

Minutes of meeting held on 8 January 2024 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00 pm

- 24/01/01 **Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (RK) (Chairman), R Brown (RB), C King (CK), Giles Monks (GM), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith  
**Apologies:** D Cornwall (DC), (previous engagement), Robert John (RJ) (previous engagement)  
**Others Present:** Buckinghamshire Councillor Derek Town, Carol Lister
- 24/01/02 **Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 24/01/03 **Public Participation:**  
Carol Lister, a parent from Cheddington came to update MPC on proposed changes by Buckinghamshire Council to its Schools Transport Policy. The consultation period ends at the end of January (see item 24/1/11 below).
- 24/01/04 **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, including:
- Brown Bins** – It was noted that there had been some difficulties with the website to apply for a brown bin and Cllr Town would be reporting back with the issues.
  - Tidy Tips** – It was noted that one item per week of non-household waste, e.g. one toilet or one door would be permitted to be taken to the Tidy Tip with a valid permit. Clerk to send the link for a permit and to ensure the detail in Marsworth News.
  - Marsworth Airfield planning application** – Mr Gagan Mohindra, MP, had written to RK to say he would continue to emphasise the need for essential mitigation strategies to ensure the protection of our natural areas. He also attached a copy of a letter from Philip Stanley, Head of Development Management at Dacorum (dated 19 Dec 23).
  - SAC – Buckinghamshire Determination** – outstanding.
  - Greenfield v Brownfield** –MPC has requested that the status of the land needed to be established so that even if the Ainscough application was refused, the status would be in place for the future. Peter Brazier following this through.
  - The White Lion** – planning application awaiting SAC determination.
- 24/01/05 **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 11 December 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.
- 24/01/06 **Clerk's Report: This section provides updates on on-going issues. Resolutions cannot be passed on items in this section.**
- 2 large Pot-holes in Watery Lane.** Reported (Ref TfB379655391 (18 Nov 21). Buckinghamshire Highways have this on their list and will notify MPC when repaired 31 Aug 23.
  - 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.
  - Lower End Pathway needs clearing.** Drains also blocked by debris. Reported 4944281 31 Aug 23. An inspection has been made by Buckinghamshire Highways and added to a package of works for this location and will be addressed when next in the area. 12 Sep 23.
  - Ship Lane junction** by Red Lion Bridge pot holes reported 13 Jan 23 TfB478423016. Buckinghamshire Highways have this on their list and will notify MPC when repaired 31 Aug 23.
  - Flooding issue on White Lion Bridge** - water not draining into gully. Reported 15 Jan 23. TfB478646014. No longer on FixMyStreet. Reported again 4944359 on 31 Aug 23. Clerk requested gully clean 8 Nov 23. Reported again on 30 Jan 23. Local area technician reports that here is a job in the system for checking and clearing the drainage system between No 9 and the canal bridge. 2 Jan 24.
  - Lukes Lea and Vicarage Road Junction pothole.** Reported 4944484 31 Aug 23. Buckinghamshire Highways response: whilst priority defects will receive a repair within appropriate timescales as dictated by the above policy, more minor defects such as the defect you have reported may not be immediately scheduled for repair 4 Sep 23.
  - Garages at The Crescent.** Works to replace garages due to start this year. Fairhive will advise shortly. Clerk chased 3 Oct 23.
  - Community Garden** – awaiting permission from Buckinghamshire Council.
  - Section 106 Funding** in the sum of £69,007 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) and is for the Recreation Ground only. Stephen Wooler has kindly prepared a draft Deed of Variation. Clerk to approach Canal & River Trust and then the developers to seek their permission to change the funding from use of the Recreation Ground only to the following: "to be spent towards the improvements or refurbishments to sport and recreation facilities at Marsworth Recreation Ground, Marsworth and/or improvements or refurbishment to other sport and recreation facilities owned and/or managed by Marsworth Parish Council including but not limited to Marsworth Village Hall (also known as the Millenium Hall)."
  - Rights of Way/Highway issue reported at Manor Farm** at Ship Lane from the Long Marston Road Junction - the junction and the entry gate to Manor Farm on way to cross step/stile MAR134 to join footpath MAR/6/2 that goes diagonally across the field (route to Church Farm Lane or Cheddington). Clerk has contacted Rights of Way re condition of stiles, inadequate signage and members of the public being turned away. Ref No 230968407. Rights of Way Officer progressing this. 18 Sep 23.
  - Watery Lane – Dangerous Parking** (on corner by Anglers Retreat). Reported to Buckinghamshire Council 4 Oct 23. Ref 5060740. Councillor Brazier has spoken with Steve Broadbent the Cabinet Member for

Transport at Buckinghamshire Council (BC). Ivinghoe Parish secured 50% of funding for yellow lines but cost was circa £18,000. The local PCSO is on long term sick. Our Neighbourhood Supervisor 2151 Dionne Edwards has asked if a list can be made to ascertain if there is a pattern of regular offenders. Watery Lane residents have agreed to compile a list Dec 23.

