

**Minutes of meeting held on 13 January 2025 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00 pm**

- 25/01/01 Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (RK) (Chairman), C King (CK); D Cornwall (DC), G Monks (GM), R Brown (RB) R John (RJ), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith  
**Other present:** Cllr Peter Brazier and Michelle Parker Community Board Manager (Wing and Ivinghoe)
- 25/01/02 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 25/01/03 Public Participation:** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to or provide information to the Parish Council.  
a) Windmill Pre-School attended the meeting – see item 25/01/12 (e)  
b) Michelle Parker from Community Board attended the meeting – see item 25/01/12 (b)  
c) 2 residents asked MPC to support their complaint about traffic management in both Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire. They were advised to contact Cllr Brazier separately as this was a Highways issue.
- 25/01/04 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:  
a) **Marsworth Airfield planning application** – outstanding. RK to write to Cllr Sally Symington of Dacorum BC to urge their support in defeating this application.  
b) **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. Outstanding.  
c) **The White Lion** – mitigation awaited for the development now that Buckinghamshire has an SAC strategy in place. Contract exchange on the sale of The White Lion had now taken place.
- 25/01/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 9 December 2025.** 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.
- 25/01/06 Clerk's Report: This section provides updates on on-going issues. Resolutions cannot be passed on items in this section.**  
a) **Garages at The Crescent.** Works to replace garages due to start this year. Work was due to commence 25 November 24. Garage doors on order for end of January 25.  
b) **Recreation Ground Flooding** – The brook is flooding. The water should flow through from the sump at Bridgeways to a brick-roofed tunnel which goes right under the canal and comes out almost opposite Black Jacks. The CRT Engineer does not seem to think that the culvert and the brick-roofed tunnel belong to CRT, Buckinghamshire Council likewise. RK reported that Bridgeways was originally a CRT house and a conduit was built because of a Spring. Planning website goes back only 20 years and can't see before then.  
c) **Noticeboard** on Village Green to be applied for by Clerk, with funding from Community Board. Clerk has applied for funding for noticeboard.  
d) **Marsworth Charity** – Clerk has applied to Land Registry for Title Deed for Gravel Pit Meadow. Mar 24.  
e) **Railings at Startops** – damaged around 12 March 24. Clerk to chase. **5977740 15 May 24.** Clerk wrote to Cllr Brazier 17 Jul 24. On LAT list 27 Jul 24. Chased 2 Nov 24. *Local Area Technician (LAT) reports that In view of the regularity of road traffic collisions the existing railings are being replaced so that in future it will be possible to repair individual sections as required. A job has been raised and prioritised. 11 Nov 24. LAT advises that the railings will consist of posts and two rails in white which is similar to existing, while being easier to replace. However, in view of the regular recurrence of collisions (including the recent incident), alternatives may need to be considered. LAT confirms railings will be in line with heritage. 18 Nov 24* Cllr Brazier advised they are on order 13 Jan 25  
f) **Illegal Parking at Village Hall** TVP and Fairhive have both contacted the resident in relation to this. Fairhive has also asked the resident to remove the abandoned vehicle from their driveway. Clerk has reiterated that the abandoned car on the driveway should be removed. Clerk to write again to Fairhive and TVP. 14 Jan 25  
g) **Asset of Community Value (ACV) – Anglers Retreat.** Clerk has now given RK details of the owners and he will complete the application. 13 Jan 25  
h) **Film Location.** SGS will write an article for the March edition of Marsworth News seeking location ideas from Marsworth residents as MPC only owns the Village Hall, the Recreation Ground and the Village Green.  
i) **LED lighting** – the Community Board currently seeking tenders for a group purchase of LED lighting.  
j) **Community Speedwatch** – Ron Busby to try to encourage more volunteers. Clerk to contact Clerk at Tring Council in relation to Speedwatch at Bulbourne.
- 25/01/07 To note the report from the Village Hall Committee (VHC)** (if Councillors have any recommendations they would like the Council to consider, these must be clearly expressed in advance on the agenda).  
a) Toilet seat in men's toilet has been replaced with seats that work for both children and adults. Similar will be fitted in the ladies  
b) The main hall floor has been buffed  
c) PAT Testing completed  
d) Replacement microwave purchased
- 25/01/08 a) Plans for consideration** – To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. - None  
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 24.** Appropriate Assessment of 9 May 24 issued by Buckinghamshire Council in relation to VALP and SAC. Reply from Council: *As part of the assessment (and in readiness for the when the mitigation is agreed) the Council is required to ensure the 'appropriate assessment' is completed and that this is sent over to Natural England (NE) as a statutory consultee*

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.** SAC mitigation required 2 Jul 24.

