

## MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Marcham Parish Council held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place, Marcham at 7.30 p.m.

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Present:

Mr. I. Charles, 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  
Dr. Derek Stork, Chairman, Group Against the Reservoir Development  
(GARD)  
1 member of the public

Prior to the commencement of formal business Dr. Derek Stork, Chairman of the Group Against the Reservoir Development, provided an update on Thames Water's reservoir plans. A draft Water Resources Management Plan for 2019-2024 was to be submitted to the Secretary of State in December 2017. The document will be out for public consultation until March 2018. It was likely that the upper Thames Reservoir would feature in the draft Plan, either as a concrete plan for new water sources for the 2020s or in a roadmap style plan for future water resources. The Environment Agency and the water sector's regulator OFWAT would make recommendations on the consultation's results by June 2018, and then DEFRA would use the results to input to its decision. Should the reservoir feature prominently in the draft Plan, Gard and the Vale of White Horse District Council would seek a Public Inquiry. GARD had widened its campaign and had met with DEFRA and OFWAT. It had the support of Ed Vaizey MP, and was a named organisation on the list of official consultees. Dr. Stork encouraged Parish Councils to make their views known and to reform the "Reservoir Affected Parishes" group which had been created initially some years ago. A public meeting was going to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November in Drayton and another meeting in Steventon at the end of January.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Stork for his presentation and he left the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

- 2017/230     Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence had been received from Ms. R. Akins, Cllr. R. Webber (County Councillor) and Mrs. C. Webber (District Councillor).
- 2017/231     Declarations of Interest  
Mrs. Hill declared an interest in regards to the agenda item on grant applications from Marcham Football Club and Marcham Cricket Club, in that her son in law was the applicant for the Football Club and her husband the applicant for the Cricket Club.  
Miss Mander declared an interest in regards to the agenda item on the grant application from the Marcham Senior Citizens Club in that her mother was a member of the Senior Citizens Club.  
Mr. Denton declared an interest in regards to the agenda item for a

grant application from the Marcham Bellringers Society in that he was a member of the Parochial Church Council, but was not connected to the Bellringers Society.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting, subject:

- a) in minute 2017/221 “Community Facilities” changing “ The whole site including pitches, and multi-use games area would be referred to as Marcham Community Centre” to “The whole site including pitches, and multi-use games area would be referred to as Marcham Centre”.
- b) in minute 2017/222 adding a letter “T” at the beginning of the first sentence.

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Matters arising from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

Taylor Wimpey Development Hyde Copse – Drainage – planning condition

Council noted that the Vale of White Horse District Council had been reminded that a response on the question of the release of the planning condition was awaited.

Comments were made that rodding of drains had taken place in Howard Cornish Road. The Clerk was asked to check that Kings field II development had the Taylor Wimpey Pastures development at Hyde Copse had all been properly included in the planning for drainage.

Hanney - Speed checks

Mr. Denton advised that he has visited East Hanney on the appointed day to be present whilst vehicle speed checks were carried out.

Unfortunately the session had been cancelled and he had not been notified. East Hanney Speedwatch group would advise him when the session had been re-arranged.

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Public Participation

The member of the public present did not wish to address Council.

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Planning Applications

a) Decisions on previous applications

P17/V2495/HH Single storey front extension with additional exterior alterations

50 Howard Cornish Road

Permitted 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

P17/V2159RM Reserved matters application following outline approval P15/V3042/O for nursery building only. Conversion of Anson Institute building to 3 apartments, and erection of 5

new dwelling houses, community building, MUGA and rearranged sports pitches on Anson Field.  
Permitted 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

P17/V8102/LB and P17/V1803/HH Amendments to previously approved application to demolish previous extension on the western aspect and bay window on eastern aspect and to extend the principal dwelling and former barn with both single and two storey additions, together with various alterations and repairs to the external and internal building fabric. Increase length of western extension and remove rooflights from garage/workshop  
Marcham Mill, Mill Road  
Permitted 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017

P17/V2446/LDP Single storey rear extension with flat roof  
3 Abbots Grange  
Proposal came with General Permitted Development Order 1995 and no planning application was required.  
Decided 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017

P17/V2579/SCO Scoping Opinion Request for development of up to 700 homes, an eastern link road between the A420 and A415, a two form entry primary school, a local centre and associated open space and landscaping  
Land east of Kingston Bagpuize  
The scoping opinion dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 had specifically required the applicant should refer to the consultation response from Marcham Parish Council regarding the impact on Marcham, its traffic and air quality, and also the A338/A415 junctions when submitting the Environmental Impact Assessment with the application.

b) Planning Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

No applications had been received

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

P17/V2932/HH Demolish side garage and build new single storey extension to the front and rear with a double storey side extension  
21 Fettiplace Road  
For: Mr. D. Merriman  
Council queried the conversion of the garage room into a separate training room, and queried the purpose of this. Members were unsure whether a business was being created, and noted access was not from the main part of the house. Concerns were raised regarding the loss of onsite parking and the fact that 4 bedrooms were being created which would increase the parking requirements.

