



Marsham Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7:00PM IN MARSHAM CHURCH

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PRESENT

Mr C Rouse (Chairman), Mr C Hensby (Vice Chairman), Mr M Childerhouse, Mrs P Baker, Cllr Sue Catchpole BDC.

APOLOGIES, Mr D Grapes, Mr P Gladden, Cllr A Mihr

Public Participation: 0

Full Council Meeting

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Noted above.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** – None other than standing listed.
3. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September 2024 were discussed at length following correspondence received from members of the public who were in attendance. It was concluded following a robust analysis that they were a true account of record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – No Public were in attendance.
5. **REPORTS FROM POLICE** – Should any residents have concerns about criminal activity it is recommended that they contact the independent Charity Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 anonymously. No reports received. It was agreed that the Clerk request presence of a beat officer at the next meeting.
6. **REPORTS COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – The Parish Council were advised that Broadland District Council remain waiting for the outcome of budgets from a national level to see how this impact at a local stance. It was confirmed that without changes, Broadland are set to break even at the end of the financial year, this being the end of March 2025.
7. **MATTERS ARISING** – a) Parish Partnership Scheme open until December, Councillors agreed that new path joining Allision Street to High Street to be included in the Parish Partnership Scheme and quotes to be sourced by Clerk for next meeting. This works was agreed to apply for S106 grant. c) FOI Request follow up to be sent, following the request relating to the school site. d) It was also discussed with the idea of Councillors holding individual Portfolios of specialist areas such as planning, highways etc. Details to be agreed next meeting – c/f.
8. **PLANNING** – No applications were received.
9. **SAM2 SPEEDSIGN** – The Council were advised that works to Fengate speedsign were ongoing but in progress. It was agreed that the Clerk was to write to the Police to request speed checks in the area, particularly in Wathen way following concerns raised by residents. Recent report confirmed that speeding occurrences are around 5-8% out of all vehicles during each day in that location – High Street.
10. **ACCOUNTS** - Balance of the community account was confirmed as of 26th September 2024 £23,228.56, Business Saving Account £2,0560.83. The following expenditure was **approved** for payment: -

0178	Clerk Wages September 2024	£214.52
0179	HMRC PAYE M6	£53.60
0180	S&M Supplies Aylsham Ltd	£33.88
0181	Marsham Village Newsletter Donation	£150.00

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The Council discussed ongoing concerns relating to Marsham Heath, with agreement to follow up with Police and highways contacts, as well as providing further clarity over actions and where jurisdiction lies between Marsham Charities and The Parish Council. Correspondence relating to the minutes were discussed and itemised on minutes section. A concern around the over growth of the cycleway was discussed with additional support hopeful from Cllr Catchpole who will look to raise at Aylsham Town Council meeting as well as the Clerk to follow up with Highways. The Council received a request for a donation to the Village Newspaper of which it was agreed that £150 would be donated as in previous years.
12. **MARSHAM VILLAGE HALL** – Village Hall activities are well populated with increases planned, quiz night and bingo nights scheduled to take place and well received. Also plans for future talks on different subjects.
13. **AMENITIES MATTERS (Peewit Fields / Allotments / Playground / Streetlights)** –The Council will progress applications for the use of these funds for the allotment infrastructure investment in water, Clerk to seek further advice from Jen Roope. Progress on UKPN Streetlighting estimates is ongoing. Awaiting 2024 streetlight upgrade. It was agreed to let Plot 1 to awaiting resident when / if it becomes available. Clerk to

chase up bark order. Reporting on fence repairs required for Clarion Housing. Allotment Invoicing will take place in October. The Clerk is to chase quotes for the new dog mess bin at the Church to prevent litter

14. **HIGHWAYS** – The Council were advised that works to Speedsign on A140 were taking place and trees being cut back. The Clerk to request a schedule of Grass cutting to plan for 2025. Clerk to chase restricted by way enquiry. Wathen Way Soakaway appears to be sunk. Clerk to report.
15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – Name Plate for Fengate requested to include the addition of Mermaid Close leading to – request to be resubmitted as actioned incorrectly. Concerns around antisocial behaviour reported again and request for all residents to be vigilant and report concerns accordingly.
16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be held Monday 11th November 2024 7pm at the Church.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.15

Signed Date