Marsworth Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held on 14 March 2022 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00pm

21/120 Present: Cllrs R Kennedy (RK) (Chair), R Brown (RB), H Chalmers (HC), D Cornwall (DC), G Monks (GM), J Woodruffe (JW) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith

Others Present: Buckinghamshire Councillors Chris Poll and Peter Brazier, Elaine Standen (Marsworth News) Apologies: None

- 21/121 Declarations of Interest: None
- 21/122 Minutes of meeting held on 7 February 2022 had been circulated and were approved and signed as a true record.
- 21/123 Public Participation

21/124 Clerk's Correspondence:

- a) Community Bus Project. Questionnaire update awaited.
- b) Marsworth Food Bank. Buckinghamshire Community Board funding in the sum of £1860 for the period 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 had been successful and awaiting reimbursement from Buckinghamshire Council.
- c) Buckinghamshire Community Board had ordered 12 SIDs (speed indicator devices) for 5 parishes to gain a bulk reduction. The cost per SID would be circa £3,400 with 50% funding from the Community Board and invoices would be issued this month.
- d) Ainscough Strategic Land's proposals to redevelop the former airfield. Planning application not yet submitted...
- e) Marshcroft Development Dacorum Local Plan (2020-2038) Strategy for Growth Land East of Tring. Planning application not yet submitted.
- f) MPC Precept request for 2022/23 had been submitted.
- g) The LGA Code of Conduct 2020 and Standing Orders which had been circulated were discussed. It was agreed to defer a decision on adoption to the next meeting to give more time for review.
- h) Community Board funding request: a) equipping the volunteers at Long Spinney and; b) Aston Abbots defibrillator cabinet. MPC had no objection.
- i) Electricity rates now fixed. 3 with SSE (OVO) for 4 years for street lighting and 1 with British Gas for the Recreation Ground for 3 years.
- j) Queen's Platinum Jubilee MPC felt it was inappropriate to arrange a function itself since members and many villagers were heavily committed to the preparation and staging of the annual Steam Rally two weeks later. MPC was still awaiting arrival of the tree before ordering an RBLI plaque.
- k) A TfB on line stakeholder event would took place on 22 March 5.15-6.45 pm to discuss the latest TfB area contacts and updates on the £100M Investing in Your Roads campaign, gully cleansing, gritting and progress on procuring the new highways contract for Buckinghamshire.
- Luton Airport Expansion. It was agreed that Councillors should make their own individual representations.
- m) Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire Council briefing by Boundary commission zoom briefing hosted by BALC on 9 March. With the change in Ward Boundaries the number of Councillors required would reduce from 147 to 98. How it would work will depend on the evidence.
- n) New licensing policy had been adopted for Buckinghamshire which sets out the Council's approach to making decisions about licences.
- o) The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on Wednesday 13 April at 7.00 p.m. in the Main Room of the Millennium Hall. Members of the public invited to attend. Clerk to invite local organisations to present their reports. The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at 7.50 pm on Monday 9 May in the Millennium Hall.

21/125 BC Report:

The White Lion

A Section 215 notice had now been issued, effective January 2022. Works to be completed within 6 months. No response to date from the White Lion owner. Councillor Town had met with the Development Manager for the North Bucks planning area who had agreed to push through the application and avoid the enforcement action.

Aylesbury Truck Hire at Marsworth Airfield

6 businesses at the airfield currently being reviewed by the Enforcement Officer. Councillors Poll and Brazier would follow this up.

- 21/126 Police Between 20/01/2022 and 23/02/2022, there were 6 incidents reported to the police for Marsworth, 2 of which were of note:
 - Burglary Non-Dwelling Shed broken into on Lower Icknield. Enquiries are ongoing for this.
 - Stolen Vehicle Norvic Road.