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

In support	Against	Abstention
8	0	1

RESOLVED:

- (i) that this Council supports the application.
- (ii) that concerns be raised regarding:
  - a) the purpose of the room outside of the main part of the dwelling be queried, particularly as to its potential business use.
  - b) the conversion of the garage and resulting loss of on site parking
  - c) the creation of a fourth bedroom without additional parking provision.
  - d) how adequate on site parking was going to be provided.

P17/V2490/LDO Local Development Order for Didcot Technology Park. Council noted legislation requires Vale of White Horse District Council to consult all Parish Councils in the Vale District.

RESOLVED:

that Marcham Parish Council had no comments at this stage.

d) Planning Correspondence

Vale of White Horse District Council- Local plan part 2

Council noted comments on the Local Plan part 2 during the publication period were due to be returned to the Vale of White Horse District Council by 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017. Council discussed comments and agreed that the proposal for 90 dwelling was an improvement on the proposed 520 dwellings. However concerns were still raised regarding the effect on the air quality and the management plan within Marcham. The affect on Marcham of other identified development sites within the Local Plan should be taken into account. The Chairman stated that residents should be thanked, via the village newsletter, for their efforts in writing in to the District Council regarding the proposal for 520 houses. The Clerk confirmed that this had been done in the October issue.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Council believes the reduction in the number of proposed dwellings from 520 to 90 is an improvement.
- (ii) that the Council believes that even 90 dwellings would have a detrimental

- (iii) impact on the air quality and air quality management plan within Marcham that when considering other proposed development sites within the vicinity that the impact on Marcham and its road network should be taken into account.

Council noted an invitation by the Vale of White Horse District Council to attend a meeting with policy planning officers of the Vale of White Horse District Council in regards to the changes to the Local Plan Part 2 and how Marcham was affected.

Council agreed that such a meeting would be beneficial and it was

RESOLVED:

that the Clerk arrange a meeting with District Council policy planning officers.

Planning Enforcement – North Street former garage site

The Vale of White Horse District Council had confirmed that the development had not fully implemented the landscaping as detailed on the approved drawings. The wall and fencing at the front, whilst not being approved, did not generally exceed 1 metre, and were lawful under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015. The District Council was proposing no action. The matter had been referred to Cllrs. Webber. Cllr. Richard Webber was checking the County Council's comments at the time of the application, and seeing whether the County Council could do anything to improve the vision for motorists leaving North Street.

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

In the absence of Cllr. Mrs. Webber no report was available.

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County Councillor's Report – Cllr. R. Webber

In the absence of Cllr. R. Webber no report was available.

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Grant Applications

Mrs. S. Hill (Vice-Chairman) took the chair for the consideration of the grant request from Marcham Senior Citizens Club in that the Chairman had declared an interest in this item. The Chairman took the chair for all other items. It was proposed by Mr. Steere and seconded Mr. Hoath that the costs involved in the design of a footway for North Street be considered first, as part of the allocation for spending under s. 137 Local Government Act 1972. Council considered the quotations received for the footway design, and then considered grant applications received. Comments were made that some grant recipients from previous years, had not lodged applications this year. Council took these into account when considering its grant budget.

Following discussion of the quotations received for the design of the footway in North Street and grant requests it was

RESOLVED:

- (i) that MJA Consulting be instructed to undertake footway design of the North Street footway
- (ii) that under s. 137 Local Government Act 1972 the following grants be awarded where there is benefit to some or all of the community:

Marcham Senior Citizens Club—running costs	£175
Marcham Parochial Church Council – coach costs for outing for children from Friday club	£250
South and Vale Carers Centre – running costs	£150
Marcham Football Club – equipment costs	£300
Marcham Cricket Club – grass cutting	£500
Marcham Rainbows - running costs	£400
with a request that the Rainbow group approach the Parochial Church Council with a view to writing off the rent debt	
Marcham Bellingers Society – replacement bell ropes	£250

The following grants be paid provided satisfactory answers to requests for further information were received.

