



Marsham Parish Council

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

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PRESENT

Mr C Hensby (Chairman), Mr C Rouse, Mr P Gladden, Mr M Childerhouse, Mrs P Baker, Mr B Baker, Cllr S Catchpole, PC Lucas Ward.

APOLOGIES Mr D Grapes

Public Participation: 3

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 October 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true account of record.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Attendance by public to discuss the recent consultation of proposed closure of Marsham Primary School, this was discussed and the Council agreed to draft a response supporting for the school to remain open to be submitted to the consultation which closes on the 15th December 2023. All residents are encouraged to complete the consultation.
5. **REPORTS FROM POLICE** – PC Ward confirmed recent activity resulted in 5 crimes being committed in the local area in the last 28 days. Should anyone wish to report a crime they can contact 101, however should residents wish to report something anonymously they can use Crimestoppers a UK wide agency that the Police work with to help prevent and investigate crime.
6. **REPORTS COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – The Council were advised that the Aylsham Climate emergency group sub-committee were looking at the provision of transport, particularly with neighbouring villages such as Marsham. BDC confirmed housing demand is rising, more temporary housing has been purchased to ease pressure however a review is underway. Broadland Public Spaces Order is to be in force in 2024 giving another tool to enforce against antisocial behaviour.
7. **MATTERS ARISING** – The review of website provision is ongoing ensuring that effective security is a priority. The Mandate change with Barclays Bank is ongoing but will conclude on the 16th November.
NALC Local Government Pay Agreement 2023/24 – The Council were updated on the outcome of the agreement and agreed to adhere to the requirements including the backpay award.
8. **PLANNING** – Planning Application reference 2023/2803 1 Allison Street Marsham NR10 5PJ – Change of use and erection of barns. No objections were noted.
9. **SAM2 SPEEDSIGN** – Due to battery issues last month data to be collected 17th November and shared.
10. **ACCOUNTS** - Balance of the community account was confirmed as of 26th October 2023 – £23,585.50, Business Saving Account £2,030.81. The following expenditure was **approved** for payment: -

0140	Clerk Wages October including back pay	£403.88
0141	S&M Supplies Ltd	£18.44
0142	HMRC PAYE October 2023	£55.20
0143	Marsham Charities	£108.91
0144	The Poppy Appeal	£20.00
11. **CORRESPONDENCE**- Marsham Primary School Closure Consultation was discussed following the public participation. It was agreed that the Parish Council were keen for the Governors and County Hall to extend the consultation for a year to allow for more time for numbers to improve. It was also noted that the strategic decisions around school provision on new Aylsham Developments be made clear before the consultation could be concluded effectively as this would have a significant impact on the decisions made.
12. **MARSHAM VILLAGE HALL** – The Council were updated that the deeds had now been obtained by the Committee and their hard work in achieving this was commended by the Council. Awaiting further reports.
13. **AMENITIES MATTERS (Peewit Fields / Allotments / Playground / Streetlights)** – The Council were advised that grant funding for water installation at the allotments was still ongoing, with updates next meeting. Additional information relating to cutting area was share and awaiting outcome of quotes for grass cutting continue. The Clerk continues to pursue the UKPN for the updates required to the unmetered supply having

been advised updates have not been made since 2005 by the UKPN. Hopes for the reduction to come through soon – this is ongoing.

- 14. **HIGHWAYS** – The Council were advised the pothole in Fengate remains and missing white lines in Le Neve Road still remain unaddressed. The Council were also advised of broken drain covers along Fengate. The Highways engineer will be advised.
- 15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – It was proposed to the Council to investigate the provision of a school street sign from the A140 to enhance awareness of the location of the village provision. Clerk to investigate.
- 16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be held Monday 8th January 2024 7pm at the Church.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.17

Signed

Date