

Notes of Marham Parish Council Meeting 17/02/2021

Cllr. J Morriarty from West Acre and one member of the public were present.

1. Two councillors made the following declarations of interest:

Cllr. Flatt 14.2 Booking Officer's Contract

Cllr. Canham 9.4.1 Advertising in P&S

2. Apologies were received from Cllr. Barrett, sickness. It was stated that Cllr. Barrett hoped to be fit to return on March 1st.

3. The notes of the meeting held on 13th January were approved.

Proposed Cllr. Canham, Seconded Cllr. Hipperson

4. The letter of resignation from Mrs Sara Porter, Clerk was received and accepted.

Thanks for her hard work over the past five or six years were expressed.

5. Cllr. Harrison reported that the fencing, part of the work on the trod footpath at Lion Farm had not been completed. This has been reported and agreement reached that it will be finished in the near future.

No reports had been received from the County Council, the Borough Council or the RAF. No members of the public wished to participate.

6.1 The financial report was accepted.

Proposed Cllr. Hipperson Seconded Cllr. Harrison

6.2 The finances since the last meeting were accepted.

Proposed Cllr. Allerton Seconded Cllr. Bucke

It was agreed that a further five hours be paid to the outgoing clerk to reconcile the hours she had worked.

Proposed Cllr. Canham Seconded Cllr. Bucke

7. It was reported that the job application information has been posted on a number of sites and number of applications have been received. These will be considered after the closing date.

8. It was noted that Cllr. Rix-Clark has resigned from the Village Hall working party.

It was reported that quotations had been received from three architectural practices with regard to preparing detailed drawings and a specification to a stage where they could go to tender. Further details of these quotations will be sent to all councillors.

It was felt that the email received from Mr John Stephenson (16/02/21) regarding his involvement in this project should be discussed in the confidential section of this meeting.

9. Cllr. Morriarty was given leave to speak. He stated that as the government was insisting that elections go ahead on May 6th, all council matters were subject to purdah. Therefore the County

Council will hold back on any decisions relating to the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Plan until after the elections.

9.1.1 It was hoped that the village hall would open again at the beginning of May to coincide with the elections. This will be subject to any restrictions in place at that time. Since the hall has stood empty for some considerable time, it will not require a deep clean. However, it will need a general clean and the various covid security measures, such as signage, sanitation stations, one-way systems etc will need to be in place.

9.1.2 Cllr. Canham agreed to distribute some fund-raising ideas she had discovered on Facebook.

Cllr. Child suggested that if the Marham Fun Day should take place this year, then perhaps the council should devise and run some traditional fairground games to generate income.

9.2 Cllr. Walsingham reported that there had been one interment in the cemetery this week and that another was expected in the near future.

9.2.1 It was reported that a company called TTSR had been engaged to dig the last two graves in liaison with Cllr. Walsingham. He would encourage all local funeral directors to use this company as they were aware of the local ground conditions within Marham.

9.3 It was reported that the hedges forming the boundaries of the sports field were in need of cutting. However, due to the ground conditions, it was agreed to postpone this until the end of the nesting season.

Other hedges, forming part of the grounds maintenance contract, such as those around the Bowls Club, will need to be cut by hand. This is stipulated in the contract. The work will need to be completed before the end of the month. Cllr. Harrison will contact the company concerned.

The hedge bordering the road to the playing field has still not been cut despite the owners receiving reminders. Cllr. Walsingham will contact them to inform them that we will have contractors on site in the next two weeks should they wish to engage them.

Concern was expressed that garden rubbish was being dumped beside the hedge behind the pavilion. Cllr. Walsingham to look into this.

Cllr. Harrison reported that he had informed the company responsible for levelling the turf in the playground was not satisfactory. Following a site visit they agreed and will relay the turf when the weather is suitable.

Cllr. Harrison has received quotations regarding items of play equipment but given the range of possibilities it is difficult to make realistic comparisons. He will pursue this further before coming back to the council.

Cllr. Harrison reported that he had been made aware of the possibility of installing a compacted gravel path within the playground, to allow easier access by wheelchair users and individuals with prams and buggies. He will investigate further.

9.4 Cllr. Child requested articles for the forthcoming edition of P&S. He also requested profiles from those councillors who had not yet submitted them.

9.4.1 Cllr. Canham gave an update on the latest position regarding advertising within P&S. She reported that she had obtained one piece of editorial content from one advertiser, for inclusion to

reflect the change in size of the magazine. She also reported that she was in contact with an individual who would submit an article relating to wild birds.

9.5 Cllr. Walsingham requested comments on the latest SAM2 speed camera results. He reported that we now have two cameras and increased sites. An enquiry was made as to whether we had considered replacing the existing cameras with one that not only recorded speed, but numberplate as well, enabling reports to be made to the authorities. Cllr. Walsingham stated that this had been discussed in the past, but the decision was made not to proceed.

9.6 Cllr. Rix-Clark has requested a new footpath sign to be placed adjacent to the Old Post Office, and a field marker to be placed on the field side of the hedge, at the bottom of the footpath between Burnt House Drove and The Street.

9.7 Cllr. Bucke reported that the deeds relating to the recreation ground have been . He is still investigating the situation with regard to the Chalk Pit, The Sand Pit and the Millennium Garden.

9.8 Cllr. Rix-Clark reported that she had not had a very good response from councillors regarding the email she had sent out dealing with the offer of support from the RAF. Following discussion, it was agreed that a request be made to the RAF to clear the leaves and debris from Dobbies Lane and the footpath running from School Lane. Permission to lay weed suppressing material would also be sought from the relevant authority by Cllr. Rix-Clark.

9.9 This item had been covered previously in the meeting. (9.3)

10.1.1 This was agreed with no comments.

10.2.1 This was noted

10.2.2 This was noted

10.3 There were no late applications

10.4 There were no other planning matters

11.1 This item was discussed in the confidential section of the meeting

11.2 See above

12 There were no outstanding Norfolk County Council issues

13 It was noted that the next meeting would take place via zoom on Wednesday 17th March