- l) A **dog waste bin** has been ordered for the entrance to the bridlepath along Lower Icknield Way at a cost of £347.52 to supply and install. Installation due December, but not yet installed.
- m) **Caravan illegally parked at Startops Car Park**. CRT have set a legal process in motion 4 Dec 23. Caravan abandoned at 8 Dec 23.
- n) **Bench for Village Hall**. S106 - Marsworth Yard British Waterways Church Lane (10/01336/APP). Joe Houston has agreed the remaining section 106 funds can be used to purchase a bench for the Village Hall. Application form submitted by Clerk.
- o) **Recreation Ground Ruts** - quotes to be obtained from John Groom and DWD once ground has settled and if still required.
- p) **Recreation Ground Flooding** – The brook is flooding. Clerk has written to CRT who will send out a Reservoir Technician to inspect. Awaiting info. Chased 4 Dec 23.
- q) Section 106 Waterways Repair Yard Bulbourne Road (16/01079/APP). Joe Houston has agreed that 106 money can be used for: **matting, open fencing, & additional 'whipping' hedgerow** at the Rec. Clerk to obtain quotes.
- r) **Bluebells Cottage** – Cllr Brazier has reported possible planning breach in relation to Field Shelter. 2 Jan 24.
- s) **Signpost** – has been knocked down and propped against hedge at Rec. Clerk has written to the Local Area Technician to suggest post is relocated as its in the way of the turning circle for large vehicles. Reported 2 Jan 24.
- t) **Aylesbury Truck Hire (ATH)** at Marsworth Airfield – Buckinghamshire Council had confirmed that the building is being used unlawfully and they have made ATH aware.

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- a) **Replacement heating** - Possible funding available from Section 106 monies (16/01079 APP) if Deed of Variation agreed.
- b) **PAT testing** - outstanding
- c) S106 - Marsworth Yard British Waterways Church Lane (10/01336/APP). Section 106 funding has been agreed in the sum of £1,797.99 for a double single phase oven. Oven installed. Invoice received and submitted to Joe Houston for payment. 8 Jan 23.

- 24/01/08 a) **Plans for consideration** – To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. –

23/03892/APP - The Old Manor Church Lane Marsworth HP23 4LX

Change of use of an existing outbuilding from a garage to a 1 bedroom rental accommodation. **App 18 Dec 23. Reply by 15 Jan 23. App WITHDRAWN 2 Jan 24.**

23/A2835/DIS || The Old Manor Church Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LX

Submission of details pursuant to Condition 3 (method statement for the masonry paint removal) relating to listed building consent 23/02835/ALB 2 Jan 24 **Reply by 23 Jan 24. MPC no input.**

#### 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. Grovfields 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. Decision 15 January 2024.

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 The Ship, Ship Lane, Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4NA. App 3 Apr 23.  
Householder application for garden room **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. **App 24 May 23. Determination deadline 23 August 23. Awaiting decision. Amscough had requested**

an extension to 23 November 2023. Various mitigation documents had been submitted by Ainscough following their submission and Cllr Town confirmed these would NOT be taken into consideration. RK has written to Councillor Sally Symington of Dacorum asking her to confirm Buckinghamshire Council will not be permitted by Dacorum to be the sole determinant on this application. RK has written to MPS Mohindra Gagan and Greg Smith asking that Buckinghamshire Council not to be the sole determinant and that it should work with Dacorum and Mr Gagan, MP, has confirmed he has written to Dacorum urging them to work with Buckinghamshire Council. 29 Nov 23.

**c) Permission Approved/refused:**

23/03886/CPL- 73 Vicarage Road Marsworth HP23 4LU Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed removal of existing rear garden decking and erection of new decking to the rear of the dwelling house. The new decking will cover the same area (73 sqm) and be in the same location as the existing decking with no increase in height (0.13m) or footprint. **App 13 Dec 23. Certificate issued 22 Dec 23.**

23/03173/APP | Mill House Watery Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LY  
Householder application for extension to outbuildings to form garage/study with dormer window. **App 12 Oct. Reply 29 Nov 23. MPC No objection. Approved 2 Jan 24.**

24/01/09 **Police:** Police report December – no incidents.

24/01/10 **Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground**

- a) **Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection** – SGS had lubricated all working parts of the gym equipment and play equipment. There appeared to be some corrosion to one of the cross trainers and SGS to investigate further. RK to report at February meeting.
- b) **Shards of Plastic on recreation ground left from the Bonfire Night.** Litter pickers had concentrated on this area on 7 Jan. Request for metal to be removed from the ash where the fire was.

24/01/11 **Items for Information/Discussion**

- a) **Buckinghamshire Home to School Transport Policy (0-25 years).** Clerk to draft a letter to Buckinghamshire Council expressing concern that Tring School is not mentioned on the 'drop down box' and clarification that it appears parents must list John Collet School as an option in order to receive free transport even though there are seldom available spaces for residents in Marsworth and it is not within catchment.
- b) Launch of the **Dacorum LynxDirect Service.** Noted this was for Dacorum only.
- c) Proposal for use of the Recreation Ground – MarsFest. The applicant had not been able to attend the Parish Meeting. It was, however, felt that MPC would consider only if it was: completely for charity; and organised by a Committee who had previous experience of organising a large-scale event. MPC would not be able to offer funding. Clerk to write to applicant.
- d) **Helping Hands** via Clerk has provided funding for an oven for an elderly resident identified by Marsworth Food Bank 26 Jan 24.
- e) **Questionnaire – proposed footpath from Bulbourne to Pitstone Quarry.**  
<https://pitstone.co.uk/path-to-college-lake/>

24/01/12 **Items to Consider for Resolution**

- a) None

24/01/13 **Finance:**

- a) **Monthly Finance status as at 31 December 2023**

<b>Current a/c:</b>			£0
<b>Business Reserve a/c:</b>			£26,760.99
<b>Cheques agreed and distributed</b>			
Cheque 1909	Mrs C A Smith December	£365.25	
Cheque 1910	HMRC December	£68.60	
<b>Direct Debit payments:</b>	Ionos Outlook December	£8.40	
	Public Works Loan	£1,701.15	
	Bucks Council reimbursement picnic benches x 2		£1136

24/01/14 **Agenda items for next meeting from Public Participation, Clerk's Report and Requested by Councillors**

24/01/15 **Date of next Meeting:**

Monday 12 February 2024 at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall.  
Apologies: Ray Brown, Robert John

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

