

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Marshchapel Parish Council held in the Parish Council Meeting Room on Thursday 12th Sept, 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. P Rickett (Chair); S. Osbourne (Vice), C. Henderson, H. Mason, J Pepper & C. Pursey.

Apologies: Cllr Claricoates— reasons accepted.

Further apologies: Cllr D. McNally (ELDC & CC)

Hannah from Medical Practice unable to attend.

Clerk: Mrs P. Plumridge

No members of public

29.24 - Open meeting for Members of Public

No members of public present.

30.24 – County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

Cllr McNally has given his apologies.

Cllr Rickett forwarded information about:

Home Upgrade Grants Scheme

Our Home Upgrade Grants scheme is open to more residents that are eligible! Don't miss this opportunity to secure substantial grants that can transform a home and improve energy efficiency.

To be eligible for a grant, there are some requirements:

- The property must have an Energy Performance Certificate rating of D, E, F or G
- Must have a household income of less than £36,000 per year
- The property must be off the gas grid

If you or someone you know could take advantage of our scheme for long-term improvements, get in touch with us! 01507 613573 or greenhomesgrants@e-lindsey.gov.uk

Pension Credit

Did you know Pension Credit is one of the most under-claimed benefits in Lincolnshire? Help your neighbours or family check their eligibility—it only takes a few moments and could make all the difference this winter! Check online: www.gov.uk/pension-credit or call 0800 99 1234.

If you get Pension Credit, you can also receive:

- Winter Fuel Payment
- Housing Benefit
- Cost of Living Payments
- Support for Mortgage Interest
- Council Tax discount
- Free TV licence (75+)
- Help with NHS costs
- Warm Home Discount Scheme
- Royal Mail redirection discount

Follow Lincolnshire Financial Inclusion Partnership for more money tips and information: www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator - www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBN_CDjnkxQ&t=13s

Advice4Growth

This webinar is a must-attend for anyone looking to improve their online business performance and achieve sustainable growth.

Aimed at small and medium enterprise owners, the Advice4Growth team have planned several webinars over the coming weeks - and they're covering a wide range of topics.

To register for this online event, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../how-smes-can-make-a...>

Advice4Growth has been funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, distributed by South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

31.24– Clerk to receive declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest on any Agenda item in accordance with Localism Act and the Council’s Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

None

32.24 – Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (9.7.24) were moved and signed.

33.24 - Matters Arising

Phone Box – This has now been cleaned and looks much better, however it will probably need repainting soon. Clerk & Martin thanked for doing this.

Amenity Area- flagstones and notice board are now in place, existing bench is refurbished and awaiting brass plate. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Osbourne for doing this bench. Planter has arrived and discussion took place as to how and when this would be put in place. Cllr Osbourne, Cllr Mason and Cllr Henderson will liaise with Cllr Pursey, who has offered to help site it. It was agreed that a recycled plastic bench, in brown, similar to the ones on the Playing Field would be appropriate. Clerk to order this. Karl Graham will be asked to build and site bench and flag pole.

Discussion took place about a Village Hall sign, various ideas and suggestions were put forward, the proposed one was refused, mainly due to size. It seemed a favourable idea would be some sort of planter with ‘Village Hall’ on it. Cllr Mason & Cllr Pursey to take this information back to the VH Committee.

34.24 – Financial

940 – Marshchapel Village Hall (electrics) - £721.02

941 – P. Plumridge (wages) Q2

Proposed Cllr Rickett, seconded Cllr Osbourne

Approved

BACS – 2.8.24- Contractor - £458.72

2.8.24 – T. Mudge- £300.00

2.8.24 – Amberol - £544.20

14.8.24 - Contractor - £2410.00

Proposed

- 13.9.24.24 – HMRC
- 13.9.24 – Rospa - £103.20
- 13.9.24 – Contractor - £288.00
- 13.9.24 – Cllr exp- £10.00
- 13.9.24. – Contractor - £240.00
- Debit card – 13.9.24 – NBB- £367.20

Proposed Cllr Rickett, seconded Cllr Pursey.

Clerk asked Cllrs to agree an amount for the Poppy Appeal, Cllr Mason proposed £40, seconded Cllr Osbourne.

35.24 Playing Field

Thanks to Cllr Pepper for repairing play boat.

There is some cracking in the concrete slabs laid at the park, Contractor has been asked to rectify this. Matting, tidying up and removal of old/useless equipment complete. Thanks to Aide and Ryan for pressure washing the area, letter to be sent.

Rospa Report received, Clerk has got work in hand on gate. Ropes/wires Cllr Rickett to investigate replacements.

Email from Parishioner re play equipment followed up by PC but no response for further input.

Suggested pigeon spikes on top of swings, Clerk to order. Proposed Cllr Rickett, seconded Cllr Pepper. No further contact from Football Club, no response when Cllr Pepper asked about registration. Cllr Pepper to follow up.

36.24 Correspondence

- Clerks & Council Direct – newsletter;
- Bank statements

All incoming emails are monitored by **Chair and Clerk**.

Regular incoming emails are from: NALC Newsletter, NALC Chief Exec. Bulletin, NALC Events, these are received weekly.

LALC Newsletter is received fortnightly and is forwarded out to all Councillors.

LALC Training Bulletin is received monthly and is forwarded out.

We receive upwards of 500 emails between meetings and it is impossible to list them all. Anything we feel is of particular interest we will forward out.

Request for trimming tree near War Memorial to be looked into, regarding ownership, think it is in private garden, however we could still prune back.

Email from VH regarding use of Parish Council office. Further discussion, plenty of alternative places for a small office to be installed, if necessary, Trustees are not in favour due to confidentiality issues, Cllrs feel exactly the same, as Parish Council requires safe, secure storage due to confidentiality. All but one Councillor agreed, however, our Councillor with legal expertise pointed out that as Parish Council is the first level of Local Government it would not be deemed appropriate for the Parish Council office to be shared with anyone. For all these reasons we do not agree to sharing the Parish Council office and hopefully this matter can now be considered closed. Clerk to reply to email.

37.24 - Planning

None

38.24 – Chairmans Items

Littlefield Lane is very overgrown again causing damage to car paintwork. Cllr Osbourne proposed we ask N. Cook to give it another flail cut, Cllr Pursey seconded this. Clerk to arrange.

Our attention has been drawn to the algae and stench coming from the dyke by the Glebe Field in Church Lane. Clerk to write to S.A. Mossop (Farms) Ltd, who are the tenants to ask them to arrange to clear it out, it is becoming a health hazard.

39.24 – Items for next Agenda

Use of Playing Field for dog training – any further information.

40.24 – Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th November, 2024 at 7.30 pm

No further business, meeting closed at 8.59 pm.

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12th November, 2024