

# GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Great Massingham Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020, at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors, M Wingell (Chair), S Nash (Vice-Chair), C Boyden, J Cole, V Cross, M Eldridge, M Hipkin, P James, D Speake. Due to clerk illness, C, Boyden took the minutes.  
1 member of the public.

1. The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.
2. Apologies  
Apologies were received from County Councillor S Dark.
3. Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items  
None
4. Minutes  
11.e – reword to “Councillor D Speak advised that work had now commenced and was ongoing.  
15 – Village incidents – should be Gayton Road, not Castle Acre Road.  
It was proposed by Cllr Cross, seconded by Cllr Cole, and vote carried, that the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020, copies of which had been circulated to members and were available in the Village Hall, be approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes for Information Only  
None
6. Parishioner’s Participation  
See report from Cllr. Moriarty regarding site planning.
7. Reports from County and Borough Councillors and Police
  - a. Cllr. Dark sent his apologies due to illness and stated
  - b. Norfolk Police, Area Inspector’s Meeting –Councillor J Cole confirmed his attendance to represent the Parish Council.
  - b. Cllr Dark sent his apologies due to illness and stated that he will be chasing up the bench cheque and an update on the school meeting.
  - c. Cllr Moriarty discussed the letter received from KLWNBC regarding governance that was sent out to Parish Councils last November with not many councils making any comment.  
The proposed increase in tax will be £4.50 and will be discussed at the next full meeting.  
The Parishioner present had written to Cllr Moriarty regarding details of a site on Castle Acre Road (on the left-hand side leaving the village), for development. Cllr Moriarty confirmed that the task group had no intention of promoting this site. Landowners can offer up land and it has to be listed. The parishioner had discussions with Cllr. Wingell and information o be sent out to all councillors.  

ACTION MW

Cllr Cross asked why the Borough seemed so against more affordable and social housing which is needed. Cllr Moriarty confirmed that there was a meeting tomorrow and a breakdown on housing to include rental, affordable, shared equity etc., was a good idea going forward. There is not currently a council plan in the village for affordable/shared ownership and we need this to be raised in a plan/policy which is where the Neighbourhood Plan would be useful.  
Cllr Moriarty will make enquires on the Borough policy of limiting numbers with 15 mentioned and we already have 24.  
Cllr Nash asked what the % is for affordable housing – 80% of market value?  
The cap on 2<sup>nd</sup> homes was also raised, and this could be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

8. New Youth Club Leader

The new leader is currently off work due to illness and Cllr Cole has been in touch with Simon Henson to find out more and get an update.

9. Finance

a. Accounts for payment under the Late Payments Interest Act 1998: there were none declared

b. Accounts for payment: It was resolved that the following accounts should be paid.

- 101883 - Scottish Hydro, Street Lighting (January) - £279.28
- 101884 - K & M Lighting Ltd, Street Lighting Maintenance (February) - £72.84
- 101885 – Great Massingham Community Cars (annual donation) - £300.00
- 101886 – Parochial Church Council (annual donation) - £350.00
- 101887 – Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau (donation) - £50.00
- 101888 – JWM Electrical Services (installation of Xmas lights) - £348.00
- 101889 – Clerk’s salary, travel & expenses (13th Jan – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb) - £340.51

**TOTAL** £1,740.63

Proposed Cllr Hipkin, seconded Cllr Cross and vote carried.

c. Finance received during November: It was noted that the following amount had been received

- Fishing Receipts - £94.50

d. Financial Statement: The financial statement for December 2019, was considered, approved and signed by the Chairman.

e. Fund options discussed and it was decided to go for the HTB scheme for 1 year at 1.71% interest. Proposed Cllr Nash, seconded Cllr Eldridge, vote carried.

f. Parish Online digital mapping discussed, and Cllr Moriarty mentioned that there is a new mapping service via the Borough site. We need to be able to add our assets to the mapping and Cllr Cole will look into showing both sites via projector at the March meeting. ACTION JC

g. **Other Financial Matters** – there were no matters raised.

10. Governance

Discussed the Parish Council Investment Policy and Financial Regulations.

Proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Eldridge for both. Vote – 4 approved with 2 against.

11. Biodiversity Group

The Hedge at the South West of the wood is owned by J. Morton and no donation for cutting to be made.

12. Historical Society

A request was registered by Cllr. James to light the beacon for the VE 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. A risk management is required. Proposed by Cllr Cross, seconded by Cllr Nash and vote carried.

13. Open Spaces

a. A clearance plan required for the rubbish on council land adjacent to Charles Dewar Close and to be carried to the March meeting for a decision.

b. Play Area – Colin Whitmore has the inspection and is dealing with any issues.

c. The cleaning of the War Memorial was discussed, and it was decided to go with the quotation from AJ Restoration. Proposed Cllr Cross, seconded Cllr Nash and vote carried.

Cllr Hipkin to find out if any grants are available to assist with this cleaning ACTION MH

d. The “do not feed the ducks” signage on Scotsman’s Pit discussed and Cllr Hipkin and Cllr Cole will look at cleaning these. ACTION MH/JC

e. 2-4 cormorants are now regularly feeding on Scotsman’s Pit and Cllr Speake has a contact who maybe able to offer advice. ACTION DS

f. The trees that were cut back on Scotsman’s Pit now have shoots and Cllr Speake to look into

completing the required paperwork. Cllr Wingell to provide the form to Cllr Speake.

ACTION MC/DS

- g. Work on the mole hills started 2 weeks ago and is ongoing. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

ACTION DS

14. Street Lighting

Nothing to report

15. Planning Matters

- a. No new applications
- b. No approvals or refusals
- c. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Wingell reported an interest expressed from a parishioner and will follow up. A vote to take place at the next meeting if enough parishioners interest received.
- d. Local Plan – as previously discussed under 7.c., 6 houses on the left-hand side of Castle Acre Road are shown but we offered our land instead. The John Morton site was also discussed, and Cllr Moriarty explained that land can be put forward but was not going to get to application status.

16. Highways

- a. Lynn Lane water drainage still needs attention plus the utility covers on Abbey Road. Sally Bettinson to be contacted again. ACTION CLERK
- b. It was agreed to leave the drain issue between Parsonage Farm pond and the ditch until the weather improves.
- c. The SAM sign on Castle Acre Road to be repaired by Westcotec. Cllr Cole will contact Roy at Westcotec. ACTION JC
- d. Sally Bettinson has advised that the second SAM location is not suitable and there is no space on Lynn Lane. Cllr Wingell to contact Sally to request a visit to view. ACTION MW
- e. No update on speeding.

17. Village Incidents

The crashed car on the Gayton Road is still causing problems and clerk to contact the police to arrange removal. ACTION CLERK

18. Correspondence

- a. Cllr Wingell had received a letter from a parishioner regarding a skylight fitted at 15 Station Road and if we were aware of any planning application. Cllr Wingell to respond. ACTION MW
- b. Email send out regarding Great Massingham Village Hall are seeking a new trustee.

Cllr Cross announced that he will be standing down from the Parish Council in April 2020 after many years' service.

Meeting ended 9.25pm

..... Chairman  
9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020