

Minutes of meeting held on 12 February 2024 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00 pm

- 24/02/01 Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (RK) (Chairman), D Cornwall (DC), C King (CK), G Monks (GM), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith
Apologies: R Brown (RB) (hol) R John (RJ) (hol)
Others Present: Buckinghamshire Councillor Derek Town
- 24/02/02 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 24/02/03 Public Participation:** None
- 24/02/04 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** – Case now handed to Zenab Hearn who previously worked on the application.
 - 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** Cllr Town would talk to the Local Area Technician (LAC) about emergency work to the bridge surface as it was uneven and causing danger to road users. He would also ask when the drainage gulleys on the bridge would be cleared (previously reported in January and August 23 and January 24).
 - f) **Bridge by the Recreation Ground** Cllr Town would ascertain with the LAC why the bridge had been resurfaced as it didn't appear to have any issues and was a no through road except for emergency vehicle access.
- 24/02/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 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.
- 24/02/06 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.
 - 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, H20 the developers have no objection. Awaiting permission from Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Brazier currently querying why MPC was being asked to pay £1600 for the Council to agree the draft which MPC had already prepared and CRT & H20 had agreed.
 - 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 progressing this. 18 Sep 23. Clerk ascertaining if all work has been carried out as website states matter resolved in Nov 23.
 - k) **Watery Lane – Dangerous Parking** (on corner by Anglers Retreat). Reported to Buckinghamshire Council 4 Oct 23. Ref **5060740**. Councillor Brazier has spoken with Steve Broadbent the Cabinet Member for

Transport at Buckinghamshire Council (BC). Watery Lane residents have compiled a list of offenders which Clerk has forward to TVP.

- l) 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. It may be that the Community Board will be able to fund this. Clerk to chase.
- m) **Caravan illegally parked at Startops Car Park.** Caravan abandoned at 8 Dec 23. Caravan to be removed on 14 Feb 24.
- n) **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. Application approved and bench ordered by Clerk.
- o) **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.
- p) 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. Clerk has obtained quotes for matting.
- q) **Bluebells Cottage** – Cllr Brazier has reported possible planning breach in relation to Field Shelter. 2 Jan 24.
- r) **Signpost** – has been reinstated in a different location at the Rec to allow for vehicles turning and to point to the direction of the footpath.
- s) **Aylesbury Truck Hire (ATH)** at Marsworth Airfield – Buckinghamshire Council had confirmed that the building is being used unlawfully and they have made ATH aware.
- t) **Proposal for use of the Recreation Ground – MarsFest.** Clerk has written to applicant.
- u) **Lighting** – reported to Forde & McHugh for 38 Lukes Lea, 40 Vicarage Road and 2 Vicarage Gardens. Repaired 9 Feb 24.
- v) **Pothole at 40 Lower Icknield Way Reported.**

24/02/07 Village Hall Committee Report

- a) **New Members** -Stephanie Hurley, Fred Martin, Sue Rance and Elaine Standen.
- b) **BonFire Night** – The insurers had asked for the bonfire to be moved further away from the nearby property. Village Hall Cttee to discuss this with MPC as it may encroach on the football pitch.
- c) **PAT testing** – outstanding
- d) **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. – 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 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 10 Oct 22. Grovfields Residents' Association Statement:** Following the conclusion of the Inquiry, the Planning Inspector will write up his findings and his recommendation. This will go the Secretary of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. **Decision deferred from 15 January to 15 March 23.** Grovfields Residents' Assn hoped this would work in its favour as the new National Policy Framework legislation would be in place.

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. 29 Nov 23.

c) Permission Approved/refused:

23/A2835/DIS || The Old Manor Church Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LX
Submission of details pursuant to Condition 3 (method statement for the masonry paint removal) relating to listed building consent 23/02835/ALB 2 Jan 24. MPC no input. Approved 19 Jan 24.

24/02/09 **Police:** Police report January – no report received.

24/02/10 **Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground**

a) **Recreation Ground:** Equipment inspection – RK had lubricated some of the working parts of the gym equipment and play equipment, re-tied the nets and removed the remaining pieces of metal from the Recreation ground. RB to report at February meeting.

24/02/11 **Items for Information/Discussion**

- b) Reply received from Buckinghamshire Council in relation to proposed changes to the **Buckinghamshire Home to School Transport Policy** (0-25 years). Clerk to disseminate information for next year in the September issue of Marsworth News.
- c) **NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK 2023** – advice note from BALK noted.
- d) **Car Parking at Marsworth Wharf by the Triangle.** Agreed that Clerk should pass the residents' complaints to TVP.
- e) **Section 137 amount** - The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has notified the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) that the appropriate sum for section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for local (parish and town) councils in England for 2024/25 is £10.81 (per elector).
- f) **BMKALC: Reminders (Surveillance Cameras) and Updates (Funding to Churches)** were noted.
- g) **MVAS available from Mursely Council for £500** which includes MVAS. It was agreed this wasn't required as MPC shared Cheddington Parish Council's MVAS which worked well.
- h) **Litter Picking and Refuse Removal from Startops Car Park.** Buckinghamshire Council Streetscene to collect the rubbish going forward.

24/02/12 **Items to Consider for Resolution**

- a) **Matting at the Rec for vehicular access and for area of 15 or 30 sq metres.** The three quotes were reviewed and it was agreed to appoint DWD Contractors who had kindly agreed to tidy up the original 15 sq metres of hardstanding free of charge. MPC resolved to apply for Section 106 funding for 15 sq metres.
- b) **Deed of Grant for 92 and 94 Vicarage Road, similar to one granted by MPC for Bridge Cottage.** It was resolved to approve and sign the Deeds of Grant giving vehicular access to both 92 and 94 Vicarage Road, similar to that already given to 98 Vicarage Road. This will give the grantees and their successors a right of way to pass with or without vehicles over the Track through the village green; that the grantees would each contribute a fair proportion of the costs of maintenance and repair of the Track (thus alleviating MPC of any burden); and the Grantees will not interrupt the use of affect the enjoyment of other parties using the Green.
- c) **Budget for 2024/25** It was resolved to approve the budget, which was duly signed and can be found on marsworth.org.uk and is appended to the Minutes.

24/02/13 **Finance:**

a) **Monthly Finance status as at 31 January 2024**

Current a/c:			£0
Business Reserve a/c:			£26,130.47
Cheques agreed and distributed			
Cheque 1912	Mrs C A Smith January	£315.35	
Cheque 1913	HMRC January	£68.60	
Cheque 1914	DWD gate repair at Village Hall	£70	
Cheque 1914	DWD hedgerow at Rec	£350	
Direct Debit payments:	Ionos Outlook January	£8.40	
	Ionos website 6 Dec 23 to 6 March 24	£25.20	
	EON 3 Oct to 31 Dec 23 at the Rec	£23.61	
	SSE January	£114.22	
Interest			£34.76

24/02/14 **Agenda items for next meeting from Public Participation, Clerk's Report and Requested by Councillors**
Village Hall: Cover for defibrillator, screw missing in courtyard, external downpipe blocked.

Rights of Way: overgrown path from Manor Farm towards Pitstone/Cheddington

24/02/15 **Date of next Meeting:**

Monday 11 March 2024 at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

