

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 7th January 2019

Present

Councillors: Askew (Chair), Boyce, Coleman, Gathercole, Long, Norman, Thorpe and Wilkinson.

Five members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hallett and Cllr Humphrey (County Councillor).

2. Confirm Minutes of Meetings Held on 10th December 2018

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 an interest in item 7.

4. Public Speaking

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking,

Prop: Cllr Long

2nd: Cllr Norman

Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

5. Matters Arising

None as all matters arising to be dealt with under other items.

6. Correspondence

Circulated prior to meeting: Police – parish newsletters, rural crime newsletters, scam alerts; NALC – newsletters; NCC – temporary road closure on Blunts Drove from 8th-10th January, West Norfolk Early Help Bulletin and Service Directory; BC – new property address of Orchard View, Dades Lane; Norfolk Local Access Forum – call for new members; NPT&S – Training update; Ward Gethin Archer – info on services; Alive Places – January update.

Clerks & Councils Direct January Newsletter was brought to the meeting but Councillors did not wish to circulate it.

7. Issues from the Playing Field Management Partnership (PFMP) meeting.

Condition of football pitches – the PFMP had discussed the issue and agreed that the Clerk should send a letter to Marshland Saints FC asking for them to rotate use of some areas for training and matches for the junior teams.

Flooding in the PC car park – the PFMP had agreed that the work was required to solve the problem of surface water flooding, which was still collecting between the two car parks. As the PC had agreed at the last meeting that this work should go ahead if required there was no need for a decision on this item by the PC.

8. Highways issues

The third village gateway had been installed. It was noted that it was very narrow but Highways had advised that they had cut it to the maximum size to fit the verge.

The developer constructing the Walton Fields site had advised that the sign post on the corner of Smeeth Road with Walton Road had been removed under the instruction of NCC Highways department. They had retained the sign and were awaiting instruction on relocation. Highways had advised that the sign post had been removed as part of the agreed planning consent and a new one would be installed but how and where had not yet been agreed. The PC agreed that Highways should be asked to reinstall the original sign rather than a new one and that the developer should be asked to store the sign in a more secure location to ensure it was not stolen.

New issues to report:

Smeeth Road/Trinity Road junction – street name sign (SNS) for “Smeeth Road” (next to No 133) needed replacing.

School Road/Moyses Bank junction – SNS for “Moyses Bank” needs replacing.

Smeeth Road/Rustons Road junction – SNS for “Rustons Road” has been hit and damaged.

Hope Lane (from corner with Bonnetts Lane up to Marshland Arms) – pot holes.

Smeeth Road (former site of Jubilee Hall) – street lantern needs repositioning.

School Road/Middle Drove junction (towards Neeps Bridge up to Fir Tree Farm and beyond Podyke Bank to junction with Outwell Road) – pot holes.

Trinity Road (from Trinity Hall Farm to Hall Road junction) – pot holes.

Action: Clerk to report new issues.

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

