

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Marcham Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th April, 2019
in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place, Marcham at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Miss R. Atkins, Mr. M. Denton, Miss R. Mander, (Chairman), Mr. P. Steere,
Mr. D. Walton

Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin

Cllrs. Mrs. C. Webber (District Councillor) and R. Webber (County
Councillor).

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Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Mr. I. Charles, Mrs. S. Hill,
Mr. M. Hillis and Mr. M. Hoath.

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Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March, 2019

The minutes were amended and signed as a true record of the
proceedings.

Reference was made to the way in which minutes were amended. The
Clerk stated that she would seek advice from the Oxfordshire
Association of Local Councils.

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Matters arising from the meeting held on 13th March, 2019

Annual meeting of electors

Council noted this would take place on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30
p.m. in Marcham Primary School. Mr. C. Brotherton had agreed to be
the guest speaker and provide an update on the new community
facilities.

Institute Camera – relocation

The Chairman had spoken with the Landlady at The Crown Public
House, who was willing to have the cctv camera from the former
Institute building. It was noted that this was battery or mains operated,
and used an SD card. Questions were raised about the erection of
signage on commercial premises to advise that cctv was in use, and
about data protection. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council was
not responsible for data protection at the Crown Public House, nor
could the Crown rely on the Council's registration with the data
commissioner, if the camera were given to The Crown. If the object of
re-using the camera from the Institute when it was redeveloped, was to
assist with surveillance of the zebra crossing as accidents had occurred
at that location, then it was suggested that perhaps it could be located
within a window of a dwelling. The Chairman offered to speak with the
resident close to The Crown, who had previously accommodated the
traffic survey, to see whether it could be sited there.

2019/70 Public Participation
There were no members of the public present.

2019/71 Planning Applications

a) Decisions on previous applications

P18/V2368/FUL Variation of condition 4 (approved plans) of P15/V3042/O to include plans 950.13 Rev B and 950.03 Rev B Conversion of Institute, to 3 apartments, erection of 5 dwellings, (North Street), together with community building, multi use games area sports pitches, nursery building and 5 dwellings on the Anson Field, Morland Road
Permitted 2nd April, 2019

P19/V00552/HH Erection of single storey rear extension 9 Kings Avenue
Permitted 14th March, 2019

b) Planning Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

None received

c) Applications considered at the meeting

P19/V0759/LB Minor modification on the design of internal door for the new study
Morland House, Sheepstead Road

Members commented that there would be no internal impact on the listed building

| In favour | Against | Abstention |
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| 5 | 0 | 0 |

RESOLVED:

that the Council supports the application

P19/V0713/HH Single storey rear extension
6 Leas Lane

Members commented that the extension enhanced the building and was in keeping.

| In favour | Against | Abstention |
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RESOLVED:

that the Council supports the application

2019/72 District Councillor's Report – Cllr. Mrs. C. Webber
Polling Station – Election 2nd May

Cllr. Webber had spoken with the Vale of White Horse District Council regarding the use of the Baptist Church as a polling station and the wisdom of using that site. The District Council was going to ask the County Council about the siting of road signs, and Cllr. Mrs. Webber had asked Meriel Lewis, editor of MAD News to prepare a plan of the village showing access routes to the Baptist so that residents would be aware of the location of the polling station. She commented that a vehicle had reversed into a lamp post in Tower Close, and she hoped that extra parking on residential streets on polling day would not be affected.

Assistance for elderly in the parish

Cllr. Mrs. Webber sought information as to the mini bus service and general assistance for the elderly in the village as she had become aware of someone who would benefit from help. Reference was made to the home library service, and information given as to the person who ran the mini bus service.

The Chairman offered to speak with Cllr. Mrs Webber outside of the meeting, in order to assist.

Parkside Allotments

Cllr. Mrs. Webber referred to a resident who had spoken to her regarding taking on the allotment plot at the junction of Parkside and New Road where trees had previously stood. He had indicated that he would like to plant orchard trees on it.

Members recalled that during the clearance of the allotments, it had been discovered that the tree roots were substantial and a separate contractor would be required to remove them, although costings for that were high. The intention had been to create a workable allotment. Cllr. Mrs. Webber would go back to the resident and suggest that he contact the Parish Council with his proposal. Discussion could then be undertaken by the new Council.

Climate Change Emergency

Cllr. Mrs. Webber had put forward a motion for the Vale of White Horse District Council to declare a climate emergency and call upon government to provide the support required to tackle climate change at local level. This had received support and 4 policies would now have to be followed.

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County Councillor's Report – Cllr. R. Webber

Climate Change Emergency

The County Council too had signed the Declaration of Climate Emergency, and had therefore committed to reducing carbon footprint by 2030. A commitment firstly by individuals, then organisations and larger bodies produced the required upward pressure for results.

Drayton - gypsies

Cllr. R. Webber reported that was a group of gypsies gathering on the Steventon access to the A34. Steps were being taken to move them on.

Harding Way gates to Mactaggart development

It was reported that the gates into the Mactaggart development off Harding Way had been broken by a digger lorry. These had now been repaired.

