

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marcham Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th March, 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

Joined by Cllr. C. Webber (District Councillor), and Cllr. R. Webber (County Councillor)

- 2017/62 Apologies for absence
No apologies for absence from Parish Councillors had been received. Cllr. Mrs. C Webber (District Councillor) and Cllr. R. Webber (County Councillor) had apologised in anticipation of their late arrival at the meeting, owing to their attendance at meetings elsewhere.
- 2017/63 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
- 2017/64 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February, 2017
The minutes of the meetings held on 8th February, 2017 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 2017/65 Matters Arising from the meetings held on 8th February, 2017
- Parking problems in the parish
A letter to residents in the affected roads had been finalised and duplicated. These were about to be delivered.
- Path Howard Cornish Road to Cow Lane – East of Kings Avenue
The Council's working party had arranged to meet with the arboricultural officer at the Vale of White Horse District Council on 10th March to discuss the extension to the path and the effect on the trees subject to the tree preservation order.
- Best Kept Garden Competition
Mrs. S. Hill gave a report on the organisation of the 2017 garden competition. It was suggested that there be 4 zones in place of 7, with a first, second and third prize in each zone, with an overall winner, together with overall second and third places. Initial judging would be undertaken by councillors. First round judging would be end of June, and second round judging would be early July. Some degree of leeway

would be required for dates. Competition sponsors were suggested, and the Clerk would approach them to enquire about supporting the garden competition.

2017/66

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

2017/67

Planning Applications

a) Decisions on previous applications

P16/V3052/LB Alteration to grade II listed barn to form 2
bedroomed annex

12 Frilford Road

Permitted 14th February, 2017

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

Studland House, Woodside

Permitted 28th February, 2017

P16/V2986/FUL Variation of condition 12 (drainage) of
planning permission P15/V0612/FUL to permit the connection
of 20 dwellings to the public sewer

61 dwellings at land west of Hyde Copse

Permitted 6th March, 2017

b) Planning Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

None received

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

P16/V3250/HH Demolish existing conservatory and
replace with single storey rear extension

28 North Street

For: Miss J. Hayes

Council discussed the application and was generally supportive.
The Chairman called for a show of hands of those in support of
the application.

In support

9

Against

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Abstention

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RESOLVED:

that Council supports the application as it appeared a sensible development and did not infringe on the conservation area.

2017/68

District and County Councillor's Reports

This item was postponed until the arrival of Cllrs. C and R Webber.

2017/69

Community Facilities

Council received a report on the Community Facilities Steering Group meetings held on 12th January, 2017 and 23rd February, 2017 and also noted the specification of the hall building. It was understood that the Charity Commission had agreed to the Anson Trust's proposals. The afterschool club would not operate from the nursery building, but from the hall, and it would be a condition of any Lease that the hall be used between certain hours for this purpose. Income from this activity would go to those running the hall. The Council's working party had met with the Anson Trust to further discuss the Trust's suggested changes to the grant contract. Revised wording was awaited from them. Mr. Walton offered to make enquiries of the Trust as to progress with its suggested wording for changed clauses.

2017/70

A415 - Issues

Telegraph Poles

Council noted that the County Council had confirmed that developers Charles Church of the Abbots Grange development had placed an order with the utility company to relocate the 2 telegraph poles which were in the middle of the newly created footway to the development on the South side of the A415. No date for their relocation had been given.

Telegraph Pole – junction of A415 and North Street

Reference was made to visibility for motorists leaving North Street and the difficulties looking Westwards in view of the telegraph pole in the footway, and the new wall that had been constructed in the housing development on the former garage site.

The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the county councillor and also check the planning consent for the approved plans and possible breach in regards to the height of the wall.

Air Quality

Council noted an email from a residents requesting support from

the Parish Council in ensuring the Vale of White Horse District Council acted on its action plan produced under the Air Quality Management Area. Council supported the action taken by District Councillor Cllr. Mrs. C. Webber in her traffic survey, whereby traffic would be monitored for a 24 hour period on 10th May. It was suggested that speed guns may be able to be borrowed, and both speed and numbers of vehicles could be monitored at the same time.

Traffic Video

Council noted receipt of a copy of a video which had been sent by a resident living on the A415. This was of a lorry pausing as it negotiated the pinch point East of the Crown public house. It was suggested that if there was more information such as the numbers of particulates, and their origin, and times of the day when pollution was worst, then the public health team at the County Council may assist with some support.

2017/71

Vale of White Horse District Council – Briefing for Parish Councils 6th March – Part II Local Plan

Mr. Walton gave a report on this meeting which he and Mr. Hoath had attended. A further 2000 houses were required within the Vale district with approximately 25% of them in Marcham. District Council officers had offered to meet with the Parish Council to discuss matters. There had not been mention of the reservoir site, additional traffic from other developments such as Grove, nor mention of the other infrastructure needs. There had been some proposals for the Dalton Barracks airfield, but this site was not being released by the Ministry of Defence until 2029 And the current Local Plan was until 2031.

Council noted that the postponed Community Infrastructure Levey examination hearing was now due to be held on 19th April, at Didcot Civic Hall.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the information about the additional housing sites within Marcham for the Local Plan part II be advertised as widely as possible.
- (ii) that the invitation to meet with District Council officers to discuss the planning policies and the

Marcham sites be accepted, and the Clerk arrange a meeting.

2017/72

Annual Meeting of Electors

Council discussed possible speakers for the annual meeting of electors. It was suggested that District Council officers could attend to present the Local Plan part II proposals and their effect on Marcham, or possibly representatives from the Public Health Team at Oxfordshire County Council could speak on the A415 and public health issues.

