

Minutes of meeting held on 12 June 2023 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 7.00 pm

- 23/06/01 Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (RK) (Chairman), R Brown (RB), D Cornwall (DC), G Monks (GM), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith
Apologies: C King (CK) (family engagement)
Others Present: Buckinghamshire Councillors Derek Town and Peter Brazier
- 23/06/02 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 23/06/03 Public Participation:**
- a) Ainscough's Application to build 320 houses on the old Marsworth Airfield site was discussed. Jean Fox from Wilstone gave a presentation on Understanding the Process and How to Make your Objection Count. All documents can be found on Marsworth.org.uk
 - b) Community Speedwatch in Marsworth. Ron Busby gave an update. 8 volunteers (out of the 22) had already registered with Thames Valley Police and completed initial online training. RK kindly offered to volunteer if insufficient numbers.
- 23/06/04 Questions for – and Update from – Buckinghamshire Councillors.** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to Buckinghamshire Councillors, and for those Councillors to provide updates to the Parish Council and public:
- a) **The White Lion and SAC** – Cllr Town reported that a decision was still awaited on the mitigation strategy for the SAC which was delaying the application.
 - b) **Aylesbury Truck Hire at Marsworth Airfield** – Cllr Town reported that the legal process was still in progress.
 - c) **Community Garden** – Cllrs Town and Brazier had met on site the Asset Management Manager in relation to permission to use of the land on the corner of Lukes Lea and Vicarage Road. Two stipulations were that neighbours must be consulted and it must be capable of being easily reversible. Marsworth Parish Council would be expected to take ownership if permission given. Awaiting next step.
 - d) **Lower Icknield Way outside the Anglers Retreat** – Cllr Town had listed this with Buckinghamshire Highways (Apr 23) as a major project as it was considered a main road but was still outstanding.
- 23/06/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 3 May 2023.** It was resolved that the draft minutes were a true and accurate record and the Chairman was duly authorised to sign them on behalf of the Council.
- 23/06/06 Election of Vice Chair** - There being only one nomination, Giles Monks was elected unopposed to the role of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.
- 23/06/07 Councillor Vacancy.** It was resolved to appoint Mr Robert John as co-opted Parish Councillor, to serve the remaining term of office. In Mr John's absence on holiday, the Clerk would forward to him the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests for his signature.
- 23/06/08 Clerk's Report: This section provides updates on on-going issues. Resolutions cannot be passed on items in this section.**
- a) **2 large Pot-holes in Watery Lane.** Reported (Ref TfB379655391 (18 Nov 21)
 - b) **Failure of footpath at Lower End towards Marsworth Airfield** -The total length of footway between the airfield and the entrance to Aspens Farm is about 130 metres which is outside the scope of routine maintenance and would be added to similar schemes to be considered when capital funding was made available for footway surfacing / reconstruction full repair.
 - c) **Bridge Weight Restriction** obscured at Red Lion Bridge. TfB has contacted relevant land owners requesting necessary maintenance be carried out in accordance with the Highways Act 1980 (31 Aug 22)
 - d) **The Crescent junction** with LIW potholes reported 13 Jan 23 TfB478420648. TfB inspected the area and assessment is that no urgent action is required. TFB will contact Streetscene to arrange for this location to be swept (26 Jan 23).
 - e) **Ship Lane junction** by Red Lion Bridge reported 13 Jan 23 TfB478423016
 - f) **Church lane junction** with Vicarage Road and by 'Townfield' potholes where road is failing – reported 13 Jan 23 TfB478424423
 - g) **Vicarage Road leading from Church down to Red Lion pub.** Road failing. Reported 13 Jan 23 TfB478424787
 - h) **Flooding issue on White Lion Bridge** - water not draining into gully. Reported 15 Jan 23. TfB478646014.
 - i) **40 Vicarage Road – pot hole,** TfB496694322. Reported 14 Mar 23.
 - j) **Re-Wilding of 2 small grass verges along Vicarage Road** – first area now seeded.
 - k) **Long Marston Road gutters** Request to streetscene to clear the gutters between the Marsworth Airfield Entrance and the Polish Hostel site of debris and unblock the drains. Reported 28 Mar 23. TfB502487939
 - l) **Signpost by Church** – leaning over. Reported 29 Mar 23 TfB502485050.
 - m) **Lower Icknield Way by Anglers Retreat** road has failed. Cllr Town has escalated this May 23.
 - n) **Coronation Picnic at the Rec** – thanks to the Parish Council from the organisers.
 - o) **Community Speedwatch initiative** – signs are in situ. Training taking place.
 - p) **Community Garden** – Cllr Town met with Asset Management Manager on 9 Jun 23.
 - q) **Watery Lane** – resident request for all of verge to be trimmed along Watery Lane as cars being scratched – Clerk to inform resident that Watery Lane had been cut in preparation for the Steam Rally on 18 June. Buckinghamshire Highways advised it was the responsibility of the highway authority. It would not be included in the rural cut as it was outside the speed limit. Buckinghamshire Highways cut once a year and Clerk to notify Bucks to cut six months or so after the June cut each year. Boundary hedges were the landowners responsibility.
 - r) **The Crescent** – verges not being cut as vehicles parked. Clerk to ascertain how many verges and where.

