

**Minutes of Martham Parish Council Meeting
held in the School Room, Methodist Church, Repps Road, Martham
on 17th November 2010 at 19:30 hrs.**

PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman opened the public forum by welcoming one member of the public, Borough Councillors Barry & Mary Coleman and PCSO Peter Williamson. Apologies were received from County Councillor Michael Cartiss, PC Cook, Dilly Turton of the James Paget Foundation Trust and Gladys Moore.

In answer to a question from Councillor Huxtable Councillor Barry Coleman gave a breakdown of the costs of the Outer Harbour explaining that the public investment of £18m had been for the main breakwater infrastructure whilst over six times that amount had been invested by private venture companies at no cost to the public including the cost of the cranes which had been paid for by the Port of Singapore as an investment they had decided to withdraw in the present economic climate. The resulting space that would become available would be perfect for the growing wind turbine industry which was expanding rapidly and spin offs in that sector would produce quality local jobs.

PCSO Williamson confirmed that a local policing priority was the boat yards where no crimes had been reported during the past month. Proactive, pre-Halloween policing had resulted in no untoward incidents. Councillor Wright provided some details about the theft of scrap metal from the allotments that PCSO Williamson said he would look in to.

COUNCIL MEETING

Those Present:

Councillors: T Gates; M Huke; B Huxtable; K Jordan; P Manifold; J Moore; T Watson and B Wright.

Presiding: M Huke.

Clerk in attendance: Peter Dawson.

1. ***Apologies*** were accepted from Councillor Julie Beales.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Councillor Wright declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 9 as an Allotment holder.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2010.**
It was resolved to AGREE the minutes. **Proposed by T Gates, seconded by B Huxtable and unanimously agreed.**
4. **Actions arising from the minutes**
 - A reply was still awaited from the Borough Council to a letter sent on 27th September concerning the trees that had been removed from the Pyman Close/Bradfield Avenue development.
 - The Chairman said he had sent letters to former Councillors Carberry & Horrocks thanking them for their valuable service to the community upon their retirement from the Council.
 - Councillor Manifold reported back on his investigations into moving the Somerton Road telephone box and was asked to give details to the Clerk to follow up. Members were asked to make suggestions for alternative uses of the box at the next meeting.
5. **Planning**
The schedule of comments on planning applications received for consultation was approved. **Proposed by T Watson, seconded by T Gates and unanimously agreed.**

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Letter No168/2010. Suggestions had been made by the Local History Group about providing a new public notice board. The Clerk was asked to write to the Group informing them of the current review and that their suggestions would be taken into account.
- 6.2 Letter No172/2010. Consultation on Great Yarmouth Waterfront Action Plan. No action.
- 6.3 Letter No173/2010. Land Registry & Council owned property. Councillor Huxtable volunteered to check on the Land Registration of the small Damgate Staithe. The Chairman & Vice Chairman agreed to investigate further what was thought to be the existing registration of parts of the Playng Field. It was noted that land currently being transferred into the ownership of the Council at Pyman Close and Daisy Close would be registered as part on the conveyance process.

7. Finance

The schedule of invoices circulated with the agenda was approved for payment subject to the deletion of a duplicated payment for £3.48 to The Clerk. **Proposed by K Jordan, seconded by T Gates and unanimously agreed.**

8. James Paget Foundation Trust

Nothing to report.

9. Allotments

It was noted that a bonfire party had taken place on 5th November again this year.

10. Footways and Highways.

Norfolk County Council had sent an apology for the delay in providing the extension to the 30mph speed limit outside Flegg High School in Somerton Road, which was now expected to be in place before Christmas 2010.

11. Footpaths and In-field tracks.

It was noted that field edge tracks provided by land owners in the village are not public rights of way. There is a network of 21 definitive footpaths in the village which these are NOT part of and use of any in-field track is strictly subject to prior agreement with the landowner.

12. Small Works

A review of the health of all the trees on the Village Green had been carried out and works put in hand some of which will have to wait until foliage has grown again next spring. The Clerk was asked to send letters of thanks to the Gardening Club and Fire Services for the work they had done on the flower containers during the summer.

13. Youth & Community Centre

- It was noted that work to resurface the car park had been quickly completed.
- The results of the public consultation survey about the preferred future use of the Community Centre were circulated along with a written report recommending an extension to the building. The Chairman expanded on the report and described in detail the proposals to satisfy the growing demands of the youth activities and how an extended building could best match the needs indicated from the public survey. The Chairman outlined the potential building size and design and how it could be paid for, at no cost to the Council, using Section 106 funding. The proposal to extend the Youth & Community Centre using a design based on an 8 metre by 3 metre, high tensile steel structure, partly brick clad outside, thermally insulated and with roof lights was APPROVED and it was AGREED that the Working Party of Councillors Beales, Huke and Huxtable be asked to consult with the Martham Coronation Recreation Ground Trust about the proposals, take the project forward to the detailed design and costing stage and report back to Council once the scheme was ready for submitting for planning permission.

- 14. Christmas Fayre**
The Chairman reminded Members that donations of bottles of drink would be welcomed and that support was required on both the 26th & 27th November from anyone who could attend.
- 15. Luncheon Club**
Councillors Gates and Watson reported that funds had improved slightly following fund raising events but that numbers attending the Club were down because of clashes with other activities. There was to be a test run of the Wherry Way Luncheon Club in January which was being run as a financially independent operation.
- 16. Pond to the East of the Village Green**
Councillor Moore reported on revised findings since the last meeting and that more detailed work now showed the drain pipes running from Somerton Road did not, after all, feed the pond. Quotes had been requested to clear the pond of silt and provide an new clay liner and a contractor had visited the site with Councillor Moore to assess the work required. The contractor would send an official estimate for the work to the Clerk. It was AGREED to await receipt of the quote and consider the matter in more detail at the next meeting.
- 17. Cess Road Smee**
Members were asked to submit alternative uses for the smee to the next meeting.
- 18. Vacancies for two Councillors**
The Council had two vacancies for Members and the statutory advertising period for nominations for both had expired without any being received . This meant that existing members could co-opt new Councillors of their choice.
Councillor Huke proposed the co-option of Mr Howard Walford as a new Councillor for the Parish, seconded by T Watson and unanimously agreed.
Members were asked to inform The Clerk of nominations to fill the other vacancy before 6th December in time to be considered at the next meeting.
- 19. Items for the next Agenda**
- Back Lane pond
 - Cess Smee
 - Pyman Close trees
 - Member vacancy
- 20.** The next meeting of the full Council is to be held on 15th December 2010. The next Parish Surgery is on 27th November 2010 when Councillor Wright is due to attend and will take place at the Christmas Fayre.

The meeting closed at 20.48 hours.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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