

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at the Community Centre, Playing Field Lane, Martham

Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 7.30 pm

Public Participation

Norfolk County Councillor and Great Yarmouth Borough Council Councillor Andy Grant gave an update on the latest government situation with the UK Government Unitary Council proposals and Devolution. There is some uncertainty with what this will look like however, a year of transition is expected. More details will be shared once known.

SMEE Update: Hello. Just wanted to share some photographs of Common Rd Smee in the winter sunshine. As usual the only flowering plant I could find was a daisy and the hazel catkins are very tight. Also, I wanted to wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year. We are planning a work session on Saturday 8th February and will be in touch nearer the time. Finally, I would like to thank you all for your help and support during 2024 - we get a lot of compliments for the work we are doing there, and it would not be looking like this without your input! Kind Regards. Steve

337/24: ATTENDANCE

Present: Cllrs Fossey (Chair) Starkings (Vice-Chair), Watson, Bye, Smith and Coates.

Apologies: Cllr Adam Sayer and Pallett – illness. The Parish Clerk was also present.

338/24: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: No new declarations were made.

339/24: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Parish Council meeting minutes held on 18 December 2025 were AGREED.

340/24: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Christmas Tree and Lights – now taken down.

Update on the purchase of a projector for the Community Centre was received – on route.

341/24: CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- An email with offer of a gritting service was received. Prices requested. **Action: Clerk**
- Training dates from NPTS were highlighted. Cllrs to book on. **Action: Cllrs**

Final Draft Local Plan & Draft CIL Charging Schedule

Forthcoming Public Consultation & Parish Council engagement GYBC Planning Team – presentation attached. GYBC Officers have said that if you have any further questions regarding the current Local Plan consultation, please feel free to email:

localplan@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

342/24: PLANNING - no applications or decisions were received from Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Broads Authority, or Norfolk County Council.

343/24: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Income and Bank Balance

An update on income received, a bank balance, and reconciliation was received for January 2025.*

344/24: ADMINISTRATION

Council received the Clerk update which included information on Police matters.

Priority Setting Meeting - Rural Flegg and Caister & Coastal Villages - The next Safer

Neighbourhood Meeting for the Rural Flegg and Caister & Coastal villages will take place at **7pm on Thursday, 16 January 2025, at The Rabbit Hutch, Allendale Park, Caister, NR30 5ET**. Join us to hear what we have been up to over the last few months, and to have your say about local issues /

concerns. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to raise a concern, please email your local Beat Managers: SNTGY@norfolk.police.uk.

EV Charging Points - The CC EVCP were still used over December with an income of £27.06.

Allotments - Invoices have been sent in three batches. The delay was the change in charged decided at the December meeting where a full plot now costs £60 and a half plot costs £30. Payments are being received.

Councillor updates were received on Village matters. **Cllr Fossey** – SAM2 battery change,

Cllr Starkings – monthly finance checks.

Cllr Bradford – work continues with the lighting upgrades for the community centre.

Cllr Pallett – no update this month.

Cllr Coates – collected the latest defibrillator, sales of £60 selling books for replacement batteries, a table at the plant sale is also booked. Annual litter picking date confirmed for Saturday 26 April.

Cllr Bye – allotment administration and litter picking maps.

Cllr Watson – no update this month.

Cllr Smith – noticeboard updates, the latest newsletter, Public Participation Group meeting attendance, SAM Sign data analysis and the NR29 Guide entry. Annual Parish Meeting reminder - Wednesday 23 April 2025 at the Community Centre.

345/24: NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 19 February 2025

346/24: The meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed

Chairman.....

Payments January

Norse Eastern Ltd	CC Bin	6
Plan	Mobile Phone	57
BT	Comm Centre	70.06
R. Scott	Litter Picking	554.5
HMRC/SAL/PENS	Jan-25	3420.7
Expenses	Ring Subscription	79.99
Vuisunext	Projector	792.79
Anglian Water	Utilities	63.02
Anglian Water	Utilities	109.16
SSE Energy Solutions	Utilities	1418.33
UNITY	Charges	6
<u>Total</u>		<u>6,577.55</u>

Income

Nationwide Interest		53.02
EVCP	Fuuse	27.06
CC Hire	Room Hire	325
Alford Storage & T	RECYCLING	19
Allotments	Plot Fees	30
<u>Total</u>		<u>£454.08</u>