- s) **Footpath Marsworth to Pitstone Overgrown** – vision splays only at the moment being cut.
- 23/06/09 Village Hall Committee Report.**
- a) Community Board funding for a replacement oven had been refused.
- b) Media System. Quotes to be obtained.
- c) Heating – DC and Dick Brake had met at Mentmore Village Hall to look at their heating system at the Hall and at The Stag.
- d) PAT testing – an electrician giving a quote for the heating would carry out the PAT testing at the same time.
- 23/06/10 Planning**
- a) **Plans for consideration** – To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. –
- 23/01594/AOP Buckinghamshire and 23/01254/OUT Dacorum - Marsworth Airfield South Site, Long Marston Road, Marsworth
Outline Planning permission for demolition of existing buildings, structures and hardstanding to enable the erection of up to 320 residential (Use Class C3), a primary school, a local centre comprising community facilities (Use Class F2) and a rural enterprise hub (Use Class E) together with a transport mobility hub, public open space, drainage, landscaping and ancillary infrastructure. New vehicular and pedestrian access off Long Marston Road with all other matters (including other means of access) reserved. **The previous application No 22/02189/AOP Buckinghamshire and 22/01678/MOA Dacorum were withdrawn last year by the developers. At that time there were 200 objections. These objections do not count towards the new planning application and must be re-submitted. App 24 May 23. Deadline 5 July for Buckinghamshire and 7 July 23 for Dacorum. MPC objects.**
- 23/01682/ALB -Black Jack's, Lock No 4 Cottage, Watery Lane, Marsworth HP23 4LZ
Listed building application for construction of a brick bund wall on the downstream offside quadrant of Black Jack's Lock (Lock 4). **App 31 May 23. MPC no objection.**
- 23/01509/ATP – 3 Vicarage Gardens, Marsworth, HP23 4NJ
Horse Chestnut Tree – Cut overhanging branches back to boundary approx. 3-4m. **App 4 May 23. MCP no objection.**
- b) **Decisions awaited:**
- 21/00383/APP - Former White Lion PH Startops End Lower Icknield Way, Marsworth, HP23 4LJ
Conversion of former public house into two dwellings. **Awaiting SAC determination. App Feb 21**
- 21/04688/AOP - Church Hill Farm | Church Hill Farmhouse Station Road Cheddington LU7 0SG Outline application (all matters reserved except means of access) for residential development of up to 91 dwellings including the creation of new vehicular access, public open space, landscape planting, surface water attenuation and associated infrastructure following demolition of the existing property. **App 7 Dec 21. Awaiting decision.**
- 22/01187/MOA Marshcroft Development - Dacorum Local Plan (2020-2038) Strategy for Growth . Hybrid application (with access details of two main access points from Bulbourne Road and Station road in full and the main development on the rest of the site in outline with all matters reserved) for the demolition of all existing buildings on the site and the development of up to 1,400 dwellings (including up to 140 use class C2 dwellings); a new local centre and sports /community hub, primary school, secondary school, and public open spaces including creation of a suitable alternative natural green space.– **App 9 Apr 22. Refused 10 Oct 22.**
The Inquiry in to building 1,400 houses on the Marshcroft Lane fields has finished. Together with our partners CPRE Hertfordshire and the Chiltern Society we have submitted our formal Closing Statement (attached), through our barrister. **Grovefields Residents' Association Statement:** Following the conclusion of the Inquiry, the Planning Inspector will write up his findings and his recommendation. This will go the Secretary of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities who will make the decision on the case. There is no prescribed timetable for this, and we anticipate it could take 6 to 9 months or even longer before we will know the outcome. **10 May 2023**
- 22/03757/APP -Compound 23A Old Airfield Industrial Estate Cheddington Lane Marsworth HP23 4QR
Erection of ancillary building. **App 28 Nov 22. MPC No objection.**
- 23/01080/APP | Householder application for garden room | The Ship Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4NA. **App 3 Apr 23. MPC No objection.**
- c) **Permission Approved/refused:**
- 23/00415/APP – Bridgeways, Watery Lane, Marsworth, HP23 4LY
Erection of a timber summer house in rear garden. **App 9 Feb 23. MPC no objection. Approved 12 May 23.**
- 21/03229/FUL Startop Farm, Long Barn, Lower Icknield Way Marsworth, Tring, HP23 4LL
Redevelopment of the existing farm complex to enable two replacement farm buildings to be constructed with hard standing, parking areas and new access. Demolition of the existing farm, commercial, and equestrian buildings, and existing single storey bungalow. Construction of 9no dwellings and associated works including parking provision and access. **App 19 Aug 21. Appeal to Secretary of State against the Council's failure to give notice of its decision within the appropriate period. Appeal Dismissed by Secretary of State 23 April 2023**
- 23/06/11 Police:**
- Police report for May - 6 incidents were reported to the Police in the Marsworth area. 3 of these were of note: Burglary – 1 and Anti-Social Behaviour – 2 but no details given.
- 23/06/12 Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground**
- a) **Recreation Ground:** Equipment inspection – GM reported no issues. SGS to report at July meeting.
- b) **Biffa Bins at Red Lion Bridge.** Canal & River Trust Area Operations Manager organising collection of fly-tipped items. Clerk had asked if Biffa can place the bins within the bin housing leaving less room for fly-tipping.