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), New vehicular and pedestrian access off Long Marston Road with all other matters (including other means of access) reserved. **App 24 May 23.** Determination deadline 23 August 23. **Awaiting decision.** Ainscough had requested an extension to 23 November 2023. 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 similarly to other local MPs. Mr Gagan, MP, had confirmed he has written to Dacorum urging them to work with Buckinghamshire Council. 29 Nov 23. RK to write to Cllr Symington to ask for Dacorum's support in objecting to the application.

24/00885/APP | Change of use of an existing outbuilding from a garage to a 1-bedroom short-term holiday rental accommodation and external alterations to existing outbuilding | The Old Manor Church Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LX **App 18 Mar. Reply 13 Apr 24.** Residents have written to MPC to express their concerns. **MPC made various comments on the planning application.**

24/01570/APP | Folly Bridge House Bulbourne Road Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 5QG  
Change of use from vacant care home (C2) to a single residential dwelling (C3). **App 23 May 24. MPC supportive.**

19/B0140/DIS | 19/00140/ALB | British Waterways Repair Yard Bulbourne Road Marsworth  
Application for approval of details subject to part condition 6 (proposed windows) of listed building consent Change of windows from metal to timber. **Oct 24. MPC no comments.**

#### **Dacorum Local Plan Consultation**

Consultation until 17 December. Marshcroft now back on Dacorum's local plan. MPC has written to Dacorum councillors to object 8 Oct 24. MPC will object on the Dacorum consultation website. MPC expressed its concern that not all Tring Councillors were permitted to represent their parishes views, nor able to vote. Also lack of consultation with local parishes outside of Dacorum. [letstalk.dacorum.gov.uk/hub-page/newlocalplan](http://letstalk.dacorum.gov.uk/hub-page/newlocalplan)

24/03171/VRC | Granary, Manor Farm, Ship Lane, Marsworth HP23 4NA  
Removal of condition 3 attached to planning permission 95/01209/APP (Conversion of agricultural building into staff quarters) **App 22 Oct 24. MPC no comments.**

24/03322/AEL | Manor House Farm Stud Lower Icknield Way Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LN  
Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009UK Power Networks are proposing to divert part of the high voltage overhead electricity network at the above location. **App 30 Oct 24. MPC No comments.**

24/03225/CPE | Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of breach of condition 7 (agricultural occupation) on application 98/2234/APP | Apple Acre Lower End Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4NB  
The purpose of this statement is to set out the factual position in respect of the use of Appleacre and to demonstrate that the condition has been breached and that breach of condition 7 has continued uninterrupted for a period of 10 years or more. As such, the use is lawful, without compliance with the aforementioned condition. **App 24 Oct 24. MPC No comments.**

PL/0426/24 Notification of a planning application at Pitstone Quarry, Upper Icknield Way, Pitstone, LU7 9HA  
Importation of inert material to enable improved restoration of Pitstone Quarry with enhanced landscaping and biodiversity measures, and to create a new outdoor recreation resource, with a network of footpaths, open water swimming lake, welfare units, and car parking facilities, for use as Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG). **MPC no objection** but would reiterate that materials used to fill the quarry must be inert.

24/03540/ATC | 55 Vicarage Road Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LT  
A Silver Birch Tree requires maintenance as it has grown significantly over the past 35 years. The Silver Birch overhangs our neighbours roof (Leveret Lodge), with the potential to reduce the efficiency of their solar panels. There is a risk if a branch did fall this could damage the solar panels. The tree also overhangs our other neighbours garden (57 Vicarage Road) Work to be carried out. 2 - 3 metre crown reduction Reduce spread as close proximity to neighbouring property Information of maintenance required, provided by R.M.L Tree & Garden Services **App 26 Nov 24. MPC no objection. TPO requested by Tree Officer Jan 25.**

24/03567/ALB - Manor Farm Ship Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4NA  
Listed building application for insertion of insulation between the interior reinstated plastering, exterior infill's and above the existing ceilings in the roof space **App 6 Dec 24. Reply by 3 Jan 24. MPC no objection.**

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

**25/01/09 Police:** Police report for December  
1 x Assistance to other agencies  
1x ASB Environmental (Fly Tipping)

1x Criminal Damage

TVP had been to visit the person in the tent 4 times, but to no avail. Dens had offered support. Tent now moved out of area

**25/01/10 Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground**

a) **Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection** GM nothing to report. SGS to report at February meeting.

