

# MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 7.30pm

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions from members of the public included a request for more explanation of the GYBC First

The Parish Council hero of the village award was given to Stephen Pinnington in recognition of all hard work for the village as lead volunteer for the SMEE project, Dissenters Graveyard project and Gardening Club member.

### 216/24: ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Cllrs B Fossey (Chair), G Bye, P Hooper, I Bradford, T Watson, C Starkings, S Coates, V Smith, A Sayer and L Pallett. The Parish Clerk was also present.

**Apologies:** were received from Cllrs Huxtable. Noted.

**Members of the public:** 13 members of the public were also in attendance.

### 217/24: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No new declarations were made.

### 218/24: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 March 2024 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate copy by the Chairman.

**219/24:** Cllr Hooper PROPOSED, seconded Cllr Fossey, for agenda item number 5 to be brought forward. It was RESOLVED to move forward to enable members of the public to hear the presentation. Cllr Hooper gave a presentation on the GYBC First Draft Local Plan Consultation. A copy of the presentation will be available on the website here: [Minutes - Martham Parish Council \(marthampc.org.uk\)](https://www.marthampc.org.uk)

- 8.30pm - It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to take a ten-minute comfort break.
- 8.40pm - the meeting resumed.

### 220/24: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

An update from the Councillors was received.

**Cllr Smith:** Communications are being increased again including the monthly newsletter, events preparations for the quiz nights, website updates and an insert in the NR29 Guide.

**Cllr Coates** – Fish and Chip Quiz on 6 July. Raffle prizes for the event please. Bookstall at the village events jigsaw and books. Donations for quiz night events. Litter Pick next week. Defibrillators – Flegg High are now raising funds for one of their own.

**Cllr Fossey** – gave an update from correspondence received from the Village Hall Committee. One Community Speedwatch session was held. Defibs – permission for one to go on a lamp-post close to the DIY shop has been received.

**Cllr Starkings** – monthly finance tasks and support for the Clerk.

**Cllr Sayer** – ongoing work on the administration of the allotments and working with the allotments committee with the meeting. Prices for plantings.

**Cllr Watson** – footpaths.

**Cllr Bye** – allotments work.

**Cllr Hooper** – preparation for the GYBC First Local Plan 2026-2040. Attended

**Cllr Bradford** – ongoing social media updates.

**Cllr Pallett** – August community event organisation.

#### **221/24: CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS**

GYBC First Draft Local Plan Consultation – presentation by Cllr Hooper

Council encouraged individuals to include comments received from members of the public. Noted.

#### **223/24: PLANNING**

Great Yarmouth Borough Council - to consider applications and decisions received [GYBC](#)

Broads Authority applications – to consider applications and decisions received. None

Norfolk County Council - to consider applications and decisions received. None

#### **224/24: PROJECTS**

SMEE - an update from the lead volunteer Steve was received.

Martham Boat Dyke Trust have given a grant for a new lawn mower which is working very well.

Volunteers are increasing and doubling in numbers. The wildlife area in Martham Churchyard is improving despite the challenges with the weather.

#### **225/24: SPEED REDUCTION**

An update about the Speed Reduction Group was received from Cllr Fossey. The location for the SAM sign needs to be confirmed with Highways, a new volunteer has come forward and another session has taken place.

#### **226/24: VILLAGE MATTERS**

Progress on the hire of the Village Green for larger events was received. Additional toilets have been ordered by each group organising the event.

#### **227/24: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Income, bank balance and reconciliations – to be circulated after the audit.

Expenditure payments of £11,078.34 were AGREED.

**228/24:** In line with 'Standing Orders' it was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting beyond 9.30pm to enable further discussion on the remaining agenda items. AGREED.

#### **229/24: ADMINISTRATION**

To review or adopt any policies and procedures. None

**230/24: NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING** – Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7.30pm

**Please note:** the Annual meeting of the Parish will be held on Wednesday 15 May 2025 at 6.30pm

## **231/24: EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

No resolution was passed excluding the press and public from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1060 on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose discussion on the items below due to the discussions relating to contracts.

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

### **Payments List April 2024**

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Staffing	Pens/HMRC/NI/SALS	£3,386.14
R. Scott	Litter Picking	£228.75
EKS	Litter Picking	£342.04
Plan Communications	Mobile Phone	£45.00
BT	Office Phone	£64.74
URM	Recycling costs	£79.49
Norse	Bin Rental and Empty	£6.00
Parish Clerk	Resources and Webhost	£84.00
Norfolk County Council	Allotment Rent	£700.00
Clerk Expenses	TS Host Website	£59.00
Konica Minolta	Printer	£26.39
Broadland Computers	Laptop replacement	£553.00
Clerk Expenses	Litter picking supplies	£64.63
John Ribbands	Grass cutting	£5,040.00
Clerk Expenses	Resources	£25.00
Wave	Utilities	£52.15
Flogas	Utilities	£306.14
Environment Agency	Drainage	£15.87
		<b><u>£11,078.34</u></b>