

Minutes of meeting held on 11 March 2024 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00 pm

- 24/03/01 Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (RK) (Chairman), R Brown (RB), D Cornwall (DC), R John (RJ), C King (CK), G Monks (GM), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith
Apologies: None
Others Present: Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier
- 24/03/02 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 24/03/03 Public Participation:** None
- 24/03/04 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:
- a) **Marsworth Airfield planning application** – outstanding
 - b) **SAC – Buckinghamshire Determination** – outstanding.
 - c) **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.
 - d) **The White Lion** – planning application awaiting SAC determination.
 - e) **The White Lion Bridge** –Flooding and road failure – proposed plane and patch and drain clean.
- 24/03/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 12 February 2024.** 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.
- 24/03/06 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). Buckinghamshire Highways have this on their list and will notify MPC when repaired 31 Aug 23.
 - 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) **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.
 - d) **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.
 - e) **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 and will be given high priority. 2 Jan 24. Cllr Town to spoken to Lower Area Technician Feb 24.
 - f) **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.
 - g) **Garages at The Crescent.** Works to replace garages due to start this year. Fairhive will advise shortly. Clerk chased 3 Oct 23.
 - h) **Community Garden** – awaiting permission from Buckinghamshire Council.
 - i) **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 for the following amendment: “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).” Clerk has contacted CRT who has no objection and awaiting permission from Buckinghamshire Council.
 - j) **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 has reported that there doesn’t appear to be any issue with the horses. Clerk has written to explain that wasn’t the report. Feb 24.
 - k) 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.
 - l) **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. Bench has been delivered and installed.
 - m) **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 & 29 Jan 24 to seek report.
 - n) **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.



- o) **Bluebells Cottage** – Cllr Brazier has reported possible planning breach in relation to Field Shelter. 2 Jan 24.
- p) **Aylesbury Truck Hire (ATH)** at Marsworth Airfield –Buckinghamshire Council had confirmed that the building is being used unlawfully and they have made ATH aware.
- q) **Right of Way – footpath** from Manor Farm towards Cheddington/Pitstone. SGS and Clerk have walked this but it is now virtually impassable.
- r) **Village Hall** -trellis repaired by DWD on 18 Feb 24.

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- a) **PAT testing** – outstanding
- b) **Replacement heating** - Possible funding available from Section 106 monies (16/01079 APP) if Deed of Variation agreed or from Community Board funding.

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

24/00405/APP - Anglers Retreat Ph Startops End Lower Icknield Way HP23 4LJ

Conversion of public house to detached dwelling with associated works including demolition of existing side conservatory and replacement with single storey side extension, replacement roof to single storey rear extension & replacement windows . Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of two detached dwellings, with associated driveway and private parking bays. **App 23 Feb.**
Clerk to contact **CAMRA** for advice on protecting this asset.

MPC to object as it does not want to see a third public house in the village disappear in the space of 15 years. It believes the Anglers Retreat has the potential (as has been demonstrated in the past) to be a successful and lucrative business. The proximity to the canal and reservoirs is a strong attraction and the pub is often very busy with a noticeably different clientele to the Red Lion - the remaining pub at the opposite end of the village. While the existing owners may prefer residential development to continuing operation, this is clearly not an economic necessity. We feel sure that, as recently evidenced at the Red Lion, a fresh and enthusiastic management would significantly improve the volume of business. We do not believe the economic non-viability of the location and buildings is a valid argument in this case

24/00622/APP - 7 The Crescent Marsworth HP23 4LP

Householder application for rear facing dormer to existing extension. **App 23 Feb.** MPC has no grounds to object.

- 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 10th 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 to the Secretary of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. **Decision deferred from 15 January to 15 March 23.**

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. Ainscough 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. Awaiting reply from Greg Smith MP. 29 Nov 23. New docs on Bucks Plannings website Bucks County Highways of 9 Oct 23 and Abington Consulting Engineers of 18 Jan 24

- c) **Permission Approved/refused:** None

- 24/03/09 **Police:** Police report for Jan and Feb. Only 2 incidents 'nothing for residents to worry about'. One road traffic accident - not involving speeding – at junction on Cheddington Rd.
- 24/03/10 **Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground**
- Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection** –RB reported that net was down. RK to repair. RJ to report at April meeting.
 - Improving Football Pitches** funding available but only if grassroots football clubs use the site.
 - Recreation Ground – Section 106** funding for 15sq M of matting approved and DWD instructed.

24/03/11 **Items for Information/Discussion**

- Litter Picking and Refuse Removal.** Issue with the amount of litter being picked since CRT no longer have waste or dog waste bins. It was agreed that a 'Hopper' type bag could be left by the bins at the Village Hall overnight. MPC considered other options for reducing litter. Clerk had contacted Tring litter pickers who feel the problem is with CRT. TRPC don't have litter pickers.
- Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 8 April.** It was agreed to have a different format with reports in advance published in Marsworth News and the website and representatives from the various clubs/societies and Cllrs Town and/or Peter Brazier available for parishioner queries. Agreed that refreshments including wine and beer to be provided and CK and DC to provide the glassware.
- Cycling and Walking Infrastructure proposals** Herts and Bucks is reconsulting on its cycling and walking infrastructure. Residents were notified by facebook, but it was too late to put in Marsworth News as closing date was 26 Feb. 460 replies received by Pitstone Parish Council.
- Community Boards Boundary Review** <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/corporate-services/6ff1cf0a/> Reply by 28 Mar 24.
- Roof for Defibrillator.** DWD building a roof over defibrillator at a cost of up to £85.

24/03/12 **Items to Consider for Resolution**

- It was resolved to approve that the Recreation Ground could be used for Marsworth Fun Run on 12 May 2024, subject to a satisfactory risk assessment being provided for discussion and approval at the next Parish Meeting. Clerk to contact organiser.
- Consider dog waste bin at Startop car park, with funding from Community Board for the bin and a cost of £100 per year for removal of waste. Item deferred to April meeting.
- It was resolved to approve a noticeboard for the lower end of Marsworth, near the Red Lion pub, with funding from the Community Board. Clerk to apply.

24/03/13 **Finance:**

a) **Monthly Finance status as at 29 February 2024**

			£0
Current a/c:			£25,225.98
Business Reserve a/c:			
Cheques agreed and distributed			
Cheque 1921	Mrs C A Smith February	£304	
Cheque 1922	HMRC February	£68.60	
Cheque 1923	No Butts Bin Co Ltd – bench for Village Hall Reimbursable with Sec 106 money	£612	
Cheque 1924	Forde&McHugh street lighting repairs x 3	£408	
Cheque 1925	Buckinghamshire Council Emptying 1 x Dog Waste Bin at Rec 1 Apr 23 to 31 Mar 24	100.88	
Direct Debit payments:	Ionos Outlook February	£8.40	
	SSE for January	£122.06	

- 24/03/14 **Agenda items for next meeting from Public Participation, Clerk's Report and Requested by Councillors**
- Recreation Ground Policy and Car Parking
 - Marsworth Annual Fun Run
 - Marsworth Steam Rally
 - Consider dog waste bin at Startop car park, with funding from Community Board for the bin and a cost of £100 per year for removal of waste.

24/03/15 **Date of next Meeting:**

Monday 8 April 2024 at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall, preceded by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm. All Welcome.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