23/06/13 Items for Information/Discussion

- a) **Steam Rally** – Sunday 18 June.
- b) **Section 106 Funding.** Current funding is the £69,007 which MPC received from British Waterways Repair Yard Bulbourne Road (16/01079/APP) on 29/07/2019 (has no commitment deadline) but can be spent only on the following, as per its S106 "Sport and Leisure Project" wording, which was agreed by Marsworth Parish Council:
'Improvements to sport and recreation facilities at Marsworth Recreation Ground'. MPC to consider looking at feasibility and costs to apply for a Deed of Variation. Clerk to follow through the possibilities of a Deed of Variation.
- c) **Operating Agreement between Marsworth Parish Council and Marsworth Village Hall** – last two years' accounts requested as per the agreement but not received. DC to follow up with Treasurer.
- d) **Post Boxes in Marsworth** – from 29 May the last collection time from Marsworth will be 9.00 am Mon to Fri from end of May 2023.
- e) **BALC Communities: Enrichment & Resilience.** Local Councils play a significant role in shaping our communities Conference on 17 October in Aylesbury. Limited to 2 tickets per Council.
- f) **School Sports** - GM reported that the school would be using the Recreation Ground for some sporting events but they were not an organised event so no dates given and the school would use its own insurance when using the Recreation Ground.

23/06/14 Items to Consider for Resolution

- a) **Marsworth Litter Pickers** – It was resolved that MPC would fund bin bags, disposable gloves and picking gadgets when not available from the Community Board. Clerk to ascertain availability.
- b) It was resolved not to subscribe to the **Community Buildings Subscription Service** (Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire and member of ACRE) to support management committees around the county in their work running village halls and community buildings. Subscription fee £65 pa and benefits range from regular bulletins, a quarterly Zoom meeting, a light touch advice and information service, to support from an expert adviser on more complex issues. Clerk to forward information to Village Hall Committee.
- c) **Section 106 funding balance from the Marsworth Yard British Waterways Church Lane (10/01336/APP) - remaining £3,048.38** It was resolved to apply to use this Section 106 money for the oven for the Village Hall. S106. The Village Hall Committee would need to pay the balance. Clerk to organise.

23/06/15 Finance:

- a) **AGAR** has been approved by the Internal Auditor
- b) Resolve to approve and sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2022/23
- c) Resolve to approve and sign Section 2 Accounting Statements 2022/23
- d) Resolve to approve the year end (to 31 March 2023) bank reconciliation
- e) Resolve to approve the Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2022/23.
- f) Resolve to approve the associated Exercise of Public Rights with an inspection period of 19 June to 28 July 2023.
- g) **Monthly Finance status as at 31 May 2023**

Current a/c:			£0
Business Reserve a/c:			£27,050.88
Cheques agreed and distributed:			
Cheque 1871	Mrs C A Smith May	£308.15	
Cheque 1872	HMRC May	£63.60	
Cheque 1873	DWD May	£260	
Cheque 1874	Clive Cohen for seed for rewilding (Vicarage Rd/Gdnsc)	£42.99	
Cheque 1875	BM Knight (Internal Auditor for AGAR)	£100.00	
Cheque 1876	St John (Coronation Picnic 21 May)	£63.36	
Cheque 1877	GS2 G Dickinson for leaflet design and printing	£90.00	
Direct Debit payments:			
	SSE for May unmetered street lighting	£106.75	
	Ionos Outlook May	£8.40	

23/06/16 Agenda items for next meeting from Public Participation, Clerk's Report and Requested by Councillors**23/06/17 Date of next Meeting:**

Monday 10 July 2023 at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

