

# Marshland St James Annual Parish Meeting 2022

## held on 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Askew (Chair) and N Watson (Clerk)  
8 members of the public.

1. **Welcome by Chairman of Parish Council**
2. **Minutes** – The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2019 were agreed by those at the meeting and then signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising** – No matters arising as no issues had been raised.
4. **Chairman's Report** – An update of Parish Council work was given (report attached)
5. **Reports from Village Groups** – reports were given from the following groups:

WI  
St James Church  
Bowls Club  
Marshland St James & District Community & Sports Centre  
Playing Field Management Partnership

Cllr Chris Dawson (Norfolk County Council) made brief comments

6. **Open Forum for Parishioners Concerns**

A member of the public asked questions about road closures, provision of services especially medical facilities and Ukrainian refugees. Responsibility for each of these matters falls to Norfolk County Council, and Cllr Dawson gave a brief explanation of each point.

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm

Signed..... Dated.....



# MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

**April 2021 to March 2022**

## **Chairman's Report**

A very special welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting for 2022, our first for three years following the disruption caused by the Covid19 pandemic.

The Parish Council has had a busy but productive year.

32 planning applications from within the village were made to the Borough Council; a varied mix of new build, extensions and change of use.

The replacement skate ramp was installed during the year, and the Multi-Use Games Area has been completely refurbished. Our thanks go to the many generous sponsors of the facility, which has greatly enhanced the variety of activities available. We were pleased to welcome James Bagge, Deputy Lieutenant for Norfolk to officially open the Skate Ramp and MUGA in December.

On the same day, Mr Bagge presented the village community with a plaque commissioned by the Norfolk Lieutenancy to commemorate our community's resilience during the pandemic.

Work continues apace of the production of a Neighbourhood Plan, which will develop a shared vision for the development and growth of the village over the next twenty years.



We are delighted that our quest to reduce speed through the village has been supported by Norfolk County Council and a scheme is being drawn up that should bring great benefits in road safety around the school and throughout the village.

The Parish Council has continued to report Highways issues including potholes and damage to road surface and footpaths.

Parish Council expenditure was within budget in 2021/22; the Precept has seen an increase for 2022/23, in the main to contribute to repairs to the car-park entrance. This work is being match-funded by Norfolk County Council under the Parish Partnership Scheme.

We bid farewell to our popular Parish Clerk, Sarah, in September after many years of wise counsel, and welcomed Neil Watson to the role.

Finally, we thank our District Councillors Barry Ayres and Brian Long, and our County Councillor Chris Dawson for their hard work on behalf of the village.

Further information on Parish Council activities is available on the website which can be found at

<http://marshlandstjamespc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

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