

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Mr. M. Denton, Mrs. S. Hill, Mr. M. Hoath, Miss R. Mander, Mr. P. Steere.
Mr. D. Walton
Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin

- 2019/170 Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence had been received from Mr. James Plumb.
- 2019/171 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
- 2019/172 Minutes of the meetings held on 12th June and 26th June 2019
Typographical errors were corrected. In minute 2019/144 "His" Council was changed to "This" Council and in minute 2019/151 an extra letter "t" in the first line be removed. The minutes were otherwise approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.
- 2019/173 Matters arising from the meetings held on 12th June and 26th June, 2019
Footpath to serve Kings Field developments and the Taylor Wimpey site
Council noted a site meeting took place between councillors, clerk and a representative of the land owner, regarding crossing the permissive path and linking the Taylor Wimpey site to the planned joint path to serve all the developments. A response from the landowner was awaited. The agents dealing with the release of planning conditions in regards to the Kings Field phase II site had sought clarification as to the path from their site to the south. Information had been provided to them.
- 2019/174 Public Participation
There were no members of the public present.
- 2019/175 Planning Applications
- a) Decisions on previous applications
- P19/V1168/HH Single storey rear extension
 8 Leas Lane
 Permitted 4th July, 2019
- b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting
- P18/V2473/O Additional information regarding traffic and land
 contamination 114 dwellings
 Land north of Longfields
 Council noted that the County Council had objected to the
 development.

Comments: Additional information appeared incomplete, and the Council continued to object.

P19/V1395/LB Investigation works comprising trial holes, slit trenches and cores

Noah's Ark Bridge A338

Oxfordshire County Council

The planning application to the Vale of White Horse District Council referred to night time working, yet the Road Closure Order referred to closure for 5 days. The Clerk would check the closure timings.

Comments: Council had no objections, but requested that adequate advance notice of the works and necessary road closure be given, with physical signs at previous road junctions so alternative routes could be found.

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

No applications had been received

2019/176 District Councillor's Report – Cllr. Mrs. C. Webber and County Councillor's Report - Cllr. R. Webber
No reports were available

2019/177 Community Facilities
A meeting of the Trustees had taken place on 24th June. The minutes were awaited. A 99 year Lease of the field area was wanted, and MCG was happy to work with the Parish Council as the new owner of the building once the Transfer had taken place.
The Committees, other than the Field Committee which was not currently required, were meeting frequently working through tasks and actions. Members would soon be invited for a visit to the site. Fund raising for fitting out was commencing. Some minor issues with the hall, such as a door shown on the drawings, had not been constructed. These were being sorted. The Nursery building was due to be completed in December 2019, and the hall approximately 10 weeks after that.
Council considered the surveyor's report from the July inspection, and noted the points raised. These were matters for the Marcham Community Group. It was suggested that the paint specification be passed to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

2019/178 Pye Homes Willow Farm and Matthew Homes site Monks Walk
Council noted that the Vale of White Horse District Council had confirmed that Pye Homes were in the process of producing detailed construction drawings of the footpath and crossing over the watercourse in the locations shown on the planning application drawings. The works included the relocation of the boundary fence of plot 14 (8 Pointer Place) as this had been erected in the wrong location.

Council also noted that Matthews Homes had constructed paths within its site and had not created the short links to meet up with the paths coming from the Pye site, as per the approved planning drawings.

In addition the attenuation pond at the front of the Matthew Homes site which

was to take surface water from the adjacent Charles Church/Persimmon site was being filled in and fencing was appearing. 2 feed pipes had been seen.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that a letter be sent to the Vale of White Horse District Council, to include Stuart Walker planning officer, advising of the missing link paths within the Matthew Homes site, and that it was essential that paths be constructed on both sides of the boundary so that the 2 halves matched.
- (ii) that reference be included in the letter to the attenuation pond, with a wish expressed that this not be blocked for use by the Abbots Grange Charles Church / Persimmon development.

2019/179

Kings Field Phase 2 development

Council noted comments from the Vale of White Horse District Council that the preference was not to name streets after living people, and that more general themes or historic uses were favoured. Council commented that other current street names, such as Duffield Place, Kings Avenue, Howard Cornish, Higgins Row, all had streets named after local families with relatives living locally. The suggestions of "Temple" or "Roman" put forward by the developer were not liked. That part of the parish had no roman connection. An additional name of Jean Page was mentioned. Members continued to express a wish that the previous names of Davies and Hutchinson or the new name of Page be used.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Vale of White Horse District Council be advised that the names Temple or Roman were not supported by the Parish Council
- (ii) that the name of Jean Page be put to the District Council as a possible third option
- (iv) that the District Council be asked to select two names from either Hutchinson or Davies as previously suggested by the Parish Council, and Page now being put forward

2019/180

North Street – Footway

Council noted that unfortunately the design drawings were not yet complete, and the engineer had not been able to provide an estimate of costings, until what was required could be fully studied. Discussions with Mactaggart Mickel would be required regarding the footway installation. To avoid any delays in seeking consent from Council, as the next meeting was not scheduled until September, it was proposed that the Council allocate £10,000 from reserves be put towards the cost of the construction of the North Street footway, provided the cost did not exceed £40,000. The remaining £30,000 to be claimed from the s. 106 monies being held by the Vale of White Horse District Council.