**25/01/11 Items for Information/Discussion**

- a) **Wing and Ivinghoe Proud of Bucks Awards.** Awards given to the Steam Rally (Neil and Bob Kennedy) and James Kennedy for his voluntary work at both Hectors House and Pre-School.
- b) **Deed of Variation and Deed of Dedication of March 1999 for Marsworth Village Hall.** Deed of Dedication from Land Registry also now received from Charity Commission.
- c) **Archive of Documents** – old signed Minutes from 2014 to 2019 have kindly been scanned in by SGS daughter-in-law and can be found on marsworth.org.uk
- d) **Resident Complaints** re Red Lion Bridge flooding, CRT footpath by Red Lion Bridge and sub-station doors at Vicarage Road. SGS to clear path to ditch. Clerk to report sub-station doors to UK Power Network (15 Jan) and resident asked for photos in relation to the canal path for Clerk to pass to CRT.
- e) **Traffic Lights at Bulbourne** – RK has written to Tring Town Council who is supportive, but responsibility is with Hertfordshire Highways.
- f) **Clothing bank for Thames Valley Air Ambulance** – it was agreed that whilst MPC wanted to be supportive, there was insufficient room in the car park. Clerk to advise Thames Valley Air Ambulance.
- g) **Thames Water and low water pressure in Marsworth.** SGS has been in touch with Thames Water. After making a further complaint, Thames Water agrees the pressure is intermittent and have installed a logger on the main pressure release valve for a week (ends 10 Jan) and will assess then.

**25/01/12 Items to Consider for Resolution**

- a) **Budget for 2025/26** – Proposed budget previously circulated. It was resolved to agree a precept of **£26,000** per annum, giving an annual Band D total of £72.99 against last year's £64.57 (an increase of 13%) and preserving reserves. It was resolved to approve the **Budget for 2025/26 at £25,622**
- b) **Media Suite** – Cllr Brazier had assisted Clerk in designing specification. Lowest quote in at £9,996.24. It was resolved to proceed with the purchase of the Media Suite with supply and installation by Lifetime Installations. The Community Board will contribute 50% and RK requested that the VH contribute the balance of 4,165.10 (net of VAT as MPC applying).
- c) It was resolved to pay the Buckinghamshire Council invoice for **Deed of Variation/Section 111** in the sum of **£1668.83** as the complaints process for the DF3P0-11435 S106 Deed of Variation had been exhausted.
- d) **Dog Waste Bin and Waste Bin at Startup Car Park.** It was resolved that the Clerk should apply for Community Board funding and for the bins to be placed just outside the entrance to the car park, on Council land.
- e) **Windmill Pre-School request for funding and other assistance.**  
Permission has previously been given by MPC for a banner advertising the open day on 18 January. Request also for 3mX1m advertising banner for the pre-school to remain permanently and this was agreed. Pre-School to remove banner if large event at the weekend. MPC also suggested that permission would be agreed to place a removable flag on the corner of the car park for passing traffic to see. They will apply for a fund raising stall at the Steam Rally and also contact Steam Rally in relation to funding. They have already met Community Board Manager. Already set up as Charity and awaiting go ahead from Ofsted.

**25/01/13 Monthly Finance status as at 31 December 2024**

<b>Cheques</b>			
Cheque 1974	Mrs C A Smith(inc £11 Land Registry expenses+£9.35 postag	£352.03	
Cheque 1975	HMRC Oct	£80.40	
Cheque 1976	Buckinghamshire Council S106 Deed of Variation	£1668.83	
<b>Direct Debit payments:</b>	Ionos Outlook Oct	£8.40	
	SSE Energy Sep	£122.39	
	SSE Energy Oct	£118.46	
	Public Works Loan Board	£1701.15	
<b>Current a/c:</b>			£0.00
<b>Business Reserve a/c:</b>			£33,295.10

**25/01/14 Date of next Meeting:**

Monday 10 February 2025 at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall.  
The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.