



Marsham Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2021 AT 7:00PM IN MARSHAM PARISH CHURCH

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PRESENT

Mr C Hensby (Chairman), Mrs B Warman (Vice Chairman), Dr J Bailey, Mr P Gladden, Mr D Grapes

APOLOGIES Mrs V Allan

Public Participation: 3

Full Council Meeting

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Noted above.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** – None other than those annually declared.
3. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th September 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true account of record.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – During public participation items raised include: **item 1** fly tipping in the village has been reported to BDC. **Item 2** to confirm next meeting of Village Hall Committee is 2nd November 2021.
5. **REPORTS FROM POLICE** – No reports received beyond the usual notifications. The Clerk to write to local beat officer to enquire outcome of recent radar speed checks.
6. **REPORTS COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – No reports received beyond the usual notifications.
7. **MATTERS ARISING** – **a)** Footpath at Fengate was confirmed as an expired permissive path and the Council wishes to remind residents of DEFRA guidelines of keeping dogs on leads and respecting landowner's livestock at all times. **b)** Council contribution to village newsletter, query as to whether the Councils current donations to the Village Hall committee would include the newsletter. The Clerk to contact treasurer to ascertain financials of village hall to fully equip the Council with the ability to make a firm commitment with donations to ensure a stable future for the newsletter. **c)** Police response from A140 accident not received.
8. **PLANNING** – Planning Tracker on our website is live and residents can track all applications received for our village. Planning decision for 39 Fengate, rear extension and refurbishment of existing outbuildings reference 20211373 – no concerns logged by the Council and application has been approved by BDC. Enforcement action update provided to Councillors. The Clerk to further enquire to the outcome of three enforcement matters which are not on the enforcement report. Update next meeting.
9. **STREETLIGHTING** – The Sub-committee presented the fact find about assets in the village following the deferrals whereby it was discussed that a number of assets would be switched off, ensuring a moderate provision is maintained, advice to be sought from our contractor as to dimming during late night hours. It was agreed to accept the quote for asset number 16. It was agreed that the Clerk would meet with the contractor to discuss further the options available to the council for the longer-term, ensuring value for money and good provision is prioritised.
10. **ACCOUNTS** - Balance of the community account was confirmed as £16,741.52 as at 23rd September 2021. The remittance for the precept payment in October was advised of £5,531.00 The Councils approval to add V Allan to be a 3rd signatory on the Account c/f until return. The following expenditure was **approved** for payment: -

0050	TT Jones Inv 12308 – Qtrly Maintenance	£180.90
0051	Clerk Wages September 2021	£175.96
0052	Clerk Expenses – HMRC Qtrly Bill	£113.57
0053	Chairman Expenses – Summer 2021	£66.00
11. **CORRESPONDENCE** – **a)** Following concerns raised around speeding in the village the Clerk to investigate the provision of a permanent school speeding sign, working with the Parish Partnership Scheme. **b)** Clerk to report broken sign o/s 30 High Street and to enquire for quotes of White gates at Cranes Lane. **c)** Fly tipping reported to BDC, Clerk to follow up.
12. **VILLAGE HALL** – The Council were advised the next meeting of the committee is 2nd November 2021. It was agreed that the Clerk is to write to the Committee Treasurer to enquire about bookings going forward.

- 13. **AMENITIES MATTERS (Peewit Fields / Allotments / Playground) Allotments** – The Council was also updated that marking out and rotavating would be completed the coming week and that fencing was on order. Keys will be cut and provided to new tenants. **Play area** – It was agreed by the Council that whole equipment replacement was a better financial and safe options for the play area. The Clerk to seek support on provision from local councils and focus on longevity of play equipment to withstand vandalism. The Clerk to also chase grant application opportunities.
- 14. **MARSHAM SPEED WATCH AND SAM 2 UNIT** – The council received the latest report from the SAM2 unit. It was agreed by the council to pause collection of data to investigate permanent provision and seek Police advice.
- 15. **HIGHWAYS** – It was agreed by the Council that in line with the Parish Partnership Scheme the Clerk to investigate investing in White Gates, Speed signs, replacement lit warning sign. Footpath with steps at high street can be carried forward and gates at Fengate are resolved. The Clerk to enquire with Highways the church sign on A140 as the posts to be replaced.
- 16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – The Clerk to contact tree warden given dead tree at Le Neve Road. **a)** The closure of Barclays Bank in Aylsham from January 2022 was noted. **b)** The Council were in agreement for temporary signage for Climate event at Church on Saturday 24th October.
- 17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The Council agreed that the next meeting will be held Monday 8th November 2021 at 7pm at the Church. Given the continued easing of restrictions the Clerk to make enquiries for bookings back at the Village Hall in three-months' time commencing January 2022.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:55

Signed

Date