

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 12th October 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, Redhead, Norman & Wilkinson

4 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Thorpe.

2. Confirm Minutes of Meeting Held on 14th September 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 Gathercole 2nd: Cllr Wilkinson

Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

5. Matters Arising

Condition of footpath at Hickathrift Field. The Highways Technician had advised that the automated reports received advising that no action was being taken were an error. He had visited the site and arranged for some overhanging hedges to be cut and was still pursuing action on one hedge, which had not yet been cut. He had programmed work on the overgrown footpath; some work had been done but he was not happy with the standard so would be getting the contractor to return to carry out further work.

6. Correspondence

Items passed to members before the meeting: Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power facility project – consultation event: NCC – West Norfolk Early Help updates, temporary road closure on Hungate Road, Emneth from 19th-23rd October; Norfolk ALC – updates and updates from the Wellbeing initiative; Police – scam alerts, community updates, rural crime updates, newsletters and Stop Hate in Norfolk campaign; BC – confirmation of change of name for Goose Lane (North and South), new property addresses at 10,12,14 & 16 Bonnetts Lane, Green Homes Grant Scheme; Alive West Norfolk – newsletter; Reply from Liz Truss MP regarding letter from Home Secretary on misuse of Nitrous Oxide; Local Government Boundary Commission – NCC boundaries division review; letter from NCC advising of rent review for the allotment land from October 2021 (PC tenants had been advised).

7. Playing Field Management Partnership (PFMP)

a. The PFMP had asked the PC to include in the maintenance contractor for 2021 a schedule for strimming the bank (late April and July) and applications of herbicide (April, June and August) for some areas at the playing field.

To approve the request from the PFMP

Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd: Cllr Wilkinson

Agreed.

b. The PFMP had asked the PC to authorise repairs of some 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 Redhead

Agreed.

8. Valuations of strip of land at the side of the bowls green and approximately 4 acres at the rear of the playing field

Item moved to the end of the meeting and discussed as a confidential matter.

9. Possible new community projects

Items suggested by residents had been listed during the PFMP meeting and would be shown in the minutes for that meeting. Clerk to keep the list and items to be considered at an appropriate time in the future.

10. Repairs and repainting of bench at the Church

The son of the member of the public who had originally made the bench had responded to say that unfortunately he was not able to carry out the repairs. Cllr Norman offered to remove the bench and carry out repairs and repainting with the help

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of Miss Wabe, if the PC was willing to pay for the materials needed.

To approve the offer by Cllr Norman to carry out the repairs.

Prop: Cllr Redhead

2nd: Cllr Coleman

Agreed.

11. Response from the Home Secretary regarding misuse of Nitrous Oxide

The email had been forwarded to members prior to the meeting. The response advised that the Police were only able to take action if the misuse was causing Anti-Social Behaviour as it was not an offense to purchase the substance. The Government intends to establish in law a new duty of care on companies towards users. A discussion took place on the response. It was generally agreed that the situation had not been as bad recently.

12. Request for 30mph speed limit

A discussion took place on whether the PC should contact NCC Highways to ask them to consider a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. Cllr Redhead advised that if the speed limit was reduced to 30mph it could result in more cars parked on the side of the road at night as this was permitted in 30mph zones. The discussion included possible traffic calming measures; the Clerk advised that Highways would not install these in rural villages unless there was already a high accident rate. The Clerk also advised the even if Highways agreed that the village did now meet the criteria for a reduced speed limit it was most likely that they would say the PC would need to fund it, which would be expensive. It was generally agreed that a Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme for the village would probably have the most affect as other villages had found this to be the case. Cllr Didwell to put an item on social media asking for residents to volunteer to help with CSW to see if enough volunteers could be found.

13. Highways issues

Outstanding issues to follow up and new issues to report:

Rungays Bridge – fence too close to the highway

School Road (from Church Bank junction to Middle Drove junction) – damaged culvert and uneven surface

Smeeth Road (no 245 and 249) – footpath uneven and floods during rain

Action: Clerk to report new issues to Terrington St John PC and Highways.

14. Finance

a. *Accept accounts to 30th September 2020.*

Prop: Cllr Gathercole

2nd: Cllr Norman

Agreed.

b. The list of payments due for October:

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

Glasdon UK Ltd – replacement litter bin	£232.59
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MDCSC – six monthly donation	£2000.00
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Miss S J Thorpe – Clerks salary October	£575.20
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Haven Power – street lighting electric for October	£70.82
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E & DE Gathercole – new signs and spraying at playing field	£63.46
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All Clear Drainage Consultants – report on culvert	£388.80
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Agree to sign cheques and approve payments.

Prop: Cllr Askew

2nd: Cllr Wilkinson

Agreed.

c. Mid-year finance update - documents had been given to all prior to the meeting showing a breakdown of expenditure for the first six months of the year. A brief discussion took place on the figures.

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

An email had been received requesting help to purchase a new line marker which was expected to cost approximately £800. A discussion took place and it was agreed that further information should be requested on the details of the line marker quoted. Item to be discussed again at next meeting.

16. Planning Matters

a. Applications received since last meeting:

i. **20/01405/F Single storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling and erection of a detached carport at Woodsmoke, 250 Smeeth Road.** The application was discussed. It was agreed to SUPPORT the application.

ii. **20/01413/O Outline application: Residential development – two dwellings at land SW of 146 Smeeth Road.** The application was discussed. It was agreed by a majority to SUPPORT the application, as long as a close boarded fence was installed between

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the development and the Bowls Green. Cllr Coleman abstained.

- iii. **20/00192/F Extension and alterations to existing dwelling at Poppy Tree Farm, Poppylotts Drove.** The PC had been informed that the applicant had submitted an appeal against the decision to refuse the application.
- b. Planning decisions from the BC.
 - i. **18/02224/F Proposed replacement dwelling at Evenlode 397 Smeeth Road.** The application had been withdrawn.
 - ii. **20/01084/F Single storey rear extension at Eastleigh, 298 Smeeth Road.** The application had been approved.
 - iii. **20/01019/F Garden room to replace existing conservatory at 184 Smeeth Road.** The application had been approved.
 - iv. **20/00896/PACU3 Notification for Prior Approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwelling at Barn E of Crown Farmhouse, Middle Drove.** The application had been approved.
 - v. **20/00897/PACU3 Prior Approval for change of use from agricultural building to a dwelling at Crown Farm, Middle Drove.** The application had been approved.

17. Public Speaking

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole 2nd: Cllr Norman

Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

18. Councillors Concerns and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Items to remain on the agenda as agreed.

19. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th November 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.

20. Confidential item (public and press excluded) Legal advice regarding possible change to the lease with MDCSC

A response from the solicitor was provided to members.

8. Confidential item (public and press excluded) Valuations for a strip of land at the side of the bowls green and approximately 4 acres at the rear of the playing field
Information was provided to members.

Meeting closed at 8.56pm.