

Minutes of meeting held on 12 January 2026 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00 pm

- 26/01/01 Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (Chairman); C King (CK); G Monks (GM); H Gracie (HG); R John (RJ) S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith
Apologies: R Brown (RB) (hol)
Others present: Chris Poll
- 26/01/02 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 26/01/03 Public Participation:** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to or provide information to the Parish Council. - None
- 26/01/04 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.
 - 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) **Railings at Startops.** No clear time line.
- 26/01/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 8 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.
- 26/01/06 Clerk's Report: This section provides updates on on-going issues. Resolutions cannot be passed on items in this section.**
- a) **Recreation Ground Flooding** – Clerk has written to Canal and River Trust legal department with probable proof of CRT ownership. Case No enquiry 1454736 Apr 25. Stephen Wooler kindly drafted a letter which RK has signed and Clerk has sent to the Legal Director of CRT asking them to provide proof that they don't own the 4' strip of land between Bridgeways and the Recreation Ground.
 - b) **Railings at Startops** – damaged around 12 March 24. Clerk to chase. **5977740 15 May 24.** Clerk has chased again to ascertain when the railings will be fitted. 5 Jan 26.
 - c) **Asset of Community Value (ACV) – Anglers Retreat.** MPC resolved to apply for an ACV for the Anglers Retreat. Clerk to apply on behalf of MPC.
 - d) **Asset of Community Value (AVC) – Red Lion.** Clerk to apply on behalf of MPC.
 - e) **LED lighting** – Clerk obtaining quotes. Consideration to possible heritage lighting around Church and Red Lion, dependent on price and illumination.
 - f) **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.
 - g) **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
 - h) **Marsworth Wharf** Buckinghamshire Council has temporarily repaired the damage to the verge near the Elsan facility. 7854692. Damage caused by CRT Biffa bins. Clerk to raise with FixMyStreet why 26T Biffa lorries are using the bridge.
 - i) **Village Hall AV equipment and heating.** A few snagging items left on the media installation. Heating all installed. Last piece of equipment and invoice due and then Clerk to request the agreed Sec 106 monies.
 - j) **Multiple vans being parked on grass verges at Cooks Wharf.** LAT to organise for hedgerow to be cut back opposite the cottages which is obscuring signage including weight restriction and speed. 11 Aug 25
 - k) **Street lights repaired** opposite Leveritt Cottage, Church Lane & 48 Vicarage Road. Dec 25.
 - l) **Noticeboard** – A new noticeboard will replace the old one at The Red Lion.
 - m) **Self-healing matting** has been installed on the 2 public noticeboards in the village.
 - n) **Village Hall car parking** by non-users of the Hall. Clerk has written to Fairhive and TVP to ask them to work together for a solution. 5 Jan 26.
- 26/01/07 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) Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December had been circulated.
- 26/01/08 a) Plans for consideration** – To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. –
PL/25/5721/HB | Listed building consent for internal and external repairs including roof and ceiling repairs, commercial kitchen repairs and replacement internal finishes and redecorations. | Red Lion Ph Vicarage Road Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LU. **12 Jan 26. MPC no objection.**
- 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. **App Feb 24. Awaiting SANG agreement.**
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 Dacorum asking requesting confirmation that 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 Dacorum to ask for its support in objecting to the application. **Jan 25.**

24/00885/APP | The Old Manor Church Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LX
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 | **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**

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. Consultation running until 8 January 2026. Once the Inspectors have considered the responses to the consultation they will prepare their Matters, Issues and Questions for discussion at the Stage 3 hearing sessions and will be inviting hearing statements in response to their Matters, Issues and Questions. **20 Nov 25.**

Tring Town Council is actively involved in objecting and has appointed a planning consultant and landscape consultant to assist with this process. One of the grounds of objection is the potential impact it will have on schools, doctors, roads and other infrastructure around Tring. Jan 2026

25/01756/AOP | Land North of Glebe Close Pitstone
Outline application for demolition of no61 Albion Road and residential development of up to 100 dwellings, landscaping, drainage, open space, and associated works, including the change of use of land from agriculture to Class F.2(c) to create Strategic Area of Natural Greenspace (SANG). All matters reserved except for access off Albion Road (details of internal roads and footpaths reserved) on land north of Glebe Close, Pitstone | .
App 9 Jun 25. MPC objects.

