

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marcham Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th January, 2017 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place, Marcham at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

Miss R. Atkins, Mrs. J. Fabes, Mr. M. Hillis, Mr. M. Hoath, Mr. P. Steere,
Mr. D. Walton

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin

Dr. D. Stork (Chairman of the Group Against the Reservoir Development)
Cllrs. R Webber (County Councillor) and Mrs. C. Webber (District
Councillor)

Joined by a Miss R. Mander at 7.25 during the presentation.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was proposed by Mr. Hillis and seconded by Mr. Hoath that Mr. Walton be appointed Chairman for the commencement of the meeting during the presentation by Dr. Stork.

Mr. Walton welcomed Dr. Stork to the meeting, and invited him to speak on the topic of the current status of Thames Water's plans for the reservoir and the views of the GARD group. Dr. Stork provided information on the latest plans for a reservoir and challenged the stated requirements. He referred to the lengthy construction period and time it would take to fill the reservoir. He answered questions and discussion followed on the need for Thames Water to fix the leakages in the London area. Dr. Stork provided a handout and would send this electronically to the Clerk.

Dr. Stork left the meeting at 7.40 p.m.

Miss Mander took the chair for the meeting.

- 2017/1 Apologies for absence
Apologies had been received from Mr. M. Denton and Mrs. S. Hill.
- 2017/2 Declarations of Interest
Miss R. Atkins declared an interest in the agenda item relating to the planning application P16/V3211/HH at 6 Orchard Way in that the applicant was a neighbour.
In the interests of transparency the Clerk placed on record that she was related to the agent for the applicant in regards to the planning applications P16/V3211/HH at 6 Orchard Way and P16/V3072/HH at 6 Parkside.
- 2017/3 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December, 2016
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December, 2016 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting. Mr. Walton

pointed out that in minute 2016/235 relating to the planning application P16/V2052/LB for alterations to the barn at 12 Frilford Road the voting was recorded as “In favour of objecting” and then “ In support of the application” whereas it should be “In favour of objecting” and “Not in favour of objecting”.

2017/4 Matters Arising from the meeting held on 14th December, 2016

Play Area - report

Council noted that the contractor had been instructed to replace the 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. Council noted that Mrs. C. Ricketts had confirmed that she would arrange for the bench seats to be sanded.

Sheepstead Road – Street Light replacement

Council noted that confirmation had been received from the County Council that the street lights in Sheepstead Road which were in need of replacement would be included in the first batch of repairs for its new interim contractor. It was reported by a member that the 2 broken street lights in Sheepstead Road had been replaced.

Letters of thanks for grants awarded

Council noted that letters of thanks for the grants awarded had been received from the Anson Trust, Citizens Advice Bureau, Marcham Senior Citizens Club, Parochial Church Council, and South and Vale Carers Centre.

Kings Field phase I – Vanderbilt Homes

Service plans for utilities had been received and circulated to members. These was in regards to the public open spaces that the Council were taking on.

2017/5 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

2017/6 Planning Applications

a) Decisions on previous applications

P16/V0547/LB and P16/V0546/HH

Demolish previous extension on western aspect and bay

window on eastern aspect and extend principal dwelling and former barn with single and two storey additions, together with various alterations and repairs to external and internal building fabric.

Marcham Mill, Mill Road

Permitted 9th January, 2017

b) Planning Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

None received

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

P16/V3211/HH Single storey rear extension

6 Orchard Way

For: Mr and Mrs. B. Stevens

Members commented regarding overdevelopment of the house in relation to the size of the plot, the provision of additional accommodation without additional parking

The Chairman called for a show of hands of those who supported the application

In support	Against	Abstention
0	6	1

RESOLVED:

that Council objects to the application on the ground of overdevelopment of the site and lack of on site parking

P16/V3072/HH Single storey rear extension

6 Parkside

For: Mrs. M. Cox

Members commented that there were no additional bedrooms and could see no reason to raise objections

The Chairman called for a show of hands for those who supported the application

In support	Against	Abstention
7	0	0

RESOLVED:

that Council supports the application as the proposal appeared appropriate and in proportion to the existing dwelling

P16/V2986/FUL Variation of condition 12 (Drainage) of
P15/V0612/FUL Erection of 61 dwellings
Land off Hyde Copse

For: Taylor Wimpey

A planning condition existed that new required drainage works had to be fully implemented before occupation of any dwelling. A solution to the drainage had been delayed and a request submitted to allow 20 dwellings to be connected to the existing system.

