

# MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Present

Councillors: Askew (Chair), Coleman, Didwell, Gathercole, Partridge, Redhead, Norman, Thorpe & Wilkinson

1 member of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

**1. Apologies for Absence**

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

**2. Confirm Minutes of Meetings Held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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

**3. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**4. Public Speaking**

*Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking,*

*Prop: Cllr Norman*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr Gathercole*

*Agreed.*

*Meeting re-started.*

**5. Matters Arising**

None.

**6. Correspondence**

Circulated prior to meeting: Police – parish newsletters, rural crime newsletters, scam alerts; NALC – newsletters; CAN – newsletters and funding news; NCC – early help services directory & bulletin, children’s half term holiday activities; Active Places – newsletter; Norfolk CPRE – info on rural housing conference; NPTS – training and events update; Norfolk County Farms – Tracks newsletter.

**7. Playing Field Management Partnership (PFMP)**

The PFMP had asked the PC to approve submitting a grant application to the Mick George Community Fund for £50k to help with the cost of the project to replace the skate ramp and refurbish the MUGA. The PC would need to supply 11% of any funding approved as a condition of the grant award; which was usual practice for this type of funding. Other smaller grants could be available and this would also be explored. An update on quotations and ways of funding the project was provided by the Clerk.

*To authorise submission of a grant application to the Mick George Community Fund.*

*Prop: Cllr Gathercole*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr Wilkinson*

*Agreed.*

**8. Highways issues**

Rustons Road & Moyses Bank – new street name plates had been installed.

New issues to report:

St Paul’s Road South (near Mill House) – wooden posts installed on highway

Smeeth Road – vehicle parking on footpath/side of road at night

Smeeth Road – request for signs warning of horse riders on road

Middle Drove (near Fir Tree Farm) – pot hole

Chapel Road/School Road junction – pot hole

Smeeth Road (opposite the Bowls Green) – damage to footpath

Smeeth Road – white blocks too close to the road at one property

Concerns were raised about speeding motorists in the village and a discussion took place on setting up a Community Speed Watch Scheme and the possibility of asking Highways to consider reducing the speed limit to 30mph.

*Action: Clerk to contact West Walton PC on first new issue and report other issues to Highways.*

**9. Date of future Parish Council meetings**

A request had been made to consider changing the date of future meeting to avoid clashing with bingo in the main hall. Other dates had been investigated but it seemed that Monday evenings remained the best option. For this meeting the room had been arranged in way to try to limit the disruption of noise from the kitchen and additional tables had been set up for councillors. It was agreed that this was an improvement and that the schedule for meeting should not be changed.

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

