

Marsworth Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held on 9 February 2026 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.00 pm

- 26/02/01 **Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (Chairman); C King (CK); G Monks (GM); R Brown (RB); S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith
Apologies: R John (RJ)
Others present: Chris Poll
- 26/02/02 **Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 26/02/03 **Public Participation:** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to or provide information to the Parish Council. - None
- 26/02/04 **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:
- Marsworth Airfield planning application – outstanding.**
 - 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.
 - Red Lion – planning approval delay due to holidays.** Cllr Brazier had tried to make representations but only those parties involved in the application could approach the planners.
 - Call for Sites** 100,000 dwellings were required for Buckinghamshire and 600,000 had been identified (but not necessarily by the land owner). This would eliminate the need to use any green belt land, and possibly also grey belt land could also be precluded. In the planned period of 2025 to 2045, the 45,000 homes already built would be included in this figure. An important Government criterion for location is transportation. Further discussion take place at the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Forum on 16 Feb. See item 26/02/11 (g).
- 26/02/05 **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 12 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.
- 26/02/06 **Clerk's Report: This section provides updates on on-going issues. Resolutions cannot be passed on items in this section.**
- 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. December 2025. Clerk to make contact with CRT.
 - Railings at Startops – damaged around 12 March 24. Work now completed.**
 - 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.
 - Asset of Community Value (AVC) – Red Lion.** Clerk to apply on behalf of MPC.
 - 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.
 - 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
 - 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.
 - Village Hall AV equipment and heating.** Last works taking place during February school holidays and then Clerk to request the agreed S106 monies.
 - 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
 - Noticeboard A** new noticeboard will replace the old one at The Red Lion. There has been excellent feedback from residents.
 - 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.
 - Gutters at Village Hall** Gutters were cleaned on 31 January 26.
- 26/02/07 **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).
- Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January were noted.
 - Booking system for the village hall not yet live as pricing for room hire still to be agreed.
- 26/02/08 **a) Plans for consideration – To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. –**
PL/25/6009/FA | | Site Of The Former White Lion PH 2 Startops End Lower Icknield Way Marsworth
Erection of 4 semi-detached dwellings with associated car parking, garden space, waste provision and cycle storage. 26 Jan. Reply by 18 Feb. MPC supportive. 9 Feb 26.
PL/26/00534/EIASR | Request for an EIA Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) for 190 dwellings and associated infrastructure. | Land Off Leeches Way Cheddington Buckinghamshire. MPC objects to the proposed development and recommends that any EIA conducted ensures that sufficient consideration

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has been given to the impact of sewage and water supply as our villages are already under strain. 9 Feb 26

25/03168/OUT | Highover Lukes Lane Gubblecote Tring Hertfordshire HP23 4QQ - Construction of up to 5 self build or custom build dwellings | 23 Jan 26. MPC objects on the grounds of the road being too narrow for additional traffic, inadequate public transport provisions and an increased danger of flooding. 9 Feb 26

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. **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 Stage 3 hearings to take place 2-27 March 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.**

25/01880/MOAJ | 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/25/5721/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. Delays at Planning Dept due to holidays. Peter Brazier taking up with Cabinet member for Planning. MPC has written to Planning to ensure that the Village Green which is adjacent to the Red Lion is restored to previous condition following the works.**

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

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 Withdrawn 14 Jan 26**

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. Consent approved 4 Feb 26.**

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. Withdrawn 3 Feb 26.**

26/02/09 **Police report for January – Nothing of note.**

26/02/10 **Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground**

- a) **Recreation Ground:** Equipment inspection. SGS reported matting repair outstanding, equipment needs lubricating (SGS and/or RK), fence by dog waste bin needs repair. Consider moving the 2 pieces of equipment that are inaccessible this time of the year. RK to report in March.

26/02/11 **Items for Information/Discussion**

- a) **Aylesbury Vale Truck hire** - ATH have paid rates since 2017
 b) **Narrow boats** - C&RT is the responsible authority which determines if they are resident as defined. They would then charge and subsequently pass on Council tax to Buckinghamshire Council.
 c) **Community Board Good Dog Owner Campaign update.** The launch on 16 March was noted.
 d) **Resignation of Helen Gracie as Parish Councillor.** Noted.
 e) **Advertisement in Marsworth News and noticeboards of Casual Vacancy.** Clerk to prepare advertisements for Marsworth News and noticeboards with a deadline of 7 April.
 f) **Meeting with Pitstone, Cheddington and Ivinghoe re NDPs on 21 January** (neighbourhood development plans) – RK, SGS and Clerk attended. All planning applications of 10 or more dwellings will be circulated to the 4 parishes by the clerks who will pass on to the Councillors.
 g) **Buckinghamshire Council Planning Forum Monday 16 Feb at 1000 on line.** Discussion will include important information about Neighbourhood Development Plans for parishes and the associated implications for NDPs.
 h) **Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 13 April** – requests have been sent to clubs and societies including the new Bridge Society. TVP attending from 6.15 for any questions. Meeting starts at 7pm. It was agreed that clerk should contact Ashridge National Trust to ascertain if a speaker was available from 7.30-8.00 pm.
 i) **Marsworth Food Bank Funding.** Funding from Buckinghamshire Council will cease on 31 March 2026. Buckinghamshire Council will provide emergency funding only after that date. Steam Rally to contact Food Bank with offer of support, but not at the level provided by the Council.

26/02/012 **Items to Consider for Resolution**

- a) **LED Lighting.** Quotations had been obtained and it was resolved to award the contract for the supply of 15 LED lamps and 4 heritage style lamps (outside the CoFE School, Old School House, Church and Red Lion pub) to Lamps & Tubes Illuminations at a cost of c£10,500.
 b) **.gov and .org websites.** Parish Online provided little (no) support and it was resolved to approve to transfer to Aubergine as the provider for .gov website which would hold the statutory information for MPC. It was also resolved to approve that the .gov website domain and email address would be held by IONOS. The marsworth.org.uk website would remain for items of interest around the village and the information on the Polish Hostel.
 c) **Electricity Supplier.** It was resolved to approve that Utility Aid be used to negotiate a new electricity supply contract as the current 3-year contract with SSE was due to expire in April.
 d) **Defibrillator replacement pads and battery.** It was resolved to approve quote for £323 for Village Hall.
 e) **Internal Auditor.** It was resolved to approve Bridget Knight to again be the Internal Auditor for AGAR. Cost £115

26/02/13 a) **Finance: Monthly Finance Statement as at 31 January 2026**

Current a/c:			£0.00
Business Reserve a/c:	(includes accrual of £10,200 for proposed LED lighting)		£37,166.84
Direct Debit payments:	Ionos Outlook January	£8.40	
	Ionos 6 Dec to 5 Mar 26 website builder	£32.40	
	SSE for November	£184.76	
	EON – Recreation ground 1 Oct to 31 Dec 25	£52.08	
Receipts:	Interest		£30.08
To approve cheques			
Cheque 2042	Mrs C A Smith £365.60 + £14 expenses January	£379.60	
Cheque 2043	HMRC January	£89.00	
Cheque 2045	Scribe January	£37.20	
Cheque 2046	Scribe February	£37.20	
Cheque 2047	J B Parker – village hall gutter cleaning	£120.00	
Cheque 2048	Buckinghamshire Council Dog Waste to Mar 26	£372.00	

26/02/14 **Agenda items for next meeting from Public Participation, Clerk's Report and Requested by Councillors.**

26/02/15 **Date of next Meeting:**

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