Marcham Primary School – facilities for changing children who had needs with personal care £500

Additional information to be provided: assessment as to need undertaken by the school, advice obtained as to the required facilities, how the decision to purchase a specific facilities was reached, and the level of support from the Governing body

Marcham PCC towards the provision of workshop sessions on the topic of adolescent mental health £500

Additional information as to the courses when organised, the numbers of youngsters benefitting, the number of courses and information as the professionals running the workshops

- (iii) that under s. 142 Local Government Act 1972 a grant of £100 be awarded to the Wantage Independent Advice Centre
- (iv) that no grant be awarded to the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, Homes Start Oxfordshire, and Sue Ryder Foundation
- (v) that the sum of £1500 be set aside from the budget for a grant to the PCC for its community worker if applied for.
- (vi) that the sum of £750 be set aside from the budget for a grant from the South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau if applied for.

2017/239

Community Facilities

Council noted that the s,106 request for funding has been lodged and the Vale of White Horse District has confirmed that 10 working days were required to process the application.

Council noted that MCG had prepared draft Articles of Association for approval by its membership. This provided for the Parish Council to nominate one Trustee who would serve for a period of one year. The period to commence once the Charity had accepted the nomination and communicated the acceptance to the Clerk. There was no maximum term and the Trustee could be re-nominated from year to year.

Council noted information from Thomas Homes Ltd that the proposed hall within the new community facilities could be made larger at a cost not exceeding £130,000. Discussion took place as to the Parish Council's financial position, s. 106 funding available and whether the issue of a larger hall should be pursued.

It was proposed by Mr. Walton, seconded by Mr. Hillis that the Council agrees to fund up to an additional £130,000 to enable the hall extension to be built at the same time as the original construction. The Chairman called for a show of hands of those in support

In favour	Against	Abstention
8	0	1

2017/240

The duration of the meeting had been 2 hours and Council resolved to suspend standing order no. 1a in order to allow business to be continued

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General Data Protection Regulations

Council noted that under the new regulatory scheme, which would come into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, Parish Councils would count as public authorities, and would need to comply with the provisions of the new General Data Protection Regulations. Council considered how best to review all the requirements for the Council.

RESOLVED:

that this matter be deferred until training courses were offered by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils.

2017/242

Events

Remembrance Sunday

The road closure order for the A415, New Road and Church Street had been obtained for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Notices regarding the road closure had been displayed. Mr. Denton confirmed that the Police would be in attendance, and that he would put out the road closure signs.

Defibrillator Training

The Clerk confirmed that the training had been confirmed for 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Mr. Denton asked that his name be added to the list of those attending.

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North Street Footway

This item had been discussed under grant applications and spending of s. 137 funding.

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Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council – Disabled Parking Bay – Haines Court

Council noted the information consultation regarding the creation of a disabled persons parking bay in Haines Court. The Council had no objections to this, but did comment that parking was generally restricted within Haines Court and it was hoped that no problems were created either for the access to the disabled space or for other vehicles parking.

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Accounts

Council noted the interest on the notice Cambridge Building Society account had changed to a variable account following the cessation of the tracker feature.

The Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils was organizing a training session on VAT on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, the Chairman and Clerk had expressed an interest in attending.

Council noted the list of cheques numbered 3018 to 3026 to be signed and

RESOLVED:

- (i) that payments totalling £3729.51 in respect of administration costs, hall hire for defibrillator training, play area repairs and checks, and grass cutting be authorised.
- (ii) that the sum of £70 plus vat be authorised for the Chairman and Clerk to attend the VAT training course on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

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Matters raised by members for information

Halloween 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017

It was noted that children participating in Halloween on 31<sup>st</sup> October, behaved responsibly and politely, and it was suggested that a note commenting on the politeness be placed in Marcham and District News.

Mill Road - Demolition of The Forge

Queries were raised in regards to amendments to planning applications which were not notified to the Parish Council, resulting in

different construction from that expected. It was reported that the Forge at 6 Mill Road had been demolished, and no one appeared aware of the planning approval for this. The Clerk would check the planning application records.

Bus Stop markings

It was reported that painted line markings had appeared on kerbs at bus stops. It was unknown for what purpose.

2017/2247 Items for Marcham and District News  
The Clerk would prepare an article for MAD News.

2017/248 Date of Next Meeting  
The next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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