

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 10th July 2017

Present

Councillors: Askew (Chair), Coleman, Gathercole, Long

4 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Boyce, Chapman, Hook, Norman & Peckitt.

2. Confirm Minutes of Meetings Held on 12th & 26th June 2017

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 Askew declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 and Cllr Long declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7.

4. Public Speaking

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking,

Prop: Cllr Gathercole

2nd: Cllr Long

Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

5. Matters Arising

Emneth PC had advised that they would be identifying the properties on Hungate Road with overhanging trees/bushes and contacting the residents concerned.

Cllr Gathercole and Askew had met with a representative from Anglian Water to inspect the damaged sewerage covers and the ones to be repaired had been marked.

6. Correspondence

Circulated prior to meeting: BC – new property addresses at 38, 193 and 130 Smeeth Road and The Granary, Middle Drove, slides from briefing on Boundary Commission; NCC – info on temporary road closures on Smeeth Road from 3rd – 7th July, update on review of small schools; Police – rural crime newsletters, weekly updates, minutes from the last SNAP meeting; NALC – newsletters; CAN – newsletter and funding news; NCF – Grant news; NPFA – invite to AGM on 13th July.

To be circulated after the meeting: Clerk & Councils Direct x 2, Signpost newsletter, info on Merchant Navy Day.

7. Community Building Project update from MDCSC

Cllr Gathercole reported that construction work had commenced on 19th June and completion was set for 17th December 2017; the contractor was Walkers of King's Lynn. The total cost would be over £1m and the project was now fully funded with a grant of over £700k from the Big Lottery Fund and other grants totally over £200k along with a loan from the BC of £150k, which would be repaid from the sale of the Jubilee Hall site when the community building was completed. The concrete would be laid from Wednesday. The project was on time and within budget. There had been some incidents of vandalism on the playing field since the start of construction; the police had been informed and were keeping an eye on the site.

Lee Chapman and Martin Peckitt had stepped down from the MDCSC committee; thanks, was expressed to them for all of their hard work on the project. The Annual Public Meeting would be taking place on 12th July at 8pm.

8. Playing Field Management Partnership (PFMP)

The site had been closed for the start of construction but was now open again; however, it would need to be closed again at some stage. Cllr Norman had expressed thanks to Janet Henson for producing the signs to display at the playing field regarding closure and opening of the site to the public. Keys had been provided so that the car park could be fully opened during evenings and weekends for use by teams.

9. Purchase of a Defibrillator

Mr Gowler had advised that funding was no longer available from the FA but it was possible that Sport England or Alive Norfolk could help. This to be investigated and item to be carried forward to next meeting in September.

10. Donation to Jubilee Hall Committee

This matter would need to be carried forward as the letter from the Jubilee Hall Committee had requested help with legal fees rather than release of the budgeted donation.

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11. Electoral review of warding arrangements

The BC were carrying out a review and the number of Councillors would be decreased to 54 with ward sizes being regularised. This could mean changes to most wards but the BC would be trying to keep parishes within one ward where possible. It was hoped that the current name of Mershe Lande would be retained for our ward.

12. Fly Grazing on tracks and rights of way

Emails had been received from a resident and the British Horse Society (BHS) expressing concern about fly grazing of horses on tracks in the local area. The emails referred to several incidents of the horses causing obstructions and injuries to riders. It asked for the PCs help with getting the correct authorities to take action under the Control of Horses Act 2015. A discussion took place on this issue and it was agreed that it was for Norfolk Constabulary to enforce the law and that a letter should be sent to Lorne Green, Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) asking for him to speak to Norfolk Constabulary regarding enforcement action as it was understood that some other local constabularies were already taking this action; a copy of correspondence from resident and BHS to be sent with letter; resident and BHS to be advised to also write to PCC. Cllr Long agreed to speak to the following: NCC about providing signage advising of the law; Andy Wallace, Highways Engineer, to seek their assistance; and King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board to advise them of the situation.

13. Highways issues

Trod – grass has now been cut on either side of trod by CGM. It was agreed that CGM should be asked for an additional spraying of the trod due to missing a cut.

Walton Road – pot holes in the middle of the road now repaired.

Black Drove (weeds & grass growing) – Highways to monitor.

Smeeth Road (No 105) – visibility affected by car transporter parked overnight on side of road. Police to look into issue.

Cllr Askew and Gathercole had carried out an inspection of the village and noted several addresses where trees/bushes were overhanging the highways and it was agreed that the list would be prioritised and letters sent accordingly.

Playground sign on Smeeth Rd near Woolners Freight posts have rusted through and need replacing – to report to Highways.

269 Smeeth Rd (pots on side of road) – to chase up with Highways.

14. Finance

a. *Accept accounts to 30th June 2017.*

Prop: Cllr Long

2nd: Cllr Coleman

Agreed.

b. The list of payments due as follows was read out:

CGM Ltd – grounds maintenance for May

£90.00

Agree to sign cheque and approve payment.

Prop: Cllr Askew

2nd: Cllr Long

Agreed.

15. Planning Matters

a. Applications received since last meeting:

i. **17/01158/RM Reserved Matters Application for plot 3 at land NE of 46 Smeeth Rd.**

The application was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPORT the application.

ii **17/01199/F Proposed stable and barn at Fenhaven, 326 Smeeth Rd.** The

application was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPORT the application.

iii **17/01224/RM Reserved Matters Application for plot 4 at land adj 46 Smeeth Rd.**

The application was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPORT the application.

b. Planning decisions from the BC.

i. **16/01853/NMA_1 Non-Material amendment to reserved matters application**

16/01853/RM: plot 4 – construction of dwelling at land NW of 37 Smeeth Rd.

Application not required.

ii **17/01208/F Proposed menage at Fenhaven, 326 Smeeth Rd.** Application withdrawn.

iii **17/00864/F Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 16/01763/RM:**

reserved matters application, erection of 2 detached dwellings at 2 Trinity Rd.

Application withdrawn.

iv **16/01999/F Proposed replacement dwelling and stables at 41 Walton Rd.**

Application permitted.

v **17/00916/LDE Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing**

residential caravan employed as a dwelling at Button Hole Lake, School Rd. Was Lawful.

16. Public Speaking

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

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking.

Prop: Cllr Long

2nd: Cllr Gathercole

Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

17. Councillors Concerns and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Items to remain on agenda as already agreed.

18. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 18th July for an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council meeting at 7pm and then Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.15pm, for a Playing Field Management Partnership meeting followed by an Ordinary Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm; all meetings at St James Methodist Church.

Cllr Coleman gave her apologies for the meeting on 18th July.

Cllrs Hook & Long to check accounts before the September meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.