



P/19/V2137 and P19/V2049/LB Conversion of existing listed barn to new 3 bed detached dwelling (amended plan to include an electrical charging point within the garage)  
12 Frilford Road  
Permitted 29th October, 2019

b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

No applications had been received

2019/253 Cllrs. R and C Webber joined the meeting.  
Mr. David Walton, Chairman, having declared an interest, withdrew and sat in the public gallery for the following item. Miss Ruth Mander, Vice- Chairman, took the chair for the following item.

2019/254 c) Planning Applications for consideration at the meeting

P19/V248/FUL Demolition of existing garage, replacement new parking, amenity space and associated dwelling  
Land off The Farthings  
Members discussed the application. There were some inaccuracies in the application and the reference to the building of a new house was not well mentioned, no detailed references to materials had been given. There was loss of garage parking for no. 13, replaced by hardcore in the front garden, although spaces had not been shown on the drawings, and only two spaces allocated for the proposed new 4 bed dwelling. The house was not in keeping with others in the street, there was no bay window. Members generally were opposed to the application.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands for those who did not support the application

In favour of not supporting	Against	Abstention
7	0	0

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands for those who wished to object to the application

In favour of objecting	Against	Abstention
6	0	1

RESOLVED:

that this Council objects to the application as the proposal was not in keeping with the street scene, impacted on neighbouring amenity and insufficient parking had been provided.

2019/255 Mr. Walton rejoined the meeting as chairman.

2019/256 District Councillor's Report – Cllr. Mrs. C. Webber

General Election 12th December, 2019

The polling station for this election would be Denman College.

Local Plan examination – Oxford City – 3rd December

The examination into Oxford City's Local Plan would commence on 3rd December. The Plan had been based on their SHMAA (Strategic Housing Market Assessment ) figures. Newer figures were lower than these. If the examination found against the figures, it would mean that too many houses had been built, as the Vale of White Horse District Council had catered for un provided housing within the City. Any future Local Plan would be adjusted accordingly.

Neighbourhood Plans

There were 9 neighbourhood plans in the Vale of White Horse District which had been completed. Should Marcham consider undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, then Shippon parish would be willing to assist.

2019/257 Council Councillor's Report – Cllr. R. Webber

A415 Marcham to A34 interchange

Consultation was taking place by the County Council on the proposal to reduce the speed limit between Marcham village and the A34 interchange. It was thought that the Police may have concerns as the speed limit may be difficult to enforce.

Members Priority Funds

Marcham's share of the County Council members' priority funds had been set aside for the speed reduction on the A34, enhanced lighting around the belisha on the zebra crossing. And re-painting white lining on Packhorse Lane. Any balance, left over from the funds, after other parishes had had their share, would be spent on trees to be given to the parishes within Cllr. Webber's division.

Oxfordshire County Council - Expressway

A motion by Oxfordshire County Council against the Expressway had gone to Central Government and the Highway Agency. A question was put to Cllr. Webber, if the County Council was open to the idea of an M34. Cllr. Webber believed this to be the case.

Hustings

Cllr. Webber referred to hustings being organised on 2nd December in Sutton Courtenay village hall at 7.30 p.m., where candidates standing in the General Election 12th December would speak and answer questions.

Question put to Cllr. Webber

Resurfacing of A415 around the bends - Resurfacing which had been advised would be full width, whilst going across the width of the road, had been carried out in sections with strips in the worst areas having several metres gap in between. Cllr. Webber advised that the County

Council was not wealthy and prioritised social services and other needy areas. It would not carry out road work unnecessarily.

A query was raised as to where the County Council's share of s. 106 funding from the new developments was being used. Cllr. Webber would check this.

2019/258

#### Community Facilities

Council received an update report on the facilities, and the minutes of a meeting of the Trustees of Marcham Community Group, held on 10th October, 2019. The committees had set up working parties considering different aspects of hall management that were required. Mr. James Plumb would attend the hall meetings as the Council's representative. Council noted the October report undertaken in early November by the surveyor. This appeared positive, and one outstanding issue was the supplier information for the utilities.

The Chairman summarised the history of the project to create a new village hall, and the proposal by the land owner, Anson Trust, to initially Lease the site to Marcham Community Group, and then to Transfer the title of the hall, car park and multi-use games area to the Parish Council, and then grant the Council a Lease on the remainder of the field.

The Transfer was in what was expected to be the final draft form, and this had been circulated to members. The Chairman called for a show of hands of those in favour of signing the Transfer provided there were no significant changes advised by the Council's solicitor.