21/127 Environment and Amenity Matters:

- a) Equipment Check report DC reported that the 'ski' machine was stiff to use. RK to take some WD40 to the Rec. Equipment check report for March at April 2022 meeting Cllr. HC to report.
- 2 large pot holes in Watery Lane. Reported. (Ref TfB379655391)
- c) Gutters and pavements in Lower End. Reported to Streetscene who had carried out 'a sweep'. Paul Foot the local area technician organising for the vegetation to be cut back but no time line given.
- d) Clerk awaiting update from VAHT on when garages at The Crescent are due to be demolished and rebuilt,

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- Running Track Clerk to ascertain price to create a 'mowed grass' 400m running track around the inside perimeter delineated by white lines.
- f) Blocked drain on corner of Norvic Road and Vicarage Road. Awaiting update on blocked drain from Paul Foot.
- g) Jez Leonard had removed all weeds and soil from footpath at the entrance to the Rec along the accessible path and adjusted the gate.
- h) Unsafe wreckage from abandoned caravan set on fire over the weekend in Startops Car Park. Reported to C&RT 7 Feb 22. [CASE:819780]. Clerk had escalated this as a complaint to C&RT on 6 March as no response or action. Councillors agreed this was urgent and dangerous.
- i) Countrywide changes to highways legal orders changes to Traffic Regulation Orders Upper Icknield Way and Vicarage Road – MPC supportive of the changes. Clerk to let Cllr Brazier know that no comments from MPC.
- j) Clerk reported pot hole at Red Lion Bridge. (TfB407454400 11/3/22)

21/128 Village Hall

It was agreed that Clirs DC and JW would assist with the general clear up around the outside of the Village Hall on Saturday 2 April from 10.00 am.

21/129 Planning Matters:

a) Planning Applications:

22/00510/APP - Merrivale Vicarage Road Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LT

Householder application for front and rear extensions, alterations to existing front dormer to create two separate dormers, loft conversion including dormer window to rear and alterations to existing outbuilding. App Feb 22

No objection by MPC.

22/00594/APP - MARSWORTH

Land Adj Bulbourne Bulbourne Road Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 5QF Erection of a new pedestrian footbridge to replace that approved under planning permission 19/00047/APP No objection by MPC.

b) Decisions awaited:

21/01520/AOP – Marsworth – Anglers Retreat Ph And 30 Startops End Lower Icknield Way Marsworth Bucks HP23 4LJ Change of use for Public House to residential use and conversion of public house to two flats with two storey rear extension and single storey side extension and demolition of existing conservatory, demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of 4 houses, change of boundary location with 30 Startops, change of access for 30 Startops and erection of carport for two vehicles and enclosed store, two storey side extension for 30 Startops. App Apr 21

21/00383/APP - Marsworth - Former White Lion PH Startops End Lower Icknield Way, Marsworth,

Bucks. HP23 4LJ

Conversion of former public house into two dwellings. App Feb 21

c) Permission granted/refused:

21/00082/APP – Marsworth – 25 Lower Icknield Way, Marsworth, Buckinghamshire. HP23 4LN Full refurbishment and roof extension following house fire. App Jan 21. **Application withdrawn.**

21/04376/APP - 14 Norvic Road Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LS

Householder application for first floor front and side extension (amendment to refusal 21/01346/APP). App 11 Nov 21. No objection by MPC. Refused 7 Feb 22

21/130 Item for Next Agenda – Councillor Vacancy applications.

21/13 | Finance Matters: Monthly Finance status at 28 February 2022

Current a/c:			£0
Business Reserve a/c:			£20,020.83
Cheques agreed and distributed			
Cheque 1795	Mrs C A Smith (December)	£230.86	
Cheque 1796	HMRC (December)	£50.80	
Cheque 1797	J Leonard (remedial work to Access Path at Rec)	£450.00	
Cheque 1798	BALC Clerk/Councillor training	£38.00	
Direct Debit payments:	Npower (EON Street Lighting)	143.73	
			00.00
Receipts:	Bank Interest		£0.32

21/13 2 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 13 April at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall.

Meeting Dates 2022	Inspection Report on Rec Ground	
13 April	HC to report at April meeting	
9 May	GM to report at May meeting	
20 June	JW to report at June meeting	
4 July	RK to report at July meeting	
8 August	RB to report at August meeting	
12 September	HC to report at September meeting	
10 October	DC to report at October meeting	
14 November	GM to report at November meeting	
12 December	JW to report at December meeting	

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and Notice Boards