



Marsham Parish Council

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 14th FEBRUARY 2022 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, Mrs V Allan, Cllr S Catchpole, Cllr D Harrison

APOLOGIES Mr B Parke

Public Participation: 1

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 10th January 2022 were amended to confirm Sue Catchpole did not attend, and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true account of record.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – No members of the Public raised any items.
5. **REPORTS FROM POLICE** – The January Community Update was shared and December stats discussed.
6. **REPORTS COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – The Council were updated on matters relating to the new appointment of Environmental Co-ordinator to tackle Climate Change at a local level. A group has been created based in Aylsham and further representatives from Marsham were encouraged. The Council were also advised that the accommodation review was on hold. The Council were updated on the NCC precept increase and reasons around social care deficit were tabled. No increase in precept for BDC.
7. **MATTERS ARISING – a)** The Council were advised about the progress with the Vattenfall Offshore Windfarm development and its approval by the Secretary of State.
8. **PLANNING** – Planning Tracker on our website is live and residents can track all applications received. Application **20212258** – Carpark by the Plough was discussed. The Council object to the development on the grounds that it is situated on a unique and ancient water meadow and outside the development area of the village. It has been requested to be called in. Application **20220114** – Extensions to White House Farm, Allison Street – No objections. Application **20220140** – Prior Approval to Change of use conversion of Barn to residential at Little London Farm, High Street – No initial objection logged. Application **20220164** – Rear extension to 15 High Street – No objection.
9. **STREETLIGHTING** – The quote for all the works to be undertaken in line with the sub-committee's recommendation was discussed and a policy is to be created of the upgrade and removal of assets by the subcommittee and adopted at next meeting. It was noted the new light at Column 16 was a good model. The Clerk to put works to tender to ensure good value is maintained and investigate duration of contract.
10. **ACCOUNTS** - Balance of the community account was confirmed as of 27th January 2022 - £19,380.17. The following expenditure was **approved** for payment: -

0065	Clerk Wages January 2022	£175.96
0066	Clerk Expenses January 2022	£202.50
0067	TT Jones Electrical Inv 12438	£584.64
0068	MR Ellis Timber Ltd Inv 40035	£60.48
11. **CORRESPONDENCE**- The Council were advised of concerns of speeding at the top of the village beyond Cranes Lane, it was agreed for a temporary placement of speed Sign to be investigated. It was also agreed that the latest quotation for Village Notice Boards replacement were accepted. Clerk to place order.
12. **VILLAGE HALL** –The Council discussed the grants obtained by the hall and the success in the improvements to the facilities to the hall. It was agreed that in an effort to find a mutually agreeable solution, the Clerk was to reserve the hall at the earlier time of 6pm on the second Monday of the month to meet at the hall.
13. **AMENITIES MATTERS (Peewit Fields / Allotments / Playground) Allotments** – The Council were advised the Allotment fencing was complete subject to a gate being made up. The site has been freshly rotavated and cultivated and keys have been posted to new tenants. The Aluminium plaque has also been successfully installed. **Play area** – Multiple broken toys have been left in the play area, a reminder to residents to clear

up rubbish including disused toys as these are an eyesore and can be dangerous. Quotes and grant application process continue with the focus on metal equipment. Grant for Trees ongoing.

- 14. **HIGHWAYS** – The Council were advised that quotes for the installation of White Gates at Cranes Lane, School slow speed sign on High Street and permanent Speed sign to replace the broken unit on High Street where there is existing electrical supply, have been chased multiple times. BDC councillor to support and complaint to be raised. The Clerk to also follow up with Highways about the church sign on A140 as the posts to be replaced as well as grit bin order for Allison Street, with support from the BDC councillor and update next meeting.
- 16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – The Clerk was requested to investigate quotes for repainting the village sign and it was reminded that the Church Invoice was due to be received.
- 17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The Council agreed that the next meeting will be held Monday 14th March 2022 with the location to be confirmed, but hopefully the village hall at the earlier time of 6pm. It was agreed there would be no meeting at Easter.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:39

Signed

Date

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