

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2016

Present

Councillors: Askew (Chair), Boyce, Chapman, Coleman, Gathercole, Hook, Norman, Peckitt

3 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Long.

2. Confirm Minutes of Meetings Held on 14th December 2015

Having been circulated before the meeting the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record by all present at the meetings.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Public Speaking

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking,

Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd: Cllr Chapman

Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

5. Matters Arising

All matters arising to be addressed under other items on the agenda.

6. Correspondence

Information from Highways on closure of road for repairs to bridge on Walsoken Road from 15th – 24th February during the hours of 07:00 to 18:00 each day.

Confirmation from the Post Office, following completion of the consultation, of the changes to the times for the Mobile Post Office service from Monday 25th January.

Circulated prior to meeting: Police – weekly crime stats, volunteers needed for crimestoppers; NALC – Newsletters; Norfolk Community Foundation – grant news.

7. Community Building Project update from MDCSC

Cllr Chapman advised that they were still awaiting a decision from the Big Lottery and that when a decision is received there is likely to be a four week embargo period before the decision can be announced therefore it is likely to be towards the end of February before there is any news.

8. Playing Field Management Partnership (PFMP)

To give permission to Claret Civil Engineering to use the Playing Field Car Park for storage of materials and parking for the duration of the repair work to the sewerage manhole covers on Smeeth Road.

Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd Cllr Gathercole

Agreed.

To approve the expenditure of £679.10 including VAT for the new swing seat and parts and labour to repair the roundabout and to use the £300 donated to the Playing Field towards the cost of these repairs.

Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd Cllr Coleman

Agreed.

9. Trod and outstanding Highways issues

A meeting has been arranged for 2pm on 12th January with Karl Rands (Western Area Manager with Highways) and Andy Wallace (Highways Engineer) to discuss all of the outstanding issues. It was noted that some of the issues have been resolved.

10. Highway Matters

Replacement of damaged reflector posts on Walton Road to be mentioned at meeting with Highways.

11. Finance

a. *Accept accounts to 31st December 2015.*

Prop: Cllr Hook 2nd: Cllr Gathercole

Agreed.

b. The Clerk read out a list of payments due:

Miss S J Thorpe – Clerk's admin & expenses Oct/Dec	£91.35
Mr J Norman – replacement toilet seat for pavilion	£9.84

Agree to sign cheques and approve payments.

Prop: Cllr Chapman 2nd: Cllr Hook

Agreed.

Chairman..... Date.....

- c. Precept for 2016/17
The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for the next financial year. It was agreed that the budget for “Repairs to play equipment” should be increased from £500 to £1000 and that the “maintenance of footpath” should be renamed “maintenance of trod” for clarification. The figures were discussed.
To set the Precept at £19303, which would represent a 0% increase to the Band D taxbase. Prop: Cllr Chapman 2nd: Cllr Boyce Agreed.

12. Planning Matters

- a. Applications received since last meeting:
 - i. **15/02024/F Retrospective application for a log cabin style mobile home/caravan at Wings Farm, Rands Drove.** The application was discussed and the PC agreed to OBJECT to this application as it was too far from the principle dwelling.
 - ii. Two additional applications had been received in the last few days and it was agreed to arrange an Extra-ordinary meeting for Monday 25th January at 7pm to discuss these.
- b. Planning decisions from the BC:
 - i. **15/01486/F Passive house of rural character at Marshland Farm, Moyses Bank.** This application had been refused.
 - ii. **15/01492/F Proposed new dwelling on garden/site of caravan at Tumbleweed Cottage 285 Smeeth Road.** This application had been permitted.
 - iii. **15/01614/F Erection of dwelling to replace one destroyed by fire at 8 Trinity Road.** This application had been permitted.
 - iv. **15/01720/F Single storey front extension at 61 Smeeth Road.** This application had been permitted.
Cllr Coleman advised that she had attended the Planning Committee meeting at the BC earlier that day and that the planning application number 15/01775/O for 2 x 4 bedroom dwellings at land north of 19 Smeeth Road had been permitted. An update was also given to the PC on decisions in other areas which were made at that meeting.

13. Public Speaking

*Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking.
Prop: Cllr Chapman 2nd: Cllr Gathercole Agreed.
Meeting re-started.*

14. Councillors Concerns and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Items to remain on agenda as already agreed.

15. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

24th January at 7pm for and Extra-ordinary meeting and then 8th February 2016 at 7.15pm, for a Playing Field Management Partnership meeting followed by Ordinary Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm; all meetings at St James Methodist Church.
Cllrs Gathercole & Hook to check accounts before the February meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.