

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

- 25/03/01 Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (Chairman), C King (CK); D Cornwall (DC) G Monks (GM), R Brown (RB), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith
Apologies: R John (RJ)
Others present: Cllr Derek Town
- 25/03/02 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 25/03/03 Public Participation:** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to or provide information to the Parish Council. None
- 25/03/04 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..
- 25/03/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 10 February 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.
- 25/03/06 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 were due to commence mid February and to include repair to the concrete structure and replacement of garage doors where necessary. **Cllr Town has written to ensure the garages are structurally sound.** Clerk seeking a revised start date.
 - 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 1991.
 - 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.
 - 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. Cllr Town to seek more information from LAT.
 - e) **Illegal Parking at Village Hall.** Following a joint operation with Fairhive and TVP, there is now only one vehicle parking illegally at the village hall.
 - f) **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.
 - g) **Film Location.** Residents have been asked in Marsworth News if they would like their property to be considered for filming. No feedback to MPC to date.
 - h) **LED lighting** – the Community Board currently seeking tenders for a group purchase of LED lighting.
 - i) **Community Speedwatch** – Ron Busby has written to those who signed the original petition asking for a community Speedwatch to seek new Speedwatch volunteers but no new volunteers to date.
 - j) **Bulbourne Wharf Speeding.** Tring Town Council doesn't have a community Speedwatch team and has forwarded MPC's concerns to its transport Committee. Ongoing issue, now with Hertfordshire Highways.
 - k) **Residents complaints.** Clerk has notified UK Power networks regarding the broken doors on the sub-station. 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.**
 - l) **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.
 - m) **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 advised it was being discussed at cabinet this week.** 10 Mar 25
 - n) **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
 - o) **Lighting** Faulty lights at Lukes Lea and Vicarage Road have been reported by the Clerk to Forde&McHugh.
 - p) **Uneven curb stones at Village hall.** Clerk reported on FixMyStreet 3 Mar 25 **7216914**
- 25/03/07 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) To review the Minutes of the Village Hall Committee held in March 2025.
 - b) Chairman and Secretary of VHC resigning at the AGM but the roles would not be advertised.

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- c) Broken toilet seat had been repaired.
 - d) Ofsted inspection on 10 February for the pre-school had been successful and pre-school commencing on 17 March 2025.
 - e) Quotes for new heating system being obtained. Clerk has sent DC details of the installer of the very effective heating system at Wilstone Village Hall.
 - f) A local cleaner had been appointed following interviews.
- a) **Plans for consideration** – To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. –
- 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.**
- 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
- 24/03322/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:

24/03171/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. Refused. 28 Feb 25

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Police report February not received.

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Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground

a) **Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection.** RK reported that all equipment was now in working order following maintenance work by DWD. SGS to report at the April meeting

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Items for Information/Discussion

- a) **Community Board Funding applications** for: Media Suite for the Village Hall, noticeboard and waste bins at Startups. Decision will be made by Community Board by 17 March.
- b) **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 will take nomination forms to Buckinghamshire Council (on Monday 30 March) am).
- c) **Watery Lane boundary hedges** – company brought in by owners of Canal Bank Farm to trim the hedges along Watery Lane. MPC gave permission to lower the bollard for access. Key available via Clerk from Local Area Technician. MPC confirmed that boundary hedges are the landowners responsibility.
- d) **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on Monday 7 April at 7pm. Reports will be published in Marsworth News and taken as read at the meeting. Wine and nibbles to be served as last year from 6.30 pm. Alex Razak attending to speak about the Ivinghoe and Pitstone Repair Café. He set the Café up some 2 years ago.
- e) **Trees** It was noted that All Saints Church is applying for permission from the Diocese and Buckinghamshire Council to fell a dying ash and considerably reduce other trees that are assessed by an arboriculturist as a danger to members of the public. MPC to await planning application and consider further.
- f) **Resident complaint** re delay in repair of railings at Startups and request for more durable solution. Request for traffic calming measures and 20 mph and speed signs. Also if those responsible for damage to the railings are asked to pay. Clerk has replied following correspondence with Cllr Brazier. 3 Mar 25.
- g) **Resident complaint** re parking at corner of Watery Lane/Lower Icknield Way. Requests yellow lines, 20 mph, Clerk has contacted road residents group and Cllr Brazier. Clerk to ascertain cost of white lines.
- h) **One Uniform Programme** –changes to planning portal on line discussion 12 March at 1000 and 1400.
- i) **VE Day Community Celebrations** Buckinghamshire Council advises that while VE Day itself is Thursday 8 May, to recognise the significance of the 80th anniversary, the Bank Holiday on Monday 5 May has been officially dedicated to community celebrations. It will be waiving the associated fees to host an event on a public highway between Monday 5 May and Sunday 11 May 2025 inclusive. Clerk to put on noticeboard and facebook to ascertain if anyone wants to hold an event. MPC would require notice by 31 March if anyone wishes to use the Recreation Ground during this period for an event.
- j) **Windmill Pre-School official opening** Monday 17 March at 9.30pm. RK to perform the opening duties.
- k) **Community Board Meeting** Tuesday 12 March 8pm on MS teams as no venue available. SGS & CAS unable to attend.
- l) **CPRE Hertfordshire Update on NPPF.** CAS & SGS attended an on-line event. CPRE is concerned about the effect of the revised NPPF on the landscape and will be canvassing the Government accordingly.

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Items to Consider for Resolution

- a) **Marsworth Fun Run Sunday 11 May.** It was resolved that permission be granted for use of the Recreation ground and for the delivery beforehand of portaloos and for the ground to be used for the warm up and start of the race. Clerk to request sight of insurance and risk assessment by the end of April.
- b) **Marsworth Steam Rally Sunday 15 June.** It was resolved that permission be granted for possible use of the recreation ground for parking. Clerk to request sight of insurance and risk assessment by the end of May should the recreation ground be required.
- c) **ACV for Red Lion. It was resolved to apply for an ACV for Red Lion.**

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Finance: Monthly Finance Statement as at 28 February 2025

Cheques			
Cheque 1979	Mrs C A Smith Feb (inc £11.55 CPRE planning cost)	£343.23	
Cheque 1980	HMRC Feb	£80.40	
Cheque 1981	DWD Feb boundary hedge cutting & rec equip repair	£605	
Direct Debit payments:	Ionos Outlook Feb	£8.40	
Current a/c:			£0.00
Business Reserve a/c:	(includes accrual of £6,700 for proposed LED lighting)		£29,819.83

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Date of next Meeting:

Monday 7 April at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm. Doors open at 6.30 pm for wine and nibbles and for residents to informally chat to our Councillors.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

