



Marsham Parish Council

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 13th FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7:00PM IN MARSHAM PARISH CHURCH**

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PRESENT

Mr C Hensby (Chairman), Mrs B Warman, Dr J Bailey, Mr D Grapes, Mr B Parke, Mrs V Allen

APOLOGIES, Mr P Gladden, Cllr S Catchpole, PC Lucas Ward, Cllr S Riley.

Public Participation: 0

Full Council Meeting

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Noted above.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** – None.
3. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true account of record.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.
5. **REPORTS FROM POLICE** – The Council were updated on the low crime occurrences within the village.
6. **REPORTS COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – The Council were updated on the coming Elections with Polling day being 4th May 2023. They were advised that any candidates wishing to stand must submit their nomination by the 4th April 2023. Should any resident wish to enquire about standing they are to contact the Clerk who can provide advice and guidance on the process. It was also reminded that voters will need to provide photo ID on polling day.
7. **MATTERS ARISING** – a) The Vice Chairman position remains unfilled c/f until next meeting. b) The Council were advised that a report from the footpath officer relating to a path near Rodgate was still outstanding. c) The Council discussed the proposed amendments to the LGA Code of Conduct with some further enquiries to be resolved for next meeting to fully adopt the changes.
8. **PLANNING** – Planning Tracker on our website is live and residents can track all applications received. Council commentary on 20040844, Oak Tree Farm - No objection was tabled.
GNLP – Focused Consultation – The proposed site at Eastgate Cawston was discussed and the Council raised concerns around impact on Biodiversity to neighbouring SSSI's and Pollution Mitigation measures being insufficient for the area. It was tabled that the near by site increase at Stratton Strawless would negate a need for an additional site so close. Clerk to submit the feedback.
Proposed Closure of Mayton Wood Recycling Centre – The Council have been made aware of this proposal and move the operations to Norwich North Recycling Centre. A six week public consultation will take place. However in advance of this consultation the Council will be expressing their objection to this decision directly to Norfolk County Council Recycling Manager. Any additional details of public consultation will be shared as much as possible by the Council.
9. **SAM2 SPEEDSIGN** – The current location is High Street whilst measures are put in place for a trial at Fengate following from petition from residents. The report from Cranes Lane showed an average speed of 30mph as vehicles entered the village. New Batteries to be purchased.
10. **ACCOUNTS** - Balance of the community account was confirmed as of 26th January 2023 £23,176.08, Business Saving Account £2,018.66. The following expenditure was **approved** for payment: -

0102	Clerk Wages January 2023	£200.78
0103	Marsham Charities	£108.91
0104	Clerk Expenses	£89.80
11. **CORRESPONDENCE**- a) The Council agreed to replace the lantern at Wathen Way Garages and have instructed the new LED installation. It was also agreed for a consultation by the subcommittee to asses any amendments following last year's proposal. b) School safety signs c/f to next meeting whilst awaiting from response from school office.
12. **MARSHAM VILLAGE HALL** - The Council were advised that the Village Hall Committee Minutes of the AGM along with Treasurers Report to be shared next meeting.
13. **AMENITIES MATTERS (Peewit Fields / Allotments / Playground)- Peewit Fields** The Council have agreed to no longer let the field out to any tenant until suitable legal terms have been drafted. The gates have been locked to protect the field from mis-use. Any enquiry into a potential let please direct to the Clerk in the first

instance. **Trees** -The Jubilee Tree, an Irish Yew, planting in the coming weeks. Awaiting permission for saplings to be added to some BDC owned land on Wathen Way to add to the existing plantings.

Village Sign – Additional consultation has resulted in the reinstatement of preserving the original Wooden carving, with research into the history of the creator. The Council agreed to proceed with the restoration. Works ongoing.

14. **HIGHWAYS** – The Council were advised that there are delays to the installation of the White Gates but should be underway in the coming weeks.
15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – **a)**The Council agreed that a Commemorative coin or item to be procured for each child of the village to celebrate the Kings Coronation in May. Clerk to obtain quotes and details on numbers of children in the village whom do not attend the school. **b)** A hedge in Croft Lane is overgrown and obstructing the path. Clerk to write to owner for it to be cut back. **c)**The Council were advised that the Church are holding a flower festival on the 10th and 11th June 2023 celebrating all things Norfolk.
16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be held Monday 13th March 2023, 7pm at the Church, in lieu of utilising the Village Hall. The following meeting will be Monday 15th May 2023.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50

Signed

Date