.50 hours.

Signed..... Dated.....
Chairman