Some members were of the opinion that Taylor Wimpey should be required to comply with the planning condition before occupation of their dwellings, others were of the opinion that as there was a shortfall in capacity, the problem should be sorted as soon as possible, as the overall foul network within the village was affected. The capacity for the connection of 20 dwellings would be determined by Thames Water.

The Chairman called for a show of hands of those in support of the application

In support	Against	Abstention
5	2	0

RESOLVED:

that Council supports the application

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

Members appreciated the extant consent for 37 dwellings .

The new proposal appeared to be a good mix of housing, although there were no bungalows, and it met the Community Led Plan aspiration for smaller units. Concerns were raised regarding adequate on site parking, view on the approach to the village from the north, materials to match the existing development to the South, the badger sett on site and adequate

wildlife survey, adequate drainage strategy, good footpath links into the existing path to the East to Howard Cornish Road, provision of a new section of path, path on the Western side alongside Sheepstead Road to Cow Lane, and provision of a build out to slow traffic speed, plus improvements at the St. Peter's Cross Roads.

The Chairman called for a show of hands for those in support of the application

In support	Against	Abstention
6	0	1

RESOLVED:

that Council supports the application, but the Vale of White Horse District Council be advised of the following issues: inadequate on site parking, and lack of visitor parking, appearance and orientation of the properties with dominant fencing on the approach from the North, materials to be in keeping, requirements for footways and not shared surfaces, bungalows, the need for a wildlife survey in view of the existing badger sett on the site. In addition a requirement for the provision of a path on the Eastern side of the site and to link in with the existing path to run to Howard Cornish Road, footway link alongside Sheepstead Road to Cow Lane, and improvement works at St.Peter's cross roads.

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

Studland House, Woodside

For: Mr. and Mrs. Lamplough

Members had no objection to the proposal, but wished adequate tree protection to be in place, with works to trees in the bridleway access being undertaken in advance of construction. Repairs to the bridleway should be undertaken if damage were caused, no vehicles to reverse onto the A338, and all materials to be in keeping.

The Chairman called for a show of hands for those in support of the

application

In support
7

Against
0

Abstention
0

2017/7

Planning Correspondence

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

Council noted correspondence from the Vale of White Horse District Council advising that at a meeting of full Council held 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

Council noted the modification to the draft charging schedule. The CIL on housing between 1-10 had been reduced from £260 per sq. m to £120 per sq. m

(iii) Vale of White Horse District Council – s.106 funding report

Council noted a report from the Vale of White Horse District Council on the current position regarding the availability of s. 106 funding for the parish. An electronic version would be sent to all members for their information.

2017/8

District Councillor's Report – Cllr. Mrs. C . Webber

Cllr. Mrs. Webber reported that the work of the planning committee had quietened down recently. She and Cllr. R. Webber (County Councillor) had met with Mr. Stuart Walker planning officer on parish matters. Discussions had been held regarding footpaths between 2 housing development sites south of the A415 (54 units on Willow Farm – Pye Homes - and 37 units on adjacent land – Matthew Homes). These were 2 separate development sites and there was no obligation to link them with paths. This would be a matter for the Parish Council at a later date. The development of 37 units had been required to include 3 lower height bungalows owing to the impact that taller buildings would have on the listed building The Priory. Residents in the new Priory Park development had concerns

regarding the parking of construction traffic during the build period of the new dwellings, and also regarding the permanent access to the site.

Waste bin emptying at Sweetbriar had been a problem over the Christmas period, and the bins had not been emptied for 4 weeks. The District Council was monitoring the situation.

2017/9

County Councillor's Report – Cllr. R. Webber

Cllr. Webber provided an update report on the plans for new community facilities, the preparation of the s. 106 agreement and issue of planning consent.

He referred to the Central Government's Autumn statement, and confirmed that there should be no horrors in this year's budget from the County Council. A full Government bid for Oxfordshire as the unitary authority was expected shortly.

