

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

To: All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place, Marcham on Wednesday 11th January, 2017 at 7.15 p.m. for the transaction of the business stated below.

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Clerk of the Council
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A G E N D A

Prior to the commencement of formal business, Dr. Derek Stork, Chairman of the Group Against the Reservoir Development, will give a brief presentation on the current status of Thames Water's plans and the views of GARD.

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
 - a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda under consideration at this meeting.
 - b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
 - c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December, 2016
To agree the minutes of the meeting as a correct record
4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 14th December, 2016

Play Area – report

Contractor has been instructed to replace broken slabs at the youth shelter, and enquiries made as to whether the youngsters undertaking the painting were to complete the work required to the bench seats. Mrs. C. Ricketts has confirmed she will arrange for the bench seating to be sanded.

Sheepstead Road – Street Light replacement

Confirmation received from the County Council that the street lights in Sheepstead Road, which were in need of replacement will be included in the first batch of repairs, for a new interim contractor. The work is likely to be undertaken early in the new year.

Letter of thanks for grants awarded

Letters of thanks for grants awarded have been received from the Anson Trust, Citizens Advice Bureau, Marcham Senior Citizens Club, and Parochial Church Council.

Kings Field phase I - Vanderbilt Homes

Service plans for utilities have been received and circulated to members.

5. Public Participation

An opportunity for the public to bring parish matters to the attention of the Council.

6. Planning Matters

a) Decisions on previous planning applications

To note decisions on previous application

b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

None received

c) New Housing Developments – Hyde Copse - Taylor Wimpey

(i) To receive a report from members who attended a meeting with Taylor Wimpey to discuss drainage and paths, on 10th January, 2017.

(ii) To consider a working party to formulate plans for the path leading from Howard Cornish Road northwards to Cow Lane.

d) Applications for consideration at the meeting

P16/V3211/HH Single storey rear extension

6 Orchard Way

For: Mr and Mrs. B. Stevens

P16/V3072/HH Single storey rear extension

6 Parkside

For: Mrs. M. Cox

P16/V2986/FUL Variation of condition 12 (Drainage) of P15/V0612/FUL

Erection of 61 dwellings

Land off Hyde Copse

For: Taylor Wimpey

P16/V3224/FUL Erection of 49 dwellings with associated means of access, car parking, footpath links, amenity space and landscaping.

Land off Sheepstead Road (Kings Field II)

For: Mrs. H. King -Thompson and Mrs. H. Shorthouse

P16/V3147/FUL Replacement dwelling, swimming pool and garage building

Studland House, Woodside

For: Mr. and Mrs. Lamplough

e) Planning Correspondence

(i) Vale of White Horse District Council - Notification of adoption of Local Plan

Notification from Vale of White Horse District Council that at a meeting of full Council on 14th December, 2016 the Local Plan was adopted.

(ii) Vale of White Horse District Council - Community Infrastructure levy –

Consultation on modifications to the draft charging schedule and draft developer contributions supplementary planning document

Available for viewing at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/cil and

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/section106

- (iii) Vale of White Horse District Council – s.106 funding report
To receive a report from the Vale of White Horse District Council on the current Position regarding the availability of s. 106 funding for the parish.
7. District Councillor’s Report
To receive a report on District Council matters from Cllr. Mrs. C. Webber
8. County Councillor’s Report.
To receive a report on County Council matters from Cllr. R. Webber
9. Neighbourhood Plan
To consider establishing a working party to investigate the merits of a neighbourhood plan, and any ramifications.
10. Community Facilities
To receive an update report.
11. 15A Haines Court - Application for Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003
Notification from Vale of White Horse District Council for an application for a Premises Licence for 15A Haines Court for the on line sale of liquor.
To consider any Parish Council comments.
12. Grant Application – Parochial Church Council
To consider a grant application towards the costs of work with children and youth in the parish.
13. National Association of Local Councils – Notification of publication of Public Service Ombudsman Bill. This plans for a new single Public Service Ombudsman with the abolition of the previous Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman and the Local Government Ombudsman. The services of the Ombudsman would be extended to the Town and Parish Sector. The timescale of the passage of the Bill is unclear, but the National Association of Local Councils would welcome any thoughts of Parish and Town Councils.
To consider any Parish Council comments.
14. Budget 2017/18
- (A) To consider the budget for 2017/2018
- a) To resolve to take into reserves any unspent sums from the current year.
 - b) Council’s obligatory expenditure
 - c) Chairman’s Allowance
 - d) Council’s expenditure on non Parish Council owned land
 - e) Capital Items
 - f) Working balance/contingencies
 - g) Earmark reserves for specific items
- (B) To set the precept for 2017/2018

15. Risk Assessment – Deferred from the last meeting.
As part of the accounting and audit process the Council is required to carry out an assessment of the risk facing the Committee and its assets and take appropriate steps to manage those risks.
The failure to manage risks effectively can be expensive in terms of litigation, reputation and council tax bills.
Members are required to:
 - a) take steps to identify and update key risks facing the Council
 - b) evaluate the potential consequences to the Council if an event identified as a risk takes place.
 - c) decide upon appropriate measures to avoid, reduce or control the risk or its consequence.

16. Parking problems in the parish
 - a) To note a response from Sovereign Housing Association that it has approached the relevant tenant and requested that the vehicles on the open space at the junction of North Street/Howard Cornish Road be removed

 - b) To note comments from residents that parking obstruction is still continuing in North Street, the junction of A415/Howard Cornish Road, the junction of Longfields/Howard Cornish Road, and the junction of Tower Close/Orchard Way. This is despite an appeal in Marcham and District News for residents to be considerate where they leave their vehicles.
To consider a draft letter to be sent to all residents in the affected areas.

17. Parishioner of the Year Award
To note nominations are being received for the Parishioner of the Year Award. These have been referred to the working party who will produce a report for the next meeting

18. Annual meeting of electors
To consider the arrangements for the annual meeting of electors 2017.

19. Correspondence
 - a) Oxfordshire County Council – Highway Works in Vale DC Dec-Feb
None relates to Marcham.
 - b) Oxfordshire County Council – Notification of bridleway closure
Confirmation received that the Order for the closure of bridleway 17 (bridge at southern end of Mill Road), has been extended to January 2020.

20. Accounts
To approve accounts for payment as per list circulated to members

21. Matters raised by members for information

22. Items for MAD News

23. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 8th February, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place.