In favour  
6

Against  
0

Abstention  
1

#### RESOLVED:

that the Transfer be signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman when appropriate.

Council considered the payment of the grant to the Anson Trust, and noted that a meeting with the Trust was being arranged to discuss this. It was proposed that the Clerk in consultation with the s. 106 working party negotiate with the Anson Trust, the schedule of payments in regards to the Council's grant.

Council discussed funds available for the grant to the Anson Trust in respect of the new community facilities. The Council's funds were on a 90 notice account with the Cambridge Building Society

#### RESOLVED:

- (i) that authority be given to the Clerk in consultation with the s. 106 working party to negotiate the grant payment schedule with the Anson Trust
- (ii) that Notice be given to Cambridge Building Society to withdraw all funds

from the Council's saver account. The minimum sum required to keep the account open remain.

2019/259 Oxfordshire County Council – Consultation on reduction of 60mph to 50 mph speed limit Marcham village to A34 interchange

Council noted that Oxfordshire County Council was undertaking consultation on a proposed speed reduction from 60 mph to 50 mph on the A415. This had originally been requested by the Parish Council. Owing to the Parish Council elections in May 2019 and subsequent co-options, membership had changed.

The Chairman called for a show of hands for those in favour of the Clerk submitting a response to the County Council, on behalf of the Parish Council, in support of the reduction in speed limit.

In favour	Against	Abstention
7	0	1

RESOLVED:

that this Council submits a response to Oxfordshire County Council in support of the proposed speed limit reduction from 60 mph to 50 mph on the section of the A415 between Marcham village and the A34.

2019/260 Grant Applications

Council considered grant applications from Little Angels Nursery, Be Free Carers, Marcham Cricket Club, South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau, Marcham Parochial Church Council, and Marcham Community Group. Council noted that there was insufficient in the grant budget to cover all applications, and that owing to the fact that there was no election in May 2019, there was £3400 spare. Following general discussion, decisions as to grants awarded were reached by consensus, however the Chairman called for a show of hands in relation to the grant application from the Marcham Parochial Church and proposed that £200 be awarded for the pantomime costs and £250 for welcome packs for newcomers to the parish.

In favour	Against	Abstention
6	2	0

RESOLVED:

- (i) that up to £3400 be vired from administration budget to cover grants awarded as required.
- (ii) that the following grants be awarded under s.137 Local Government Act 1972 where there is benefit to some or all of the community

Be Free - running costs	£ 150
Marcham Cricket Club – running costs/pitch hire	£ 500
Marcham Parochial Church Council – Children’s Friday Club pantomime costs and welcome packs for new residents in the parish	£450
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£120

- (ii) that under s. 142 Local Government Act 1972 a grant of £1000 be awarded to the South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau towards running costs
- (iii) that under s. 19 Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976 a grant in the sum of £1800 be awarded to Marcham Community Group towards grass cutting weed treatment and hedge cutting costs in this Anson recreation field for the 2020 season.

(iv) Council was supportive of the idea of an intergenerational group of senior citizens mixing with children, but that no grant currently be awarded to the Little Angels’ Slippers and Nippers group, as the application was at too early a stage, as the group had not been set up. Council may help with hall hire costs if the group became established.

2019/261

Junction of Morland Road/Howard Cornish Road – parking and other issues

Council considered correspondence from a resident regarding parking problems, vehicles on footways, excessive numbers of vehicles and anti-social actions of residents with car alarms, noisy exhausts in the vicinity of the junction of Howard Cornish Road and Morland Road. It was noted that the resident had already reported the matter to the County Council and Police. In addition no. 1 Morland Road appeared to have undertaken building works without planning consent. Council was sympathetic, and was aware that building works in the Anson field, as well as at Marcham Primary School were taking place, and it was hoped that problems would subside when building works were complete.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that this Council keeps track of various developments
- (ii) that the PCSO be advised of the issues, and his assistance be requested.
- (iii) that a possible breach of planning requirements in regards to 1 Morland Road be reported to the Vale of White Horse District Council

2019/262

Footpath Howard Cornish Road to Harding Way – Request for Lighting

Council considered a request for lighting along the path. Comments were made regarding the lack of electricity, possible solar lighting and

protection of trees, and root spread.

RESOLVED:

that investigations as to how lighting could be installed, and possible costings be carried out

2019/263 Vale of White Horse District council – Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2025

Council noted and considered the Strategy.

RESOLVED:

that this Council had no comment to make.