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Community Facilities

MCG meeting

The last meeting of MCG had only just occurred, and no minutes were available. These would be circulated when received. Most of the meeting had been dedicated to the business plan. Negotiations had not yet started with Little Angels. The 3 committees: hall, field and finance all met effectively and sent their minutes to MCG.

Anson Trust meeting Monday 8th April, 2019

Mr. Walton stated he had attended the start of this meeting. The MSSC building had been demolished, a temporary road had been put into the site, the slab for the nursery had been laid, and work would commence on the slab for the hall. Mr. Walton would attend the site visit on 3rd May.

s. 106 funding

The developer, Mr. Chris Brotherton of Thomas Homes had met with the surveyor from Realest. Comments on the contract between Vale of White Horse District Council and the Parish Council had been sent to the District Council, and a response was awaited. The Clerk suggested sending the draft contract (Vale DC/Parish Council) to the Anson Trust, so that they would be aware of the clauses within a contract that they would need to commit to.

Multi Use Games Area

It transpired that MCG would like to see lighting for the MUGA, and that group would be liaising with Mr. Brotherton to discuss a possible planning application for lighting. Questions would have to be asked regarding running costs and funding of the installation. There had been an assumption that the Parish Council may assist with funding.

Hall Committee

Miss Atkins gave a report on a meeting of the hall committee which she had attended. Internal fixtures and fittings had been considered, and lists of required items prepared. Consideration was being given to items contained within Thomas Homes' price, and those where fund raising would be required.

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Land at the start of Parkside - correspondence

Council noted correspondence from a resident regarding regular parking on amenity land at the start of Parkside, and its consequent state and condition.. It was suggested that the query, if the land were in the ownership of the Vale of White Horse District Council, could be passed to the District Councillor, or to Sovereign Housing Association. The Clerk advised that the District Council did once have its own estates section, but then outsourced this when entering into the combined contract with other District Councils. Since the cessation of the joint contract in the Autumn 2018, the District Council was attempting to set up its own estates section again.

RESOLVED:

That the matter be deferred to a future meeting after the elections.

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North Street - footway

Council received a report on a site meeting with the lands manager, Anastasia Asprou, of Mactaggart Mickel. Discussion had taken place regarding not only the North Street footway, but the West and Eastern sides of their Kings Field site, where new paths were to be constructed. Ms Asprou was amenable to Mactaggarts undertaking the construction of the North Street footway, and the Sheepstead Road footway from their site, and the path on the western side to link with the Vanderbilt site to the South, and was happy to work with the Parish Council to achieve these.

The Clerk reported that she was still continuing to approach Taylor Wimpey in regards to the link path from their site to join with the Vanderbilt path on the western side. It was suggested that an approach be made to the family that owned the permissive path to discuss the link through. This could be an item for discussion at a future meeting.

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Correspondence

a) Seafarers UK – Invitation from Seafarers UK for the Council to support this year's campaign to raise awareness of the UK's ongoing dependence on Merchant Navy Seafarers, by flying the Red Ensign on 3rd September. Council initially discussed this but

RESOLVED:

no action be taken

b) Ridgeway Events Calendar

c) Police Crime Commissioner Report

d) OALC – newsletter

e) Rob Finch – Letter of thanks for grant for grant for CPR dummies for St. John Ambulance Cadets. Training dummies were delivered mid March.

f) Vale of White Horse District Council – compost giveaway Sat. 11th May 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. overflow car park, Park Drive, Milton Park

g) Calor Community Fund – small grants available for off grid community projects, application deadline 29th April, 2019

h) Highways England – Notification of bridge refurbishment and resurfacing works, necessitating roundabout and lane closures over the Spring and Summer at the A34/M4 intersection at junction 13.

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Accounts

Council noted the list of cheques numbered 3171.to 3175 and authorised payments in the sum of £3319.42 in respect of administration costs, play area checks, litter clearance, litter bin, grass cutting and grant awarded.

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Matters raised by members for information

Oxford Cambridge Expressway Meeting 10th April

Mr. Denton reported that a communication had been sent to Mr.

Hoath who had attended the first meeting of the local parishes group, to determine whether the Parish Council was actively in favour, against, or had no strong views on the Expressway. He asked that this be an item for the next meeting.

Elections

Mr. Denton indicated he would stand again as a candidate for the Council at the forthcoming elections, although owing to possible other commitments he may not be able to attend all meetings. Miss Atkins indicated that she would not be standing as a candidate.

Kings Field Development - phase II – trees

Works to clear the trees was under control and had ceased.

Cycle Path to Abingdon

The cycle path to Abingdon was narrow. Debris was deposited on it, and vegetation overhung. An approach had been made by Cllr. R. Webber to the County Council regarding the road speed limit alongside the path. It was suggested that an eye be kept on the path. The Clerk would check with Cllr. Webber regarding progress on the reduction of the speed limit.

Sheepstead Road

Mr. Denton confirmed he had erected SpeedWatch signs in the Sheepstead Road.

Road Signs

Mr. Denton confirmed there were signs indicating road closed left by a contractor that had not been collected. He would put these with those used by the Parish Council when road closures such as Remembrance Sunday were in operation.

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Items for Marcham and District News

The Clerk would prepare an article for MAD News.

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Date of Next Meeting

The annual meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 8th May, 2019 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed Date