Marsworth Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held on 10 July 2023 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00 pm

23/07/01 Present: Cllrs G Monks (Acting Chairman), R Brown (RB), D Cornwall (DC), R John (RJ), C King (CK)

S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith

Apologies: R Kennedy

Others Present: Apologies from Cllrs Town, Brazier and Poll

MPC warmly welcomed Robert John to his first meeting.

23/07/02 Declarations of Interest: Planning: Bluebells Field is adjacent to CK property.

23/07/03 Public Participation:

- a) Bluebells (item 23/06/10). Concern was expressed at the proposed height of Bluebells and that once height was established it might set a precedent, especially in relation to future development of the Nissan huts.
- b) Aylesbury Truck Hire at Marsworth Airfield Queried what legal process was taking place; and was it being billed for rates? Clerk to write to Cllrs Town and Brazier.
- 23/07/04 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 No Buckinghamshire Councillors available.
- 23/07/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 12 June 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.
- 23/07/06 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.
 - e) Ship Lane junction by Red Lion Bridge pot holes 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 gulley. Reported 15 Jan 23. TfB478646014.
 - i) 40 Vicarage Road pot hole, TfB496694322. Reported 14 Mar 23.
 - j) 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
 - k) Signpost by Church leaning over. Reported 29 Mar 23 TfB502485050.
 - 1) Lower Icknield Way by Anglers Retreat road has failed. Clir Town has escalated this May 23.
 - m) Community Speedwatch initiative Ron Busby to meet Thames Valley Police to agree locations.
 - n) Community Garden awaiting permission from Buckinghamshire Council
 - o) Biffa Bins at Red Lion Bridge. Canal & River Trust Area Operations Manager organising collection of flytipped items. Clerk has asked if Biffa can place the bins within the bin housing leaving less room for fly-tipping.
 - p) Section 106 Funding for oven and possible projector/, media and possible replacement heating. Current funding is the £69,007 which was received from British Waterways Repair Yard Bulbourne Road (16/01079/APP) on 29/07/2019 (has no commitment deadline) (and is held by Buckinghamshire Council) but can be spent only on the following, as per its S106 "Sport and Leisure Project" wording, which Buckinghamshire Council states 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 and Clerk to speak to Clerk at Cheddington.
 - q) Section 106 funding balance from the Marsworth Yard British Waterways Church Lane (10/01336/APP) remaining £3,048.38 It had previously been resolved to apply to use this Section 106 money for the oven for the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee would need to pay the balance. Joe Houston at Buckinghamshire advised that the application should come through the Village Hall Committee. Clerk will assist Village Hall Committee (DC) with the application if required.
 - r) Clerk confirmed that a list of outstanding works was sent monthly to the Buckinghamshire Councillors prior to their meeting with the Local Area Technician.

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Village Hall Committee Report.

Planning

 a) Plans for consideration – To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. –

23/01929/PAHAS Blue Bells Lower End Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4NE Prior approval application (Part 1, Class AA) for construction of additional storey to create first floor living accommodation; height of 7.01 metres. App 26 Jun 23. Reply by 25 July. It was resolved to comment as follows:

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Marsworth Parish Council is concerned that raising the height to match the nearby buildings may impact the countryside. The adjacent Nissen hut is the last remaining building from the Polish Camp and could subsequently be at risk.

Clerk to ask Peter Brazier re planning codes/advice. It was also resolved for Clerk to ensure that the Nissen huts were on the Heritage list.

23/01961/APP - 2 Norvic Road Marsworth HP23 4LS

Householder application for single storey front and rear and two storey side Extensions. App 28 Jun 23. Reply by 27 July 23. MPC 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. 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. Awaiting decision.**

23/01080/APP | Householder application for garden room | The Ship, Ship Lane, Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4NA. App 3 Apr 23. MPC No objection. Awaiting decision.

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 applications 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 23 for Buckinghamshire and 7 July 23 for Dacorum. Awaiting decision.

SGS, the Clerk and Peter Brazier had attended the Tring Rural Parish Council meeting on 5 July where this application was discussed.

MPC placed on record its appreciation for the additional documents that Peter Dean had commissioned in support of the application.

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. Awaiting decision.

c) Permission Approved/refused:

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. MPC no objection. Refused 22 Jun 23.

23/07/09 Police: Police report for June - not received.

23/07/10 Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground

- a) Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection SGS. SGS to obtain replacement stoppers for some of the equipment and to tie in again the nets at the top of the frame. The picnic tables were in a state of disrepair and one unsuitable for use. Clerk to obtain quotes for sustainable replacement. RJ to provide a contact name for quote. Clerk to seek 106 monies for benches once supplier confirmed. RJ to report on recreation ground at August meeting.
- b) Watery Lane (between the bollards) and Church Lane several requests for vegetation to be cut back. Residents to be reminded that the Boundary hedges were the landowners' responsibility. Clerk had written an article for the September issue of Marsworth News for September to remind residents to cut back their boundary hedges now there was little risk of birds nesting.
- c) Polish Information Board request for grass to be cut. Requested 26 Jun 23.
 US 8th Army Air Force War Memorial MPC thanked Peter Dean for his support to organise for the memorial to be cleaned.

23/07/11 Items for Information/Discussion

- a) Operating Agreement between Marsworth Parish Council and Marsworth Village Hall last two years' accounts received as per the operating agreement between MPC and Marsworth Village Hall. It was hoped that if a media system could be introduced to the village hall; this might increase bookings.
- b) Marsworth Food Bank. Discussion had taken place between Helping Hands, Jenny Sheils and Clerk and an application had been made and funding of £3924 agreed for the period 1 April to 30 September 2023.
- c) TR020001: London Luton Airport Expansion Updates. MPC had subscribed to updates on Luton Airport's proposed expansion from 18M to 33M passengers per year.

23/07/12 Items to Consider for Resolution

a) Marsworth to Pitstone Footpath gravel path –It was resolved that a sum of £500 could be spent on clearing the gravel path once Clerk had obtained quotes. Also consider asking a local farmer to cut the sides as well. RJ to provide a contact. Reported to Buckinghamshire Council 4730872. 29 Jun 23 but only one cut per year by the Council.

23/07/13 Finance:

a) Monthly Finance status as at 30 June 2023

Current a/c:			£0
Business Reserve a/c:			£24,690.90
Cheques agreed and distrib	outed		
Cheque 1878	Mrs C A Smith June	£293.85	
Cheque 1879	HMRC June	£63.60	
Cheque 1880	DWD June – 3 cuts	£360	ļ
Direct Debit payments:			
	SSE for June unmetered street lighting	£98.42	
	Ionos Outlook June	£8.40	
	Public Works Loan repayment	£1701.15	
Remittance:	NatWest Interest		£24.96

23/07/14 Agenda items for next meeting from Public Participation, Clerk's Report and Requested by Councillors Apologies: GM

23/07/15 Date of next Meeting:

Monday 14 August 2023 at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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