In favour

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Against

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Abstention

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RESOLVED:

that a sum of £10,000 be set aside from reserves to be spent in accordance with s. 137 Local Government Act 1972 towards the cost of a footway in North Street, providing the total cost did not exceed £40,000

2019/181

Joint Burial Committee with Frilford Parish

Council noted that Mr. Denton had spoken with the Chairman of the Joint Burial Committee in regards to the advice received from the internal auditor. The Chairman had understood regarding the operation of the Committee. In order for the Parish Council to determine its position and consider the possible winding up of the joint function, it was suggested that the number of burials from both parishes over the past few years be identified, and that the September meeting of the Joint Burial Committee be deferred.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the September meeting of the Joint Burial Committee be deferred
- (ii) that the Clerk provide information as to the number of interments from each parish over the last 5 years.

2019/182

Children's Air Ambulance – Request to site clothing banks

Council considered a request from the Children's Air Ambulance to site a clothing bank on land in the ownership of the Parish Council. £50 per tonne of clothing collected would be paid to the Council. There was already one Salvation Army clothing bank in the parish, and from experience it was known that the sites could become dumping areas for general waste.

RESOLVED:

that the offer from the Children's Air Ambulance to site a clothing bank in the parish not be accepted.

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Correspondence

- a) Studio Theatre Club Advertisement for "London Assurance" at Unicorn Theatre 17th -20th July
- b) Trailer Training UK – Safe Towing Campaign. Invitation to join the campaign and help advertise safe towing
- c) Oxfordshire County Council – Invitation to Open Day at the County's Drayton Depot on Saturday 20th July, at either 10.00 a.m. or 1.00 p.m. Mr. Steere and Miss Mander would attend this event.
- f) Keep Britain Tidy – Love Parks week 12th - 21st July
- g) Oxfordshire County Council - Notification of night time closures of Stert Street Abingdon between 22nd July - 26th July for new water main connections
- h) Ridgeway Officer – Ridgeway Summer newsletter
- i) Oxfordshire Community First – AGM 19th July Heyford Park, Upper Heyford at 11.30 a.m.
- j) Vale of White Horse District Council – Chairman's Awards Awards Lunch Saturday 5th September, 2019, The Beacon, Wantage. Nominations invited for those who have acted as volunteers for the benefit of their community.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that 2 or 3 Marcham Mini-bus drivers be nominated for the Vale of White Horse District Council's Awards lunch.
- (ii) that Miss Mander write the nomination.

- k) Oxfordshire County Council – Temporary closure of A338 at Noah's Ark Bridge from 21.00 hours on 19th August 2019 to 0530 a.m. 23rd August, 2019 to allow for bridge inspection works
- l) Oxfordshire County Council – Closure of unnamed section of road A415 to Barrow Road 12th August, 2019 to 16th August, 2019 to facilitate patching works
- m) Wantage Independent Advice Centre – Annual Report 2018/19

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Accounts

Council noted the list of cheques numbered 3199 to 3209 and authorised payments in the sum of £6950.87 in respect of administration costs, surveyor's costs inspection of construction of new hall, grass cutting, play equipment checks, rent of land for play area / youth shelter, replacement defibrillator pads and war memorial conservation.

Council also noted training course for new councillors in Roles and Responsibilities in September 2019. Tanya Rosenfeld expressed an interest in attending. Council also agreed to fund the cost of training for members who wished to attend.

2019/185

Matters raised by members for information

Churchyard – grass cutting

Mr. Denton commented that the quality of the grass cutting had changed in recent months. He suggested that the next time it was cut that the work be inspected.

Defibrillator Replacement Pads

It was reported that when the Ambulance Service had returned the borrowed defibrillator to the Post Office, it had been indicated that replacement pads were available free of charge. The Clerk would make enquiries.

War Memorial

The conservation work at the War Memorial was complete. The next stage was to remove the stone pebbles, relay a new membrane and to create a path to the war memorial. Malcolm Denton and Mike Hoath would prepare a specification of the work required. The ground could be cleared in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Training of Personnel Committee

A member suggested that training of the members of the Personnel Committee take place before any further new council members were co-opted. A third organisation, South East Employers, was suggested as a training provider well as the other two already approached. It was suggested that training could be organised for the end of July or early

August. The Clerk would approach South East Employers for training prices, and in consultation with the Chairman select a training provider who could undertake training the end of July or early August.

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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 next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 11th September, 2019 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed Date