

Minutes of meeting held on 10 February 2025 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00 pm

- 25/02/01 Present:** Cllrs G Monks (GM) (Chairman), C King (CK); D Cornwall (DC), R Brown (RB) R John (RJ), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith
Apologies: Others present: Cllr Derek Town
Bar Kennedy
- 25/02/02 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 25/02/03 Public Participation:** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to or provide information to the Parish Council. None
- 25/02/04 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** – 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.
 - c) **The White Lion** – mitigation awaited for the development now that Buckinghamshire has an SAC strategy in place. The sale of The White Lion had now taken place and work commenced. Sec 215 notice ends shortly.
- 25/02/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 13 January 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.
- 25/02/06 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 will commence mid February and will include repair to the concrete structure and replacement of garage doors where necessary. Cllr Town to write again to ensure the garages are structurally sound.
 - 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. Environment Agency advises it is not responsible. Clerk to investigate Riparian responsibilities and The Land Drainage Act 199.
 - c) **Noticeboard on Village Green** Clerk has applied to the Community Board for funding for the full amount of £1,000. MPC to pay for fitting.
 - 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. **Cllr Town to ascertain timings from LAT**
 - 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. MPC has reiterated that the abandoned car on the driveway must be removed. TVP and Fairhive will jointly visit the residents in February.
 - g) **Asset of Community Value (ACV) – Anglers Retreat.** RK to complete the application now owners details available. 13 Jan 25
 - h) **Film Location.** SGS to write an article for 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 in the Spring.
 - a) **Residents complaints.** Clerk has notified UK Power networks regarding the broken doors on the sub-station. The temporary fix is unsatisfactory. The silted bridge by the Red Lion has kindly been cleared by Alex Kennedy. Road narrows due to vegetation encroachment on road, and overhanging branches. Clerk to write to CRT. Boundary hedges are landowners' responsibility. Resident reports that the trees are leaning very close to the power line across the road at Lower End and that the paths need clearing. Clerk awaiting photos of issues at Lower End.
 - k) **Historical Minutes** Now collated for 2007 onwards. Please forward any Minutes prior to this date to Clerk. DC to obtain from Sylvia Frost's daughter any remaining MPC historical documents.
- 25/02/07 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 on 8 January and 5 February 2025 were reviewed.
 - b) Chairman and Secretary of VHC would be resigning at the AGM.
 - c) New toilet seats installed but one now broken.
 - d) Ofsted inspection on 10 February for the pre-school.
 - e) Curb stones uneven at entrance of hall. Clerk to report.

f) Quotes for new heating system being obtained. Clerk to send DC details re heating at Wilstone Village Hall.

25/02/08

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 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.**

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

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.**

24/03540/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.**

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

24/03652/APP | 2 Norvic Road Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LS
Householder application for demolition of existing workshop and utility space, erection of single storey front, side and rear extension and repositioning of fuel tank. **App 6 Dec. MPC no objection. Approved 21 Jan 25**

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 Apppleacre 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. Certificates of lawfulness issued 23 Jan 25.**

25/02/09 Police report January

- 1x Road Traffic Collision (Marsworth Airfield, Cheddington Lane)
- 1x Suspicious Incident of a package delivered that had been tampered with
- 1x ASB Community (Fly Tipping)

25/02/10 Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground

- a) **Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection** RB reported there was nothing of note. RK to report at March meeting & SGS at April meeting.

25/02/11 Items for Information/Discussion

- a) **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.
- b) **Execution of Deed of Variation** for Section 106 funds to be used for the village hall had now been signed and was active.
- c) **Media Suite for the Village Hall.** GM and Clerk attended the Village Hall Committee EGM on 22 January 25 to discuss a media suite for the Village Hall which was approved unanimously.
- d) **Defibrillator.** Funding had been available from British Heart Foundation for a defibrillator for the village but their PCC meeting not until 19 February and offer probably expired by then. Clerk has possibility of match funding (50%) and Church would like the defibrillator installed by the time of the Fun Run in May if sufficient funding available.
- e) **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 to ascertain status of this request.**
- f) **Local Elections in Buckinghamshire** Elections will take place on Thursday 1 May 2025. All town and parish council seats will be up for election along with the 97 seats at Buckinghamshire Council, which covers 49 wards. This reflects the changes from the Local Government Boundary Commission's electoral review. Nominations open 18 March. Deadline 2 April. Clerk to place article for Marsworth News in relation to election of Marsworth Councillors.
- g) **Village Hall Committee Agenda and Minutes** A request has been made for the agenda to be forwarded to MPC in advance of the VHC meetings and for the Minutes to be discussed at each MPC meeting.
- h) **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. **Cllr Town undertook to investigate this.**
- i) **Bulbourne Wharf Speeding** Tring Town Council doesn't have a community Speedwatch team and have forwarded MPC's concerns to its transport committee for discussion
- j) **Watery Lane boundary hedges** – company being brought in by owners of Canal Bank Farm to trim the hedges along Watery Lane, but needs permission and access to lower the bollard for access. MPC confirmed that boundary hedges are the landowners responsibility. Key available via Clerk from Local Area Technician.
- k) **Fairhive bungalows in Vicarage Road.** Roof replacements and Chimney re-pointing works. Works due to be completed by 14 February and scaffolding removed week of 17 February.

25/02/12 Items to Consider for Resolution

- a) **Incident at Cheddington Road** opposite airfield. It was resolved that MPC would write to express its support of: safer road signage, monitoring of traffic; more visibility.
- b) **Incident – Another drowning in the Canal.** It was resolved that MPC would write to CRT to request: mooring pins should be brightly marked; towpaths maintained; hedgerows be trimmed back allowing better access along the paths. Leaflets emphasising safety near the canals had been distributed by MPC to local pubs and cafes

25/02/13 Finance:

- a) **Community Board Funding.** Clerk has applied for: match funding for the Media Suite for the Village Hall; complete funding for a noticeboard for the village green; and a dog waste and waste bin just outside of Startop car park
- b) **Monthly Finance status as at 31 January 2025**

24/02/14

Cheques			
Cheque 1977	Mrs C A Smith Jan (stationery £8.91)	£340.59	
Cheque 1978	HMRC Jan	£80.40	
Direct Debit payments:	Ionos Outlook Jan	£8.40	
	Ionos Outlook website builder 06/12/2024-06/03/2025	£25.20	
	SSE Energy Dec	£122.39	
Current a/c:			£0.00
Business Reserve a/c:	(includes accrual of £6,700 for proposed LED lighting)		£30,220.37

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Date of next Meeting:
Monday 10 March at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall
Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.