



# Marsham Parish Council

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 7:00PM IN MARSHAM CHURCH

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### PRESENT

Mr C Hensby (Chairman), Mr C Rouse, Mr M Childerhouse. Cllr Sue Catchpole, Cllr Kay Montandon

APOLOGIES Mr D Grapes, Mrs P Baker, Mr B Baker, Mr P Gladden

Public Participation: 5

### Full Council Meeting

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Noted above.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** – Declaration regarding planning made.
3. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true account of record.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – A number of members of the public attended to express commentary relating to the Prior notification of Planning Application for Fengate Farms and the proposed Self Storage Units. Expressions of objection and reasons as to why were cited including Environmental concerns during construction, impact on traffic and highways and the unsuitability of the area for such an enterprise. Residents also expressed ongoing concerns for the dilapidation of the highway on Fengate, with the increase in poorly maintained drains and road surfacing becoming dangerous. The Council were also visited by fellow Town Councillor Kay Montandon from Aylsham, whom updated the Council on their Healthy Town initiative and the event to improve access to Health and Wellbeing which is taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 6pm. Additionally Kay is Chair of the Transport group which is working to improve sustainability of transport in and out of Aylsham for surrounding villages and is keen to hear from anyone from Marsham to feed into this.
5. **REPORTS FROM POLICE** – No reports received.
6. **REPORTS COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – The Parish Council were updated on the approval of the District Council budget with the unavoidable increase in Council Tax. The Council were advised that Norfolk County Council were trying to close the gap of the Government shortfalls of funding, particularly the Police. Broadland District Council are looking at the next four years with a focus on Housing and the Green Agenda moving into the forefront. Grant Schemes for insulating homes are also moving forward. The Council were updated on the GNLG being adopted and the last stage for legal contest closes in April 2024. Then in 18 months the new future GNLG will start consultations with a call for sites likely again.
7. **MATTERS ARISING** – The Council were advised on the ongoing interest in the planning application relating to the reduction of S106 obligations with additional commentary to be made to the planning officer.
8. **PLANNING** – Planning Application reference 2024/0579, 5 Allison Street, side extension was met with no objection. Planning Application reference 2024/0586, Fengate Farm, Prior Approval for change of use to self-storage unit was discussed in detail, taking onboard the public commentary made. The Council agreed upon a formal objection to any commercial development of the site with additional queries on the content of the application information.
9. **SAM2 SPEEDSIGN** – The Council were advised of plans for installation of SAM2 unit along Fengate following donation of suitable structure for installation. Data to be collected for next meeting.
10. **ACCOUNTS** - Balance of the community account was confirmed as of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – £15,428.88, Business Saving Account £2,037.88. The following expenditure was **approved** for payment: -

0155	Clerk Wages February	£251.32
0156	HMRC PAYE February	£17.00
0157	Clerk Expenses to February 2024	£99.07
0158	TT Jones Electrical limited Qtrly Mnts	£223.50
11. **CORRESPONDENCE**- Additional correspondence received relating to mud and drainage and poor drains at Fengate received and discussed. Highways have confirmed that action is being scheduled.
12. **MARSHAM VILLAGE HALL** – D Day celebration plans underway with further updates in due course.
13. **AMENITIES MATTERS (Peewit Fields / Allotments / Playground / Streetlights)** – The Council were advised S106 funds can be used for the allotment infrastructure investment in water. The Council were updated that Clarion Housing are undertaking remediation works to the fencing and litter in George Edwards Close. Progress on UKPN Streetlighting estimates is ongoing.

- 14. **HIGHWAYS** – The Council agreed a further formal breakdown of the collection of issues surrounding Fengate to be presented to Highways following public participation, acknowledging that works is due to take place.
- 15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – No additional matters were raised.
- 16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7pm at the Church.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.12

Signed ..... Date .....