

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2020

This meeting was held virtually in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Present

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

13 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received.

2. Confirm Minutes of Meeting Held on 12th and 22nd October 2020

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

2nd: Cllr Gathercole

Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

13. Planning Matters

a. Applications received since last meeting:

- i. **20/01585/F New dwelling at Land W of Bramble Cottage, Dades Lane.** The application was discussed. Cllr Coleman advised that NCC Highways had objected to the application as they thought the road was too narrow for additional dwellings so she would be objecting. It was agreed to SUPPORT the application following a proposal by Cllr Norman, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson. Five votes in favour, two against and two abstaining.
- ii. **20/01246/FM Use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, together with hardstanding and utility/day room and use of land for keeping of horses and the erection of stable at Orchard south of School Road.** The application was discussed. It was agreed to OBJECT to the application following a proposal by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Redhead. Eight votes in favour, one abstaining. Material consideration reasons for objecting: development was outside the development boundary for the village and was therefore not a sustainable development; highways safety concerns – no footpath could be installed to link to the current footpath on School Road and the site was outside the 40mph speed limit area on the road. The site was within flood zone 3 and it was believed that caravans would fail the sequential test which was required for new development in this zone.
- iii. **20/01666/RM Reserved matters application: construction of 4 dwellings at land NE of 36 School Road.** The application was discussed. Cllr Coleman advised that she believed plot 1 was too large to allow access to the paddock at the rear. It was noted that the entrance from the highway for this access was outside the site for the application. It was agreed to SUPPORT the application following a proposal by Cllr Norman, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson. Seven votes in favour, one against and one abstaining.
- iv. **20/01662/F Extension onto garage to form work from home office at 4 Walton Road.** The application was discussed. It was agreed by all to SUPPORT the application following a proposal by Cllr Askew, seconded by Cllr Gathercole.
- v. **Proposal for residential development on Walton Road.** Item to be carried forward to the next PC meeting.
- b. Planning decisions from the BC.
 - i. **20/01143/F Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling including extension of residential curtilage.** The application had been approved.
 - ii. **20/01231/O Outline Application Some Matters Reserved for Proposed residential Development on Land N of 36 School Road.** The application had been refused.

5. Matters Arising

Two emails had been received from UK Power Networks in relation to the complaint about the excessive number of power cuts experienced in the village in recent months.

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The response advised that it had taken them two years to get permission from a landowner to cut down trees which were interfering with the overhead cables and causing power cuts during periods of strong wind; this was completed in September. They had also identified five other areas of tree interference and had planned to trim these by the end of October. These works would require a shutdown of power in the area and affected customers would be given at least three days prior notice of a shutdown. A second email had then been received on 4th November advising that due to the planned national lockdown from 5th November the scheduled remaining tree cutting had been postponed and was likely to take place in the New Year, potentially not until Spring 2021, when the weather was better. They also noted that there had not been any further power cuts since the end of September, including during the recent October storm Aiden, which they anticipated was the result of the repairs completed in September. It was agreed that the information would be passed to residents via the PC website and social media.

6. Correspondence

Items passed to members before the meeting: NCC – West Norfolk Early Help updates, annual budget consultation, temporary road closure on Hungate Road, Emneth from 20th November; Norfolk ALC – updates, training news and updates from the Wellbeing initiative; Police – scam alerts, community updates, rural crime updates, message from new inspector and Stop Hate in Norfolk campaign; BC – new property address of Marshland St James from Emneth for Goose Lane (South), consultation on Council Tax Support Scheme; Queen Elizabeth Hospital patient experience survey.

7. Playing Field Management Partnership (PFMP)

- a. The PFMP had asked the PC to approve the reopening of the play area. The Clerk provided information regarding reopening of the play area in Tilney St Lawrence; signs had been obtained from the BC at a cost of £150 but these signs were no longer available, however the BC could provide A2 signs at a cost of £8 each with a minimum order of £20, and they would need to be collected from King's Lynn. Cllr Norman had agreed to pay for the cost of 3 signs which would be £24. Tilney St Lawrence had cleaned and repainted their play equipment prior to reopening. A risk assessment would need to be completed before the area could be reopened. The Clerk advised that she had also obtained advice from the PC insurers who had advised that the PC was not covered for any claims relating to Covid 19, as all insurers were now excluding this from their policy, however they expected that any claims made would be unsuccessful but councils would be liable for any legal fees to defend claims made. Thanks, was expressed to Cllr Norman for his offer to pay for the signs.

