

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Marcham Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January, 2025 commencing at 7.30 p.m. and held in the village hall, Barrow Close Marcham

Present:

Mark Harvie (Chairman), Sandra Hill, Michael Hoath, Joe Withers
Joined by Ruth Mander (7.32 p.m.)
Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin

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- 2025/24 Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence had been received from Sheena Bigden.
- 2025/25 Declarations of Interest
No declarations of interest were received.
- 2025/26 Ruth Mander joined the meeting
- 2025/27 Suspension of Standing Order no. 7
The Council had been made aware of new funding information, not previously available, in regards to a request for financial support for the provision of village entertainment.

The Chairman called for a show of hands for those in favour of suspending standing order no. 7

In favour	Against	Abstention
5	0	0

RESOLVED:

that Standing Order 7 be suspended to allow reconsideration of the request for financial support.

- 2025/28 Grant Application – village entertainment – showing of remastered film “Yellow Peril”
The Marcham Players drama group, which had been involved in the original Yellow Peril film, had stopped holding events when the Institute, where plays were shown, had closed, and the group disbanded. The funds in its account had been handed to Marcham Community Group, earmarked for use in connection with drama, arts and entertainment. There was a sum of £987 available. Queries were raised in regards to the Council’s funding application

form which was used by all applicants for financial support, whether an applicant was applying for funding under s. 137 Local Government Act 1972, or seeking financial support from the Council, where there was a direct statutory spending power. The need to amend questions on the form, and the level of detail about applicants/organisations was discussed. Council also discussed funding previously awarded towards the costs of showing the film “Yellow Peril”, and noted that the applicant was applying to Marcham Community Group.

The Chairman called for a show of hands for those in favour of rescinding the previous resolution to award the sum of £400 based on the fact of available funding being held by Marcham Community Group.

In favour	Against	Abstention
4	0	1

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council’s resolution passed at its meeting held on 13th January, 2025 and minuted under minute reference 2025/11 be rescinded based on the knowledge of available funds being held by Marcham Community Group
- (ii) That a review of the grant application form and grant policy be placed for discussion, on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council

2025/29

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 10th February, 2025 in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed Date