

Minutes of Marton Cum Grafton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting

Held: Tuesday 11th March 2024

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis (CS-L) Arabella Cornelius (AC)
Hugh Creasy (HC) County Councillor Arnold Warneken
Sandra Windross (SW) Clerk.

Resident attendance 6

Agenda Point	Subject	Action
1. Note Apologies	Received from Cllr Alex Robinson	
2. Declarations of interest	None noted.	
3. Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the meeting on the 11 th February 2025 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record	
4. NYC matters	<p>AW stated NYC have had a fractious couple of meetings to set the budget with a decision made to increase Council Tax by 4.99%, the highest increase without triggering a referendum. The controversial decision to severely amend the home to school transport arrangements in the county have proved to be less of a saving than originally thought, as such pressure is being applied to reverse the decision.</p> <p>AW is concerned at the apparent lack of debate prior to council decisions with a committee mindset prevailing as opposed to broader, more democratic, cabinet control being exercised.</p> <p>AW advised Northern Energy has sold its oil distribution division, but the larger gas portion of the business remains. This is unlikely to impact the Northern Energy HQ site on the A168.</p> <p>AW has been contacted by residents regarding dog fouling in the village, a discussion took place on how this can be best dealt with. AW will leave it with the Parish Council and raise the matter again in 12 months if the need should arise. CS asked AW if he could clarify if the wheelie bin collections are going to be reduced to once a month soon, AW advised this was not going to happen at the present time although there will be some changes to the bin collections.</p>	
5. 5.1 Playing Fields and Woodlands	<p>RS has received a quote from for work to repair the lower section of the palying fields track, it was agreed to accept the quote the total cost being £650.00.</p> <p>Playings fields – RS advised he is arranging quotes for rabbit proof fencing to enclose the childrens play area.</p>	
5.2 Inspection of childrens play area	It was noted that playing fields mower, inherited from the cricket club, has been serviced and will shortly be returned. The cost for the service and the spare parts has been met by Woodland Funds.	
5.3 Asphalt Plant update	AW is hopeful it will go before next months committee meeting. Being a Minerals and Waste application it goes to strategic planning where it will be debated. Parish Councils can speak (for 3 minutes) but must register if you wish to do so. AC thought that you can only get a maximum of 3 minutes per parish to speak. AC advised that a 60 page report on explosions and fire risks has been submitted by the campaign group, highlighting amongst other observations the explosion risk, limited	

	emergency service access via the A168 and the potential for smoke drifting over, and closing, the A1.	
6. Village Hall	A new water boiler has been fitted into the kitchen for coffee mornings. The water usage in the hall has quadrupled in the last 6 months and needs to be investigated.	
7.1 Planning Applications	<p>The following applications were received:</p> <p>ZC24/04226/DVCM AJ Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to amend the approved plans listed under condition 2 of planning consent ZC23/03087/DVCM AJ to allow the consideration of a revised office siting and car parking layout. Land Comprising OS Field 2161 Limebar Lane Marton Cum Grafton</p> <p>AC agreed to compare the application with the last planning application.</p>	SW
7.2 Decisions	No decisions were received.	
7.3 Enforcement Issues	Enforcement alerted to the removal of a hedge out with the developers property bordering Chapel Fields.	
8. SHELAA	NYC were made aware of a mapping error in the recent SHELAA call for sites where a resident's land was mistakenly allocated.	
9. Financial Matters	Summary of recent finances were shared as per attached Appendix I Review of CIL and S106 funds were reviewed at our last meeting – it was agreed to retain on the Agenda.	
10. Correspondence noted	A request has been received for a football net to be installed on the posts at the playing fields. It was agreed to fund the purchase of a football net.	
11. Any other items for business and next meeting	<p>MOP advised that rubbish and grass cuttings are being dumped on Grafton Lane. AW suggested we send him the What3words location along with a Google Maps image and he will ask NYC to remove.</p> <p>CS-L confirmed the Village Litter pick on Saturday morning at 9.30am - meet at the shop.</p> <p>PC's are coming under pressure from NALC to use a government recommended website. A resident with superior IT skills briefed the meeting on the merits of a gov.uk website and additionally how the current website is not compliant and needs updating. He kindly offered his help to assist the PC migrating the existing website to a new website. Parish Online provide this website service, they are a not-for-profit organisation charging in the range of £300 to £700 per year for this service. It was agreed to obtain a quote for a government website from Parish Online.</p> <p>Date of next meeting – 8th April 2025 at 7.30pm the meeting concluded at 20.41</p>	

Signed:Vice Chairman (AR)..... Dated:08-04-2025.....