That the Clerk should obtain the signs, completed the risk assessment and then the play area should be reopened once the signs had been erected.

Prop: Cllr Wilkinson 2nd: Cllr Askew Agreed.

- b. The PFMP had asked the PC to approve asking All Clear Drainage for a quotation to jet out the pipe running under the road from the culvert.

That the Clerk should obtain a quotation and it should be approved by delegated authority if it fell within the range where this could be approved.

Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd: Cllr Gathercole Agreed.

- c. The PFMP had asked the PC to authorise further repairs of pot holes in the playing field car park by Cllr Gathercole and Cllr Norman.

To approve the request from the PFMP

Prop: Cllr Askew 2nd: Cllr Wilkinson Agreed.

8. Repairs and repainting of bench at the Church

Cllr Norman had removed the bench and advised that there were two options for repairing the rotten slats. A quick short-term repair would cost about £50 for materials, but would probably only last about a year. The other alternative was more extensive repairs, which could last up to 20 years, for about £200 in materials. There would be no cost for labour.

To approve the extensive repairs for about £200.

Prop: Cllr Coleman 2nd: Cllr Askew Agreed.

Residents had been informed of why the seat had been removed via social media. It was expected that the work would be completed by the Spring 2021.

9. Parish Council representative for Norfolk Association of Local Councils

The association had recently become a co-operative organisation and they now wished

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member councils to be able to have a greater involvement in how they operated. With this in mind they were asking all councils to put forward a representative who could attend meetings every few months.

That Cllr Askew should be put forward as the PC representative.

Prop: Cllr Norman

2nd: Cllr Wilkinson

Agreed.

10. Highways issues

Highways had advised the following:

Rungays Bridge (fence too close to road) – Technician to ask boundaries team at County Hall if he could take over this issue.

School Road (damaged culvert) – with contractor who re-laid the road surface to undertake repairs.

School Road (uneven surface) – to be completed in next financial year.

Smeeth Road (uneven footpath at No 245 and 249) – he would take a look and advise.

Outstanding issues to follow up and new issues to report:

Smeeth Road (cleaning of road signs) – village signs had been cleaned but cleaning of the gateways was the responsibility of the PC.

Trinity Road (No 33) – dip in road to be chased up.

Hope Lane – pot holes to be reported.

Hickathrift Field footpath – photos of condition had been passed to Technician.

Garners Lane – resident still have problems with deliveries despite renaming of road.

BC had advised that could not help with the issue. Resident to be advised to refer to Cllr Long if problem continued.

Action: Clerk to report new issues to Highways.

11. Finance

a. *To donate £25 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal*

Prop: Cllr Norman

2nd: Cllr Coleman

Agreed.

b. *Accept accounts to 31st October 2020.*

Prop: Cllr Norman

2nd: Cllr Askew

Agreed.

c. The list of payments due for November:

A list had been provided to members before the meeting, payments totalling as follows:

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – donation	£25.00
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King's Lynn IDB – trimming of dyke at the playing field	£72.00
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CGM Ltd – grounds maintenance	£249.60
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Miss S J Thorpe – Clerks salary November	£575.20
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Haven Power – street lighting electric for November	£73.24
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E & DE Gathercole – car park repairs at playing field	£122.06
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E & DE Gathercole – clear dyke near Bowls Green	£36.00
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Agree to sign cheques and approve payments.

Prop: Cllr Norman

2nd: Cllr Askew

Agreed.

12. Request from Marshland Saints FC for financial help to purchase a new line marker

No further information at the moment so item to be carried forward.

14. Public Speaking

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole

2nd: Cllr Wilkinson

Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

15. Councillors Concerns and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Items to remain on the agenda as agreed.

16. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.00pm, for a Playing Field Management Partnership meeting followed by an Ordinary Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm; all meetings will be held virtually.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.