

Marsworth Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 8 April 2024

Explanatory note for agenda item 4 (election of trustees for Marsworth Charity)

The Marsworth Charity was established in 1986 to manage Gravel Pit Meadow and the income generated by it for such charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Marsworth as the trustees think fit. Examples of past use include a printer for the pre-school group and contribution towards the annual Christmas lunch for the elderly.

Gravel Pit Meadow comprises approximately 4 acres at the bottom end of the bridleway leading to College Lake. It is on the right and surrounded by land owned by the Manor Farm (the stud farm). It is currently leased to the stud farm. Historically, Gravel Pit Meadow was a common area required by the Marsworth Inclosures Act of 1809 to be retained for the use of the local council and landowners as a source of gravel etc for roads and pathways. Once it was no longer required for that purpose, its ownership and management passed to the local authority (initially Wing Rural District Council and then Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC).

AVDC divested itself of responsibility in 1986 through the establishment of the Marsworth Charity and the vesting of the land in the Official Custodian for Charities. The establishment deed specified Marsworth Parish Council as the sole trustee. This was a cumbersome arrangement which was varied by a resolution of the parish council in 1998, approved by the Charity Commission whereby the Marsworth Parish Council ceased to be trustee and responsibility passed to five trustees. They comprise:

One trustee to be nominated by Marsworth Parish Council (currently Caroline Smith)

One trustee to be nominated by the governors of the village school (currently Paul Egan-Carter)

One trustee to be nominated by Marsworth Parochial Church Council (currently John White).

Two trustees to be elected by the Marsworth Annual Parish Meeting to serve for a period of 3 years. There is at present only one such trustee – Matthew Carter who also acts as the chair.

Two trustees are required to be elected this year. Matthew carter is offering himself for re-election.

The post is not onerous. It usually involves one meeting per year unless a specific issue arises needing consideration. It would assist the administration of the meeting if anybody wishing to stand notifies the Parish Clerk in advance. Email: parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk

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