

## **MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held at the Community Centre, Playing Field Lane, Martham on  
Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 7.30 pm

**Public Participation** – To receive questions from members of the public and to receive reports from Norfolk County Council (NCC) Councillor and Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC) Councillors. In line with standing orders, each public member may address the Council for a maximum of five minutes concerning items on the agenda.

- One member of the public was in attendance. The matter of Probation Service Volunteers was raised and contact details shared with the Parish Clerk.

GYBC Cllr Leslie Mogford – a written report (previously circulated) was received.  
NCC and GYBC Cllr Andy Grant – updates were received (previously circulated).

**347/24: ATTENDANCE** - To consider apologies and note those present.

Present: Cllrs Fossey (Chair) Starkings (Vice-Chair), Watson, Bye, Smith, Sayer and Coates.  
Apologies: Cllr Lee Pallett - other commitment. The Parish Clerk was also present.

**348/24: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

Cllr Sayer declared he is no longer a representative of Martham Cricket Club.

**349/24: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 15 January 2025 were AGREED.

**350/24: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – for information only

- Gritting service - prices have been requested and response has been received with a meeting to be arranged when there is an identified need – in progress.
- Training dates from NPTS were highlighted. Cllrs Fossey and Coates attended refresher training.

**351/24: CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS**

Matters considered and received within the month:

**352/24: Hemsby Road Building Work.** Council had received a response from GYBC to a report made about the Hemsby Road Development. It was noted that costs between £80-£200 are now charged for work to be undertaken when reports are made due to work being carried out which is not keeping to the conditions of the planning agreement.

**353/24: UK Power Networks** and planned work near the Green – Cllr Fossey gave an update on the latest works. GYBC have agreed for tree branches to be trimmed by a professional organisation

**354/24: SMEE** a written update had been received from lead volunteer Steve who had given his apologies for the meeting. He stated – “we had a small select group of us braving the cold winds to dig up some Broad-leaved Dock and Nettle on Saturday. There were some hazel seedlings which we have used to reinforce the eastern dyke side as well. Thanks to everyone who turned out and I enclose some action photos of the task -plus some very dramatic Hazel catkins. The next session will be on Sunday 9th March when we will be tackling the hogweed, nettle and excavating the Eastern Dyke. If you think you may be free to help please put the date on your calendar or in your diary now! 📅👍 Best wishes”. **NOTED**

**355/24: GYBC: Anti-Social Behaviour Public Spaces Protection Order DRAFT**

Great Yarmouth Borough Council initiated a public consultation around the implementation of a Boroughwide Anti-social behaviour (ASB) Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for four weeks ending on the 8th of December 2024.

The PSPO is to allow both authorised officers of the council and the Police greater powers to address some of the anti-social behaviour issues that have been flagged by residents, businesses and visitors to the area and would provide a transparent and robust enforcement procedure in tackling some of the behaviours that have been causing distress. Attached is a draft of the proposed PSPO on which we would welcome the comments of the Parish Council. Please could you return your responses either by e-mail or your Borough Councillor before the 28 February 2025.

**356/24: Saffron Housing Trust Ltd (SHTL): Martham, Land off Damgate Lane / Staithe Road**

Saffron Housing Trust wish to check whether the Parish Council wanted any input into the street naming of our new development. Crocus will be making a formal postal address application to GYBC imminently so if the Parish Council wanted a say in this, please would you provide proposed street names in order of your preference at your earliest convenience.

It was **RESOLVED** to suggest the name Saint Blida of Martham and to check all historical/spelling details with the Local History Group. **Action: Cllr Coates**

**357/24: Youth Advisory Board (YAB)** invited members of the Parish Council to the launch event for **Everyone Has the Right to Play** on Friday 7th March, from 10am-12.30pm - Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF – Cllr Fossey agreed to attend if time permits. **Action: Cllr Fossey**

**358/24: PLANNING**

To consider applications and decisions received from Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Broads Authority, and Norfolk County Council.

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

**06/24/0939/F:** Development: Installation of 8no. asymmetric 3m-tall LED flood lights (retrospective), for use in association with operation of the dog exercise field. Location: Grange Farm, Common Road, Martham, NR29 4RA. **Council comment:** no objection

**06/25/0005/HH:** Development: Erection of a detached single storey garden room with store Location: 2 Daisy Close, Martham, NR29 4PJ. **Council comment:** no objection

**359/24: Broads Authority and Norfolk County Council** - no applications or decisions received

### **360/24: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Income and Bank Balance - An update (previously circulated) was received on income, bank balances, and reconciliation/s.

Tax Base - The latest Tax Base figures as sent by GYBC on 5 February 2025 were received. **Noted** GYBC have written to confirm to the Parish Council that the draft tax base figure may change subject to recommendation on to Council in January 2025. On 23 January 2025 GYBC met and approved 2nd homes premium tax base, which impacts on band D. This has affected some parishes at Appendix A (previously circulated).

### **361/24: VILLAGE MATTERS**

To receive Councillor updates on Village matters including:

- a) **Community Resilience Plan:** A date for the working group to meet was discussed. Cllr Coates agreed to arrange with members directly. **Cllr Coates**
- b) **Cricket Net Installation:** Progress was noted. Cllr Sayer added that volunteers had been working hard to install the nets.
- c) **Bus Shelter Project:** An update was received from Cllr Fossey who had met with a local historian who had shared details of possible pictures. Cllr Watson also agreed to share photos.
- d) **Defibrillator Project:** Cllrs Coates/Fossey gave an update with more money raised.
- e) **Annual Parish Meeting:** The date of the meeting was circulated as Wednesday 23 April 2025 – Cllrs Smith, Coates and Fossey continue to lead on this in preparation for the event.

#### Councillor updates:

**Cllr Fossey** – SAM2 battery changed.

**Cllr Starkings** – monthly finance checks.

**Cllr Bradford** – no updates

**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.

**Cllr Watson** – no update this month.

**Cllr Sayer** – work continues with the cricket nets and the allotment plot holders.

**363/24: ADMINISTRATION**

a) **Noticeboard Refurbishment:** Consideration was given to the next steps required for refurbishing the noticeboards. This work requires additional costing in the new financial year.

**363/24: NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

The date of the next full council meeting is Wednesday 19 March 2025

**364/24: EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose discussion on the items relating to contracts and staffing.

Legal Matters were discussed:

- (a) **Open cases:** It was **RESOLVED** to progress with current and outstanding cases in line with the current budget.
- (b) **Lease agreements:** All leases held were to continue with the Parish Council.

**365/24:** The meeting closed at 9.22 pm

Signed ..... Chairman.....

<b>February</b>	
<b>Income:</b> (Plots/CC Hire/Recycling/EVCP)	<b>£460.23</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
BT GROUP PLC	70.06
Staffing	1438.67
R Scott	120
Broadland	
Computer	50
Flogas Britain	475.99
Paston Chase	120
Norse	6
Tyrell & Brown	102
	<b>£2382.72</b>