

**Minutes of meeting held on 9 December 2024 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00 pm**

- 24/12/01 Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (RK) (Chairman), G Monks (GM), R Brown (RB) R John (RJ), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith  
**Apologies:** C King (CK); D Cornwall (DC),  
**Other present:** Cllr Derek Town
- 24/12/02 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 24/12/03 Public Participation:** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to or provide information to the Parish Council.  
a) A resident from Bulbourne Wharf attended to ascertain the figures from the recent two weeks that the MVAS was installed at the Wharf. See item 24/12/11
- 24/12/04 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) **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 imminent.
- 24/12/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 11 November 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.
- 24/12/06 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. Clerk to ascertain reason for delay.  
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. Cllr Town suggested looking on the Planning website and clicking on the map of the area and looking back over 30 years for any permissions. **Clerk and Cllr Town to action 14 Dec 24.**  
c) **Noticeboard** on Village Green to be applied for by Clerk, with funding from Community Board. Derek Town has a contact he will give to Clerk and Clerk to also contact DWD.  
d) **Marsworth Charity** – Clerk has applied to Land Registry for Title Deed for Gravel Pit Meadow. Mar 24.  
e) **Dog Waste Bin at Startup Car Park.** Councillor Brazier had brought this to the attention of Cabinet and local MPs. Cllr will be meeting with CRT. 11 Nov 24. Clerk to ascertain if the Community Board would fund a dog waste bin. 14 Dec 24  
f) **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*  
g) **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.  
h) **Asset of Community Value (ACV) – Anglers Retreat** Clerk trying to ascertain owners of the public house.  
i) **Film Location.** SGS will write an article for the **February edition of Marsworth News** seeking location ideas from Marsworth residents as MPC only owns the Village Hall, the Recreation Ground and the Village Green.  
j) **LED lighting** – the Community Board currently seeking tenders for a group purchase of LED lighting.
- 24/12/07 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) Report not received.
- 24/12/08 a) Plans for consideration** – To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate.  
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.**

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.**

**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.

Clerk has asked Cllr Brazier to seek further information on what the implications were for the White Lion, Anglers Retreat and Ainscough applications in relation to the Appropriate Assessment recently issued for the White Lion referencing the implications for the 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.

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. Reply by 20 June 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. Reply by 19 Nov 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.**

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

24/12/09 **Police:** Police report for October

a) **Suspicious Persons x3** – One of these relates to a missing male. Another relates to 2 individuals sighted that were suspected to be involved in a recent theft of fuel. The other relates to Marsworth airfield security reporting a suspicious van. (Nothing of concern to wider community).

24/12/10 **Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground**

a) **Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection** Nothing of note to report. GM to report at December meeting.

24/12/11 **Items for Information/Discussion**

- a) **Community Speedwatch - MVAS** at Cooks Wharf. LAT advises the possibility of an MVAS/SID on the verge to the left of the entrance to the telephone exchange which is just about in Marsworth Parish. Due to trees, this might only be effective for northbound traffic. Another is on the verge in front of the Marina which would actually be Cheddington (suitable for both directions). 18 Nov 24.  
Pitstone PC advised that it was not keen on a fixed SID/MVAS being installed at the junction of Cooks Wharf as the results from the MVAS were low, with an average speed of 24.3mph and 90% travelling at under 35mph and Pitstone has a policy of using movable devices, as studies show that this reduces apathy amongst motorists and improves their effectiveness.  
**MVAS at Bulbourne** – RK has provided figures. MPC agreed that traffic lights should be installed as this was the only local B road nearby with a canal bridge that did not have a set of lights. Cllr Town to take this forward. Clerk to put resident in touch with Ron Busby of Community Speedwatch with a view to seeking volunteers from Bulbourne Wharf to join the Community Speedwatch for Bulbourne.  
Clerk to speak to Ron Busby about volunteers for Community Speed Watch at both Marsworth and Bulbourne
- b) **Media Suite at Village Hall.** Agreement obtained from Chair of VHC. Clerk obtaining quotes. Location of equipment to be discussed with VHC. VHC will not take over current broadband and will wait for it to lapse before reapplying on a cheaper tariff.
- c) **Wing and Ivinghoe Proud of Bucks Awards** on Wednesday 11 December at Hardwick Village Hall from 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start.
- d) **Leaf Clearance at Village Hall Car Park** – Need more volunteers next year. Only 4 this year. Thanks to Chris and Alex Kennedy who assisted Clerk & SGS from MPC.
- e) **Drain Clearance at Village Hall Car Park.** MPC placed on record its appreciation for DWD clearing the drains of leaves etc at the Village Hall car park.
- f) **Dacorum Local Plan new consultation.** Reply by 17 December.  
<https://letstalk.dacorum.gov.uk/hub-page/newlocalplan> Agreed Clerk to reply on behalf of MPC.
- g) **MPC Christmas Tree** for the Church display on 7 & 8 December kindly decorated by RK and RB.
- h) **Marsworth.org.uk** website. It was agreed that this wasn't necessary to change to a gov.uk website/email for such a small Parish and issues with links and QR code for the Polish section of the website.
- i) **Section 137 grants to CofE School and All Saints Church.** All Saints Church had written to thank MPC.
- j) **Lighting** Light near 37 Lukes Lea replaced to LED as kept failing.
- k) **Lesson at Parish Carol Service** on 16 December at 7.30 pm (from Matthew 1 verses 18-230. Agreed GM should read the Lesson.
- l) **Deed of Variation and Deed of Dedication of March 1999** for Marsworth Village Hall. VHC had now obtained a copy and forwarded to Clerk. Clerk now obtaining Deed of Dedication from Land Registry.
- m) **Archive of Documents** – old signed Minutes had been located and need scanning in. No-one at MPC had a sheet feeder and Clerk to arrange to have the Minutes scanned externally.
- n) **Budget and Precept for 2025/26** – to be agreed at MPC meeting on 13 January.

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**Items to Consider for Resolution**

- a) **Lane Rental Scheme (LRS).** Formal consultation on the proposal by Buckinghamshire Council to operate a lane rental scheme on their highway network in accordance with the New Roads and Street Works Act (1991) as amended. Clerk has written to Pitstone and Ivinghoe Clerks to ascertain their Councils' views also. It was resolved that MPC should request that Lower Icknield Way should be added as appropriate for LRS.

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**Monthly Finance status as at 30 November 2024**

<b>Cheques agreed and distributed</b>			
Cheque 1966	Mrs C A Smith Oct inc backdated payrise of .63 pence ph	£449.23	
Cheque 1967	HMRC Oct	£94.00	
Cheque 1968	DWD supply,fit & weld metal sleeves on play equipment at Rec	£450.70	
Cheque 1969	Buckinghamshire Council Dog Waste Bin to 31 Mar 25	228.00	
Cheque 1970	Forde & McHugh streetlights Repair 9 Lukes Lea £160 11 The Crescent £90 & LED replacement 37 Lukes Lea	£777.60	
<b>Direct Debit payments:</b>	Ionos Outlook Oct	£8.40	
	SSE Energy no invoice for Aug (in November)	-	
<b>Credits:</b>	NatWest Interest		£40.65
<b>Current a/c:</b>			£0.00
<b>Business Reserve a/c:</b>			£36,834.85

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**Date of next Meeting:**

Monday 13 January 2024 at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall.  
The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.