



# Marsham Parish Council

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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, Mrs V Allen, Mr P Gladden, Cllr S Catchpole

APOLOGIES, Mr B Parke, 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were confirmed with amendments 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 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. They were advised that any candidates wishing to stand must submit their nomination by the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. The Council were advised that the budget has gone through for BDC without increase. The move to the Horizon Building due in May and this will be where Election nominations will be managed from. The Council were also advised of concerns around an increase in joint informal meetings taking place at BDC/SNDC with decisions being made in a non-public setting without minutes on the decision making process this is being escalated within the Council. The Council was also advised that the sale of Thorpe Lodge was planned to be postponed until July to allow for a change of use to be granted to aid the sale.
- 7. MATTERS ARISING** – **a)** The Vice Chairman position remains unfilled c/f until next meeting. **b)** The Council discussed the proposed amendments to the **LGA Code of Conduct** and agreed to adopt all proposed changes. **c)** The Council discussed the **planned proposed closure of Mayton Wood** – despite any public consultation, the response from Waste Management at NCC was discussed and the Council agreed to create a local campaign to encourage residents to give feedback despite a lack of formal consultation. **d)** The Council were updated that details on the Commemorative coin or item to be procured for each child of the village to celebrate the Kings Coronation in May including numbers was ongoing. Update next meeting.
- 8. PLANNING** – Planning Tracker on our website is live and residents can track all applications received. The Council commentary on 2023/0269 Simpsons Nursery, was that no objection to the structure however concerns around the use of the site citing concerns on traffic increase and noise impacting residents. Further investigation required and a further request for an extension of consultation to next meeting has been made.
- 9. SAM2 SPEEDSIGN** – The current location is High Street having now been turned to receive traffic from the other direction. Measures continue to be taken for a trial at Fengate following from petition from residents.
- 10. ACCOUNTS** - Balance of the community account was confirmed as of 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 £17,414.76, Business Saving Account £2,018.66. The following expenditure was **approved** for payment: -

0105	Clerk Wages February 2023	£200.78
0106	The Romantic Garden Nursery Ltd	£389.65
0107	S&M Supplies (Aylsham) Ltd	£33.58
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE-** **a)** The Council were advised that a response is still outstanding from the school. **b)** The drainage problems were discussed at Fengate and action planned. **c)** A resident request for amenity space was also discussed and noted.
- 12. MARSHAM VILLAGE HALL** - The Council reviewed the minutes of the January AGM and the treasurers report and annual accounts. Questions to be sent to the chair for clarity on some items.
- 13. AMENITIES MATTERS (Peewit Fields / Allotments / Playground)- Peewit Fields** The Council were advised that remaining in stores with Medlars are posts to be used with required. **Trees** -The Jubilee Tree, an Irish Yew, successfully planted and it was agreed for a new dedication plaque to be purchased. Awaiting

permission for saplings to be added to some BDC owned land on Wathen Way to add to the existing plantings. Two trees to be replaced at Le Neve Road by BDC. **Footpath** – The Council were advised that the footpath officer is currently investigating the ownership of adjacent field to address the gate locking.

- 14. **HIGHWAYS** – The Council were advised that the White gates have been installed and the wig wags to commence this week. It was raised that the replacement church sign on the A140 still hasn't been installed. Potholes noted in both Fengate and Le Neve Road, Highways to be advised. It was also raised that there used to be a 40mph reminder sign in Little London replacement to be requested.
- 15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS – a)** The urgency was stressed for the hedge in Croft Lane to be cut back urgently before spring sets fully in. Letter to be sent now address established.
- 16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 7pm at the Church, in lieu of utilising the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30

Signed .....

Date .....