2017/10

The duration of the meeting had been 2 hours and Council resolved to suspend standing order no. 1a to allow business to be continued for a further 30 minutes. It was proposed by Mr. Walton, seconded by Mr. Steere and

RESOLVED:

that the agenda be re-ordered so that items requiring immediate resolution were discussed first.

2017/11

Miss Atkins and also Cllrs. R and C Webber left the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

2017/12

Budget 2017/18

Council carefully considered the current balances, the likely balances at the year end, the effect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, and the budget for 2017/2018. Discussion took place on the cutting of highway verges and likely contractors.

The Chairman called for a show of hands for those in support of a precept sum requested from the Vale of White Horse District Council of £49130, plus the council tax reduction scheme grant of £370.

In support

4

Not in support

2

RESOLVED:

- (i) that unspent sums from the current year be taken into reserves.
- (ii) that the total amount required from the Vale of White Horse District Council be set at £49500
- (iii) that this be made up of expected grant of £370 and £49130 charged to residents by way of precept.
- (iv) that the Clerk make enquiries as to appropriate contractors for verge cutting.

2017/13

15A Haines Court – Application for Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003

Council noted that an application had been lodged with the Vale of White Horse District Council for the sale of on line liquor from 15A Haines Court. Members had some concerns regarding traffic generation.

RESOLVED:

that this Council submits no comment to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

2017/14

Community Facilities

Council noted that the initial draft agreement for the provision of public funds to the community facilities project had just been received from its Solicitor. This was being considered by the Council's working party, and would be put to a future Council meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that an additional meeting of the Council be held to consider the draft agreement if necessary.
- (ii) that the draft agreement be sent to Council members, the Anson Trust, and MCG

2017/15

Grant Application – Parochial Church Council

Council considered a grant application towards the employment costs of children and youth workers in the parish.

RESOLVED:

that under s. 137 Local Government Act 1972 a grant in the sum of £2000 be awarded to Marcham Parochial Church Council towards the costs of the provision of a children and youth worker in the parish.

2017/16 National Association of Local Councils – Notification of publication of Public Service Ombudsman Bill
Council noted plans for the new single Public Service Ombudsman with the abolition of the previous Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman and Local Government Ombudsman. The services of the new Ombudsman would be extended to the Town and Parish Sector. The timescale for the passage of the Bill was unclear.

RESOLVED:

that this Council makes no comment to the National Association for Local Councils

2017/17 Parishioner of the Year Award
Council noted that nominations were being received for the Parishioner of the Year Award, and a report would be produced for the Council by the working party for consideration at the next meeting.

2017/18 Annual Meeting for Electors
The Clerk would makes enquiries as to when the school hall would be free.

RESOLVED:

that discussion of the arrangements and likely speakers be deferred to the next meeting.

2017/19 Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED:

that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting.

2017/20 Risk Assessment

RESOLVED:

that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting.

2017/21 Parking problems in the parish

RESOLVED:

that this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting.

2017/22 Correspondence

a) Oxfordshire County Council – Highway Works in Vale of White Horse District Council Dec 16 – Feb 17

No works related to Marcham.

b) Oxfordshire County Council – Notification of closure order for bridleway 17.

Council noted that an Order for the continued temporary closure of bridleway 17 over the river Ock had been made for a 3 year period until January 2020. The County Council was working with the landowner to restore and repair the listed bridge.

2017/23 Accounts

Council noted the list of cheques numbered 2922 to 2927 to be signed and

RESOLVED:

- (i) that payments totalling £1752.36 in respect of administration costs, grass cutting, materials for tap repairs, and play area checks be authorised.

2017/24 Matters raised by members for information

Morland Road/Howard Cornish Road junction – poor state of repair

It was reported that the tarmac at the junction of Morland Road and Howard Cornish Road was breaking up.

North Street – footway

It was stated that there was a need for a footway between The Gap and Howard Cornish Road.

Tower Close – street nameplate

It was reported that the street nameplate for Tower Close was broken.

201725

Items for Marcham and District News

The Clerk would prepare an article for MAD News

2017/26

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 8th February, 2017 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Signed Date