25/01857/ALB | | 12 Bulbourne Yard Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 5FU
Listed building application for replacement of three existing metal frame glazed doors with three timber framed glazed doors at the rear of the building **App 5 Aug 25. MPC no objection . Heritage Comments: The application does not comply with the relevant heritage policy and therefore unless there are sufficient planning reasons, it should be refused for this reason.**

25/01880/MOA| Marshcroft, Tring. 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 SANG. **MPC objects. Grove Fields Residents Association' KC advises that, in the short term GRFA should shift its focus from Stage 3 of the Government Inspectors' 'Examination in Public' (EiP) (no date scheduled) to fighting the renewed Marshcroft Planning Application to Dacorum from Barratt Redrow. 30 Nov 25.**

PL/25/3868/FA | 5 Vicarage Road Marsworth HP23 4LR
Two storey side extension and extend driveway **6 Nov 25. Reply by 27 Nov. MPC No objection.**

PL/25/4842/FA | Folly Bridge House Bulbourne Road Marsworth HP23 5QG
Insertion of two dormer windows to front elevation, **5 Dec 25. Reply by 26 Dec 25. MPC No objection.**

PL/25/5017/AV | Display of two (2 no.) non-illuminated signs near Startopsend and Marsworth Reservoirs | Car Park Startops End Lower Icknield Way Marsworth. **MPC has requested that If the advertising signage is agreed to, we would want it to also remind people to either take their litter and dog waste home or to use the bins provided at the car park entrance. If CRT is not amenable to this request then Marsworth Parish Council objects to the erection of new signs. 19 Dec 25**

PL/25/4595/FA | Lower End Cottage Lower End Marsworth HP23 4NB
Part single, part two-storey side and rear extensions. **MPC no objection. 19 Dec 25**

(c) Permission Approved/refused/withdrawn:

PL/25/4295/TP 40 Vicarage Road, Marsworth, Buckinghamshire, HP23 4LT
Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Proposal: (G1) Row of 4 Lime - reduce approximately 3 meters off height and 1-2 meters of lateral growth. T2 & T3 Ash and Sycamore trees to cut back to the boundary (2-3m off lateral limbs). **MPC No objection. Refused 15 Dec 25**

26/01/09 Police report for December.

1 X dangerous dog, 1 X Burglary at Lower End, 2 X road traffic offences, 2 X drugs offences

26/01/10 Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground

a) **Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection** GM reported that the matting was still to be repaired which is on DWD's maintenance list. SGS to report at February meeting.

26/01/11 Items for Information/Discussion

a) MPC thanked HG for her hard work in setting up the new .gov website. It was, however, agreed that it was not yet ready to go live. The article in Marsworth News to launch the new website would also be delayed.

b) To comply with Government guidelines, MPC has a new email address for the Parish Clerk:
clerk@marsworth-pc.gov.uk

c) **Buckinghamshire's Lane Rental Scheme** has been approved.

d) **Navigating the New NPPF** - ONH will be hosting another completely free planning seminar for town and parish clerks and councillors on Tuesday 20th January 2026, online via zoom, from 12.30 - 1.30pm

e) **BALC free training courses January.** Clerk & SGS attending Trinity Banking training on 13 January.

26/01/012 Items to Consider for Resolution

- a) It was resolved to approve the **Budget for 2026/27 at £27,645**
 b) It was resolved to agree a precept of **£27,050** per annum, giving an annual Band D total of £75.94 against last year's £72.99 (an increase of 4%) and preserving reserves.
 c) It was resolved to approve an increase in the clerk's normal working hours from 30 up to 60 hours per month.

26/01/13 a) Finance: Monthly Finance Statement as at 31 December 2025

Current a/c:			£0.00
Business Reserve a/c:	(includes accrual of £10,200 for proposed LED lighting)		£39,391.25
Direct Debit payments:	Ionos Outlook December	£8.40	
	SSE for November	£162.95	
	UK Power Networks Annual Rental & compensation		£18.77
Receipts:	Interest		£40.26
To approve cheques			
Cheque 2039	Mrs C A Smith £365.80	£365.80	
	Mrs C A Smith	£117.05	
	Expenses re CRT – train £106.80+ £10.25 postage		
Cheque 2040	HMRC December	£88.80	
Cheque 2035	Forde & McHugh street lighting repair	£300.00	
Cheque 2036	Parish On Line Website set up £450 discounted to	£258.00	
Cheque 2037	MJ Electrical timers for Village Hall heaters reimbursable through Sec 106	£703.20	
Cheque 2038	Mr A Lewis – IT support for change to .gov.uk	£60.00	

26/01/14 Agenda items for next meeting from Public Participation, Clerk's Report and Requested by Councillors

- a) Query whether narrow boats pay rates
 b) Query whether the issue with Aylesbury Truck Hire using the building unlawfully was resolved.

26/01/15 Date of next Meeting:

Monday 9 February 2026 at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm