

**Minutes of meeting held on 7 April 2025 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.10 pm**

- 25/04/01 Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (Chairman), C King (CK); R Brown (RB), R John (RJ), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith  
**Apologies:** D Cornwall (choir practice), G Monks (hol)  
**Others present:** Cllrs Peter Brazier and Chris Poll
- 25/04/02 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 25/04/03 Public Participation:** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to or provide information to the Parish Council. None
- 25/04/04 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 has written 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..
- 25/04/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 10 March 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.
- 25/04/06 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 the garages commenced week of 17 March. The Senior Contract Surveyor for Fairhive has advised the Clerk that they are undertaking concrete repair works which will be completed by the end of March. Also that two of the replacement doors that require replacing have been ordered but will not be ready until the end of April.
  - 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 Clerk will write to the Asset Engineer again as the narrow piece of land between the rec and Bridgeways appears not to be on the title plan for either and it is believed it was retained by the CRT at the time of the sale of Bridgeways.
  - c) **Marsworth Charity** – Clerk has applied to Land Registry for Title Deed for Gravel Pit Meadow. Applications taking 14-16 months. App acknowledged on 4 Apr 24. Clerk has received and replied to a query from the Land Registry and it is hoped that this is a positive step.
  - d) **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. LAT advises that the railings will consist of posts and two rails in white which is similar to existing, while being easier to replace. LAT confirms railings will be in line with heritage. 18 Nov 24 Cllr Brazier advised railings are on order 13 Jan 25. No further information.*
  - e) **Asset of Community Value (ACV) – Anglers Retreat.** MPC resolved to apply for an ACV for the Anglers Retreat back in July. Clerk has now been asked to apply on behalf of MPC. Feb 25.
  - f) **Asset of Community Value (ACV) – Red Lion.** Clerk to apply for ACV for Red Lion.
  - g) **LED lighting** – still awaiting information from Community Board.
  - h) **Residents complaint.** Clerk has written to CRT as the road narrows at the Red Lion Bridge due to vegetation encroachment on road, and overhanging branches. Boundary hedges are landowners’ responsibility. **Case Number:** 1432376.
  - i) **Deed of Variation for Marsworth Village Hall.** Clerk ascertaining why the ‘Term’ of the lease in the Deed of Variation stated from 1968 and not 1961 as in the original lease. This may alter the break-clause dates.
  - j) **Lane Rental Scheme Consultation** Pitstone Parish Council resolved that it was supportive of MPC’s request for Lower Icknield Way to be included and has written to Buckinghamshire Council accordingly. **Cllr Town advises that the scheme now includes The B489 from the Wilstone roundabout to beyond Ivinghoe**
  - k) **College Farm Complaint.** Resident collected bagsful of rubbish lying on the bridleway close to the two yard entrances. Querying what planning permission in place as a lot of people, vehicles, caravans and different units. **Currently under investigation.** March 25 Ref NC/25/00090/OPDEV
  - l) **Community Board Funding applications** for: Media Suite for the Village Hall, noticeboard and waste bins at Startops were all successful and all items on order, albeit that Cllr Brazier had to intervene with Streetscene to get the bins ordered as there was a survey on need of bins. Clerk liaising with Josie Kempster in relation to the Media Suite for the Village Hall. Works to Hall anticipated for the school summer holidays.
  - m) **Resident complaint** re parking at corner of Watery Lane/Lower Icknield Way. Requests yellow lines, 20 mph, Clerk has contacted road residents group. Cllr Brazier has spoken with LAT and has put in a Parking Control request for yellow lines.
  - n) **Uneven curb stones at Village hall.** Repaired 31 Mar 25
  - o) **One Uniform Programme** –Clerk attended an on line forum in relation to the changes to the planning portal. The planning portal will be unavailable for 6 weeks as its more than just a change to the planning portal, unlike when, for instance, Milton Keynes had a seamless transition.

**25/04/07 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) The Minutes of the Village Hall Committee held in March 2025 had been circulated. DC not available to report.

**25/04/08 a) Plans for consideration –** To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. –

**Notice of Submission for the Dacorum Local Plan to 2041 to the Secretary of State.** Notice is hereby given that Dacorum Borough Council has submitted the Dacorum Local Plan to 2041 for independent examination to the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Submitted on **11 Mar 25**.

b) **Decisions awaited:**

21/00383/APP - Former White Lion PH Startups 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. **Ward Councillors have asked that if this application be approved it should be called in as unsustainable. 19 Jan 25.**

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. **App 24 May 23.** 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 has written to Cllr Symington to ask for Dacorum's support in objecting to the application. **Jan 25.**

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. Natural England agree with the conclusion of the HRA that as it stands the development would have an adverse impact on the integrity of the Chilterns Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation. 4 Oct 24**

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.**

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)

24/03322/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.**

24/03540/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. Letter of objection from relevant parties/neighbours sent to Planning Officer 21 Jan 24. Cllr Brazier has contacted Tree Officer who advises he wrote to applicant in December, but did not receive a reply.**

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.**

25/00383/CPL | Ainscough App for Certificate of lawfulness for proposed traffic management works to manage the vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the Grand Union Canal Bridge 130 | Grand Union Canal Bridge 130 Between Vicarage Road (to The South Of The Ground Union Canal Bridge 130) And Long Marston (to The

North Of The Grand Union Canal Bridge 130). **App 6 Feb 25 It was resolved that MPC would object as considered unsafe.**

**(c) Permission Approved/refused:**

25/00455/ATP | Silver Birch Tree at 55 Vicarage Road, Marsworth. Reduction of the branches overhanging Leveret Lodge, and thus provide a gap of 3 metres. The intent is to prevent damage to a neighbouring property, with the minimum impact to the tree. During the summer the weight of the branches / leaves causes the branch to sag and drags on the rooftop This has the potential impact to; 1. The Solar Panels on the roof, potential damage and light blocking 2. Potential damage to the roof during the summer period 3. Squirrels moving from tree to rooftop | Consent granted 18 March 2025 with works to be carried out within 2 years.

25/04/09 **Police report March** not received.

25/04/10 **Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground**

- a) **Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection.** SGS reported that one piece of equipment was still difficult to operate but that DWD had ordered replacement parts. Extra long cable ties have been purchased and he will tie the nets back up. CK to report at the May meeting and SGS at the June meeting.
- b) **Request for Use of Rec on 27 April for games with friends and a gazebo if weather inclement.** It was confirmed that this had been agreed by MPC unanimously in advance of the meeting and requestor notified.
- c) **Review of Recreation Ground Policy.** As this policy was for residents to understand any obligations and restrictions of use especially in relation to the insurance policy, it was agreed that No Cycling should be retained. The wording of use of tent to be reconsidered. Clerk and Chairman to redraft and to be agreed by email prior to the Annual Meeting of Council on 12 May.

25/04/11 **Items for Information/Discussion**

- a) **Local Grant Support request from St John** for Buckinghamshire Community First Aid Training. Clerk to ask them to contact the Steam Rally.
- b) **Resident complaint re village hall** and noise from the Master of Ceremonies one evening in November and then another early this year. Concerned new AV equipment will increase the volume. Request the right to be consulted on the maximum volume to be permitted. Parish Clerk to reply to acknowledge that living next door to a village hall may have occasional difficulties, but confirm there is a midnight limit.
- c) Request by the Litter Pickers for **'take your dog waste home notices** around Marsworth'. Clerk to ask them to contact the Steam Rally for funding.
- d) Request for dog waste bin at layby by reservoir, opposite Startop Farm. Clerk to contact Tring Rural Parishes to ask.
- e) Public comments on planning applications no longer available due to data protection issues. Cllrs Brazier & Poll reported that a long term plan was being sought but, in the mean time, only Buckinghamshire Councillors would have access. Clerk to ask residents to share their comments on a planning application via her email so that MPC is aware of public sentiment.
- f) **Section 137 expenditure limit for parish and town councils announced for 2025/26.** The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has informed us of an increase in the Section 137 expenditure limit for parish and town councils in England for the 2025/26 financial year. The new limit is £11.10 per elector, up from £10.81 in 2024/25.
- g) **Heart of Bucks Community Fund** - Expressions of Interest by 13 April. Clerk has referred this request to All Saints Church.
- h) **VE Day Community Celebrations** Consider any applications for use of the Recreation Ground from 5 to 11 May 25. No applications received.

25/04/12 **Items to Consider for Resolution**

a) None

25/04/13

- a) **Finance:** Monthly Finance Statement as at 31 March 2025
- b) **AGAR** The submission deadline for the receipt of the approved AGAR and supporting documentation or the Certificate of Exemption (as appropriate) is Tuesday 1 July 2025.

<b>Cheques</b>			
Cheque 1982	Mrs C A Smith Mar £331.68 + £24 padlock,ties,files	£355.68	
Cheque 1983	HMRC Mar	£80.40	
Cheque 1984	DWD Mar – grass cutting x 2	£240	
Cheque 1985	Forde & McHugh	£300.00	
Cheque 1986	Lifetime Installations – deposit for media suite	£4998.12	
<b>Direct Debit payments:</b>	Ionos Outlook Mar	£8.40	
	SSE (Jan)	£122.39	
	SSE (Feb)	£110.53	
<b>Current a/c:</b>			£0.00
<b>Business Reserve a/c:</b>	(includes accrual of £6,700 for proposed LED lighting)		£28,660.41

25/04/14 **Agenda items for next meeting from Public Participation, Clerk's Report and Requested by Councillors**

25/04/15

**Date of next Meeting:**

Monday 12 May at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall, **preceded by the Annual Meeting of Council at 7.45 pm.**  
Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.