



Marsham Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14th JUNE 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, Mrs V Allan, Mr B Parke, Mr P Gladden, Mr D Grapes

APOLOGIES None received

Public Participation: None

Full Council Meeting

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None received
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** – C Hensby re planning at the Old Pig Farm
3. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th May 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
4. **REPORTS FROM POLICE** – Community Police Newsletter circulated and to be posted on village board
5. **REPORTS COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – No report received
6. **MATTERS ARISING** – Streetlighting – following the Annual Clean and Inspection completed by our Contractor TT Jones Electrical Ltd. The report advised the Council of a significant number of assets requiring work and the majority of lanterns being obsolete. It was agreed to form a subcommittee to conduct an inspection furnished with the advice from the contractors. The outcome of the review will be presented to the council next meeting for further decision. The Council will also review the annual electrical inspection and advise the contractor after next meeting. This can be a full audit, or a rolling annual inspection across 5 years, currently only new work undertaken meets the electrical safety testing.
7. **PLANNING** – Planning Tracker on our website is live and residents can track all applications received for our village. No new applications received. **Update of application relating to the old Pig Farm next to 51 Fengate 5 new dwellings** – The council were advised that the application was granted for approval at the committee meeting of the 24th March 2021, but this information remains un-available on the BDC website as a result of a S106 application still outstanding.
It was discussed by the Council that as a statutory consultee of planning decisions, enquiries to be made into the communication of application receipt and decision notices, as currently this has changed to no longer be advised via email on individual cases, but a weekly update for all district received planning items. The Clerk will also raise to the County Association of Local Council to highlight this concern.
8. **ACCOUNTS** Balance of the community Account as at May 27th 2021 was £19,112.32. The following expenditure was **approved** for payment
0037 Clerk Wages for May 2021 - £188.76
9. **AMENITIES MATTERS (Peewit Fields / Allotments / Playground) Allotments** – new enquiries for Allotments written to and advised on the provision, awaiting signed tenancy agreements to proceed with build work. The Council was also advised that the gate to the plots is in need of replacement. Works agreed to be undertaken by the Chair under delegated powers in line with the Councils estimated budgets.
An update on the playing field provision for more outdoor leisure space on land beside Cranes Lane was carried forward to next meeting. **Play area** replacement slide and additional equipment - The council are awaiting ROSPA report in June to decide on longer term plans for the Play Area. Investigation continues into further financial support from District in the provision of outdoor space, and quotes for replacement slide continue. Update next meeting. The Council request the Clerk write to residents advising of overhanging trees to the Play area. It was also noted that many broken and disused toys remain left in the play area overnight, a plea to residents to keep the area clean and tidy for all to use.
10. **HIGHWAYS** – The Council await a copy of the inspection report and will review next meeting. **Grass cutting** It was discussed that an additional cut may be required due to the sudden excess growth experienced across the village. The Clerk to contact Contractor. It was also raised at the meeting about concerns over the use of grass verges for displaying cars for sale, this has been confirmed as not acceptable by the District Council and the Parish Council have requested support of the police to assist in having these vehicles moved on.

Footpath along Fengate becoming overgrown and the Clerk to write to the landowner to request this be trimmed back allowing better access. The Council also discussed the update on gate at Fengate and Steps at the High Street, of which a further update will be available next meeting.

11. **MARSHAM SPEED WATCH AND SAM 2 UNIT** – The council received the latest report from the SAM2 unit, which confirmed an average speed of 15.7mph was recorded in its current location on Le Neve Road Inbound and therefore no problems with speed in this location. It has been moved to position 5 which is Le Neve Road Outbound.
12. **MARSHAM VILLAGE HALL** – The Council were advised that re-opening of the hall is to be delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions, The Clerk to contact the Management Committee to ascertain dates going forward.
16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – The Marsham Show is proceeding this year in line with current Covid-19 restrictions 14th & 15th August 2021 with lots of interest and traders. Supported well be local police too. Should any residents wish to volunteer to help please contact the show organiser on all posters or the Clerk to make contact. The next show meeting is on the 1st July at 7.30 should those wish to attend.
The Council was advised that sadly the Vicar of the Parish Church will be leaving post as of 9th July 2021. The Council wish to provide their best wishes and thanks for the support provided. The Council was also advised by the PCC that an event was to take place in aid of Climate change. The Council await further information with interest having received a request to support the event.
17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The Council agreed that the next meeting will be held Monday 12th July 2021 at 7pm at the Church as a result of continued Covid-19 restrictions. The Council agreed on a summer recess to take place during August where no meeting will take place.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:40