MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2016

Present

Councillors: Askew (Chair), Boyce, Chapman, Gathercole, Hook, Long, Norman. Cllr Humphrey (County Councillor).

4 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1.	Apologies for Absence Cllr Coleman and Cllr Peckitt			
2.	Confirm Minutes of Meetings Held on 8 th & 16 th February 2016 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			
	Cllr Gathercole declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13a(i).			
4.	Public Speaking Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking, Prop: Cllr Norman 2 nd : Cllr Chapman Meeting re-started.	Agreed.		
5.	Matters Arising			
•	All matters arising to be addressed under other items on the age	nda.		
6.	Correspondence			
-	Circulated prior to meeting: BC – PC planning update slides, consultation on a Community Infrastructure Levy; Police – weekly crime stats, notes/actions from SNAP meeting on 3 rd February; NALC – newsletters, training update; Norfolk Community Foundation – grant news; CAN – newsletter; NCC – Moyses Bank road closure from 7 th -9 th March, consultation on Local List for Validation of Planning Applications; Fenland District Cncl – consultation on implementing a selective licensing scheme in Wisbech. Circulated after the meeting: Clerks & Councils Direct; CAN – Signpost magazine; details & free sample of HM Queen Elizabeth II 90 th Birthday commemorative medals.			
7.	Community Building Project update from MDCSC			
	Cllr Chapman advised that MDCSC were about a week away from resubmitting the application and that the additional proposed new dwellings in the village would be a positive item. Applications had also been made to other grant providers. The Spring Fayre was currently being organised. Cllr Gathercole advised that MDCSC were now very close to the £15,000 target of local fundraising and he was hopeful that they would reach this before the deadline. The PC agreed that this was good news and congratulated MDCSC on this point.			
8.	Playing Field Management Partnership (PFMP) A letter had been received from MDCSC formally requesting permission to hold a St George's Day Spring Fayre on 23 rd April and that the PC agreed to the close the field to the public for the day to enable MDCSC to charge an entrance fee to the event. The PC was advised that the PFMP had recommended approval of both requests. A discussion took place on this issue and some reservations were expressed on closure of the field which was felt should not be agreed lightly. It was also noted that better communication with other users should be undertaken in future when planning events. <i>To endorse the recommendations of the PFMP</i>			
	Prop: Cllr Long 2 nd : Cllr Askew	Agreed		
9.	Replacement street light at the Playing Field site The PC was advised that the PFMP had recommended that the light should not be changed at this stage as if the new community building went ahead the current light would be removed. <i>To endorse the recommendations of the PFMP</i>			
10	Prop: Cllr Long 2 nd : Cllr Askew	Agreed		
10.	Contract for grass cutting The PC was advised that the PFMP had recommended that the	contract with CGM be		
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	extended for two years at the same cost.			
	To endorse the recommendations of the PFMP			
	Prop: Cllr Long 2 nd : Cllr Askew	Agreed		
11.	Highways issues			
	Andy Wallace (Highways Engineer) had advised that the extension of the trod to the			
	corner of Trinity Road would now be completed during April.			
	New issues to report:			
	Rands Lane – poor condition of road surface and grass growing in the middle.			
	School Road – pot holes near to the Marshland Arms pub.			
	St Pauls Road (South) – pot holes.			
	Dades Lane – overhanging hedge obstructing the road. Action: Clerk to report issues to Highways and send letter to owner of hedge			
	Cllr Gathercole advised that he would be travelling around the village with Hi			
	the next few weeks to identify all of the missing finger posts.	griways iri		
	Cllr Long commented on the condition of some of the sunken sewerage cover	ers on		
	Smeeth Road and was informed that Anglian Water were monitoring the situation			
	regarding the covers that had already been replaced before doing any more.			
12.	Finance			
a.	Accept accounts to 29 th February 2016.			
	Prop: Cllr Long 2 ^{nð} : Cllr Norman	Agreed.		
b.	The Clerk read out a list of payments due:	-		
	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – replacement parts/repairs to playground	£650.34		
	CGM Ltd – grass cutting for February	£44.40		
	URM (UK) Ltd – glass recycling	£3.60		
	Westcotec Ltd – replacement at cost for 2 streetlight brackets	£102.00		
	The Clerk advised that the broken brackets had been discovered when the street lights			
	were replaced and approval for the expenditure had been given by the Chair			
	Vice-Chairman as an urgent decision had been needed and the company ha	id agreed		
	to only charge the cost value. Agree to sign cheques and approve payments.			
	Prop: Cllr Long 2 nd : Cllr Norman	Agreed.		
C.	Internal Auditor for 2015/16	Ayreeu.		
0.	The Clerk advised that the PC's previously appointed Internal Auditor had now retired			
	and she had approached Christine Hurley from Fincham with a view to taking on this			
	role as she already did the Internal Audits for two of her other PCs. The Clerk			
	confirmed that she was suitably qualified for the role and had no conflict of in			
	To appoint Christine Hurley as the new Internal Auditor for 2015/16			
	Prop: Cllr Norman 2 nd : Cllr Askew	Agreed.		
13.	Planning Matters			
	The Chairman provided information on the decision by the BC to send consultations on			
	planning applications electronically, rather than posting paper copies, from 1			
	2016. It was agreed that the PC should consider purchase of a laptop and th			
	should be added to the next agenda and the Clerk should provide three quot			
	along with a recommendation. A letter should also be sent to the Church to a	ask tor		
-	permission to use the projector.			
a.	<u>Applications received since last meeting:</u> Cllr Gathercole left the room at this point.			
i.	16/00198/O Outline application: Proposed dwellings at land on School F	Road The		
1.	application was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPORT the application.			
	Cllr Gathercole returned to the room at this point.			
ii	16/00334/O Outline application: 2 dwellings at land SW of Hunters Lodg	ie. 70		
	Smeeth Road. The application was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPO			
	application.			
iii	16/00412/F First floor extension over garage at 291 Smeeth Road. The a	pplication		
	was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPORT the application.			
b.	Planning decisions from the BC. The following applications had been permitt	ted:		

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- 16/00127/O Erection of one dwelling at land opposite 342 Smeeth Road i. 16/00104/F Application for fence screen on top of existing garden wall a Old ii
- Stable Barn. Dades Lane.
- iii. 16/00104/PACU3 Change of use from agricultural grain stores and implement stores to dwelling at farm buildings adjacent to Bishops Lodge, Moyses Bank.
- Public Speaking 14. Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole 2nd: Cllr Chapman Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

15. Councillors Concerns and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Items to remain on agenda as already agreed.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting 16.

Wednesday 30th March at 7pm for an Extra-ordinary meeting and then 11th April 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 Long & Norman to check accounts before the April meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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