

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marcham Parish Council held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place, Marcham at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Miss R. Atkins, Mr. M. Denton, Mrs. J. Fabes, Mrs. S. Hill, Mr. M. Hillis,  
Mr. M. Hoath, Miss R. Mander (Chairman), Mr. P. Steere, Mr. D. Walton  
Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin  
Cllr. C. Webber (District Councillor), Cllr. R. Webber (County Councillor)  
1 member of the public

- 2017/27      Apologies for absence  
No apologies had been received.
- 2017/28      Declarations of Interest  
Miss R. Atkins declared an interest in the agenda item relating to the community facilities in that she lived adjacent to the recreation field where the new village hall was planned.
- 2017/29      Public Participation  
There were no comments from the member of the public present.
- 2017/30      Community Facilities  
Council received a report from its representatives on the Community Facilities Steering Group. There were on going discussions between the developer and the District Council regarding the s. 106 contributions required in order for planning consent to be granted, and discussions in regards to the size of the nursery in the Anson field.
- Council had previously resolved to identify £500,000 to support the construction of new community facilities of a hall, car park, landscaping , multi-use games area, and sports pitches, and had discussed its existing reserves, availability of s. 106 funding and any possible shortfall, should s. 106 funding not be readily available. Further information was required as to the contribution by the Anson Trust into the community element of the project, budget information and the latest drawings of what was proposed, as well as an indication of timings of the project. It appeared that the District Council was requiring the Anson Trust to provide a larger nursery than the one previously envisaged, thereby reducing its financial contribution to the public facilities. Discussion took place on funding for fitting out the new hall.

It was reported that the Council's working party met with the Anson Trust's working party to go through the terms of the draft contract, as drafted by the Council's solicitor, for a grant from the Parish Council towards the community facilities. This had been amended by the Trust and the revised version recently received. Council discussed the contract and the key changes. The grant contract, once agreed in broad terms would be finalised by the Solicitors for the Council and the Solicitors for the Anson Trust

Concerns were raised regarding meeting any shortfall in funding, and the fact that stage payments needed to be defined to the Council's satisfaction in advance. Information as to the specification and guarantees provided, was lacking. Independence would be required, and the Council required the right to appoint its own assessor. Long term access to the account and records would be needed in case of future queries.

**RESOLVED:**

that further information be obtained from the Anson Trust as to the full working budget and plan, the facilities that will be provided, and the timescale involved

2017/31

Street Name for new development of 37 houses south of the A415  
Council considered suggestions for a new street name for the houses forming Priory Park East.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) that the name Monks Walk be put to the Vale of White Horse District Council
- (ii) that a letter of thanks be sent to those residents who had submitted suggestions for names, explaining that the Council had selected a name in keeping with the Priory and the adjacent Abbots Grange.

2017/32

Planning Application

P16/V0052/A One double sided directional sign  
Land at the junction of Howard Cornish Road / A415  
For: Taylor Wimpey

Members noted this application was retrospective but appreciated the need for a sign to give direction to the housing development.

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

In support  
9

Against  
0

Abstention  
0

RESOLVED:

that the Council supports the application as a clear direction sign was required to indicate the way to the new housing development.

2017/33 Members had matters that they wished to raise and the Chairman agreed to include an additional agenda item

Matters Raised by Members

Parkside Allotments - clearance

It was reported that the village facebook page had various rumours about the future use of the Parkside allotment site from housing, a car park and the relocation of the war memorial.

1 Tower Close – building works

It was reported that building works had been taking place at 1 Tower Close. It was unclear whether planning consent was required. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the District Council.

Parishioner of the Year

It was reported that the working party had met. Unfortunately Amanda Rowe who had prepared the Certificate in the past was unable to continue to assist. A suggestion was made that possibly the editor of Marcham and District News may be able to assist.

The working party was reminded to produce a short list of possible recipients for the next meeting, from which the Council would select a winner. The Clerk was asked to contact Amanda Rowe and thank her for her assistance in the past.

Howard Cornish Road / A415 junction – parking

The question of continued parking on pavements and grass verges was raised. This would be a matter for discussion at the next meeting.

Path Churchyard To Cemetery

It was reported that this path was particularly slippery by the concrete culvert. This was due to a collection of leaves from the trees within Denman College.

The Clerk was asked to write to Denman College to ask if the trees could be trimmed back.

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Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed ..... Date .....