2019/264 Neighbourhood Plan

Mr. Michael Hoath gave a report from the working party. Initial consideration had been carried out as to the benefits of a Plan. The next stages would be to identify tasks, resources, costs, and produce an outline plan of requirements. The matter if progressed, would need consideration as part of the budget setting process.

RESOLVED:

that the report be noted and that the working party progress investigations to the next stage, and produce a report for the budget meeting.

2019/265 Christmas Lights / Tree

Miss Mander reported that ADM Trees had offered a free Christmas tree for planting on the village green. If accepted this could be planted approximately 3m back from the road edge.

The Chairman called for a show of hands for those in favour of accepting a Christmas tree for planting on the village green.

In favour	Against	Abstention
4	4	0

As voting was equal the Chairman used his casting vote and voted against accepting a Christmas tree

RESOLVED:

that this Council not accept a Christmas tree

Council then considered possible lighting for an existing tree on the village green. Power supply could come from a neighbouring property, but to ensure public safety, it would be at a high level. Costs for lighting, electrician and reimbursement of electricity costs could be in the region of £300 - £500.

The Chairman called for a show of hands for those in favour of spending up to £500 on providing lighting for an existing tree on the village green.

In favour	Against	Abstention
2	4	2

RESOLVED:

that this Council not purchase lighting and the services of an electrician in order to decorate an existing tree on the village green.

2019/266

Correspondence

- (a) Police and Crime Bulletin for October
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC – New climate Emergency Advisory Committee first meeting 15th October.
- (c) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – Andrew Parsons was appointed the new adviser
- (d) Community First Oxfordshire Autumn Newsletter
- (e) OALC – Circular October
- (f) Vale of White Horse District Council – Adoption of Local Plan 15th October, 2019
- (g) Vale of White Horse District Council – Christmas Tree collection – garden waste recycling.  
Council considered a central point in the village where residents without brown garden waste recycling bins could take their Christmas trees for recycling.

RESOLVED:

that the site of the District Council's former recycling bin area in Howard Cornish Road be suggested as a site for placing real Christmas trees for recycling.

- (h) Oxfordshire County Council - The Gap footway, junction with North Street –  
Oxfordshire County Council had confirmed that this was to be inspected with its contractor, and a report would follow

2019/267

The duration of the meeting had been 2 hours and Council resolved to suspend standing order no.3x in order to allow business to be continued

2019/268

Accounts

Council noted the list of cheques numbered 3243 to 3250 and authorised payments in the sum of £4601.13 in respect of administration costs, surveyor's costs inspection of construction of new hall, grass cutting, allotment water costs and play area checks

Council noted bank reconciliations as at 30th June and 30th September. Mr. Hoath, a member of the internal audit review working party, had the bank statements, and accounts and was checking these figures. Council noted budget monitoring information. Council was well within budget in regards to income and expenditure as at 30th September, 2019

RESOLVED:

- (i) that bank reconciliations as at 30th June and 30th September, be noted
- (ii) that budget monitoring as at 30th September be noted

2019/269 Matters raised by members for information

Estate Agents signs on highways

It was reported that there were various estate agents signs erected on the highways in locations not where properties were for sale, but often at end of cul de sacs. A request was made that this item appear for discussion on the December agenda.

Junction of North Street / A415

Vision out of North Street joining the A415 was poor owing to grasses planted in the front garden of a property in Higgins Row. A request was made for this item to appear for discussion on the December agenda.

North Street – pavement uneven and damaged

It was reported that the pavement in North Street was patchy and uneven. It was noted that Southern Gas Networks had undertaken gas works in the area and would be under an obligation to undertake repairs. Mrs. Rosenfeld in the first instance would take photographs of the problem areas. These could then be considered and a letter perhaps written in due course to the County Council highways section.

Harding Way maintenance

It was reported that residents in Harding Way were having discussions with Hazelvine the property management company maintaining the common areas in Harding Way as they had been charging residents for maintenance of areas which had been transferred by the developer to the Parish Council.

Ford Lane and path

It was stated that Ford Lane and the path from it used to be cobbles many years ago, and was the route for funerals from Frilford to the cemetery. The path area was now quite narrow, and it was suggested that this could perhaps be cleared to reveal the old cobbles. Discussion took place as to the location of the parish boundary and whether this related to Frilford parish, and also to the fact that any works would require consent from the County Council as highway authority and the landowner.

Discussion turned to paths and maintenance, and it was suggested that the Council could apply for the s. 106 funding for the maintenance of the paths and community areas within the Harding Way development.

2019/270

Items for Marcham and District News

The Clerk would prepare an article for MAD News.

2019/271

Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

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