RESOLVED:

that the Clerk try and arrange for a presentation on the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan part II at the annual meeting for electors on 24th May, 2017.

2017/73

Cllr. R. Webber County Councillor joined the meeting at 8.30
Cllr. Mrs. C. Webber District Councillor joined the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

2017/74

County Councillor's Report – Cllr. R. Webber

Local Plan part II - Reference was made to the District Council's Local Plan part II proposals for the area, including 520 houses for Marcham and 2000 extra at Dalton Barracks. Marcham appeared not constrained like some sites. There were, however, NOx issues at the pinch point and additional traffic would impact on the Air Quality Management Area. The proposed northern site did not connect with the centre of the village.

Anson Trust – The s. 106 agreement had been agreed and would be signed shortly.

B415/Barrow Road – Shippon Turn

The kerb edges were falling although the road had been resurfaced only a short while ago.

2017/75

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

There had been a meeting regarding the proposed new Unitary Authority and there had been cross party support for it.

Vanderbilt-Harding Way development

Cllr. Mrs Webber reported that eggs had been thrown at doors, and windows of new houses. This issue had been reported further and was being investigated.

Other housing developments

Residents had been complimentary about the Willows Farm development. It appeared that not all the bungalows available on this site had been for sale on the open market. Comments were made that the attenuation pond on the adjacent site did not appear to be draining, and was a large muddy area. There seemed insufficient space for the public sewer pipe required to be installed by Taylor Wimpey to support its development at Hyde Copse.

2017/76

6 Fettiplace Road

Council considered correspondence from a resident requesting a view from the Parish Council, before any application was made to the Vale of White Horse District Council, as to a suggestion to acquire public open space to create room for parking, and on which to build a garage. Council considered the need to maintain green open space, which added to the street scene.

RESOLVED:

that this Council not support the loss of open green space which formed part of the street scene.

2017/77

Youth Shelter – Litter Bin

Council noted that the litter bin at the youth shelter was effectively destroyed, and had been kicked in. Council considered whether a replacement was necessary. It was thought that litter would just be thrown down on the ground if there were no bin.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the litter bin be replaced
- (ii) that investigations be made of concrete litter bins and a report be produced for a future meeting

2017/78

War Memorial Seminar 1st March, 2017

Council received a report from Mr. Denton who attended this seminar. Funding was available from the War Memorial Trust up until 2018 for conservation work to memorials. Mr. Denton

would further investigate the possibility of a grant.

2017/79

Footpath 293/10 - Anson Path

Council considered a request for maintenance on this path, as it was wet and muddy. Council discussed the cutting back of overhanging vegetation which would increase light to the path. It was generally thought this its usage would increase with a new community hall and housing on the Anson field. It was also thought that the planning application for the Institute site also included a path which would link North Street to the Anson field path thereby eliminating the steps at the end of North Street.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that advice be sought from Oxfordshire County Council as to measures that could be undertaken to help maintain a mud free, dry path.
- (ii) that the occupiers of 40 North Street be asked to cut back vegetation which was overhanging the path.

2017/80

Morland Road – noticeboard

Council considered a suggestion to site a noticeboard in the vicinity of the school. This would assist residents in the Eastern side of the village, and particularly parents at the beginning or end of the school day. The Chairman had spoken informally to the Head Teacher who, in view of building works taking place at the school, had suggested that the idea be reviewed when building works were finished.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Council supports the idea of a noticeboard in the vicinity of the school
- (ii) that a letter be written to the school seeking its support

2017/81

Correspondence

- a) Oxfordshire County Council – SEN and disability information advice and support services information.
- b) OALC – February news

2017/82

Accounts

Council noted the list of cheques numbered 2937 to 2947 to be signed and

RESOLVED:

- (i) that payments totalling £5542.89 in respect of administration costs, works to trees, repairs to youth shelter, repairs to outside water tap, replacement padlocks, allotment water and defibrillator be authorised.

2017/83

Matters raised by members for information

Noticeboard

It was reported that the noticeboard outside of the Institute had become damaged by weather. The Clerk was asked to contact the Anson Trust regarding this.

Weed Spraying

Questions were about weed spraying. This would be done when weeds started to grow in a few weeks. Enquiries would be made of the contractor.

A415 – rubber strips – traffic speed count

Questions were asked about the outcome of the traffic speed count. The Clerk would make enquiries.

Street name plates - Howard Cornish Road and Tower Close

The street name plates at the junction of Howard Cornish Road with North Street and also Tower Close were broken. It was suggested that the Howard Cornish Road name plate which included reference to leading to other roads be updated to include all new roads.

Tower Close – planning enforcement at no. 1

An update report was requested in regards to planning enforcement at 1 Tower Close. The Clerk had not received any information and would make enquiries.

Tower Close – parking

Parking was still taking place on the grass verge at Tower Close. Questions were asked as to who was responsible for enforcing that it was left open grass.

Parkside Allotments

It was reported that roots were still left following the clearing works at the Parkside allotments. The contractor had obtained one price from a sub contractor for clearing these, and he was obtaining a second price. It was suggested that more clearance works should be undertaken next to the sub station.

Cow Lane Allotments

A query was raised regarding the waiting list. The Clerk advised that there was not a current waiting list. It was understood that someone was interested in an allotment plot. The Clerk would make enquiries.

New Road – Parking

Parking congestion was taking place in New Road. Coaches visiting Denman College were unable to turn and access easily. It was not known who owned the cars. It was suggested that registration numbers were taken and passed to the PCSO for action.

2017/84

Items for Marcham and District News

The Clerk would prepare an article for MAD News.

2017/85

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 12th April, 2017 in the residents’ lounge at Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed Date