

# MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Moreteyne Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008, commencing 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)  
Councillors F. Keep (Vice Chairman), Mrs. J. Allen, G. Spriggs, P. Hall, T. Hyde, B. Mead, P. Neale & Miss E. Johnstone.  
Rob Ludlow – EB Security  
2 Representatives from Spurgeons.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Mrs. S. Hall, Mrs. E. Houghton, B. Chandi and County Councillor B. King.
2. **Presentation from Lynn Summerfield (Regional Manager Beds/Cambs) & Caroline (Centre Manager)- Spurgeons**  
Children's Centres are a Government Strategy and are primarily aimed at children between 0-5 and their parents. There are 8 centres locally. The one covering Marston Moreteyne includes Wootton, Stewartby and Lidlington areas as well. It is a phase 2 centre which has no building but flexible off put delivered from Church End Lower School. Some areas within Marston Moreteyne and Wootton have been identified as deprived and it is these areas that the centre will focus upon. The Centres are predominately about information and will work closely with health visitors etc. The Centre at Marston will be overseen by Caroline (Manager) who will be assisted by 3 other staff members. They have a Children's Centre Van which has resources in it together with a collapsible gazebo. Therefore much of the time they will be mobile around the villages. Consultations will take place with parents to see what is needed and wanted. Their ideal is also to make partnerships with other service providers. By 2020 the Government initiative is that all Centres will cover the 0-19 age group.  
The Chairman duly thanked both Lynn and Caroline for attending the meeting and giving an insight into the scheme.
3. **Public Participation** – No members of public were present.
4. **Report from Rob Ludlow - EB Security**  
Flyers – The server has been down and so these will not be available this month. No report was available and RL agreed to e-mail a copy to Cllr F. Keep and the Clerk by the end of the month. Constant calls have been received this month regarding nuisance motor bikes down Lake View. EB Security are working closely with PCSO's and the Police to resolve the matter. Two prosecutions are being processed at the moment.  
The kick wall within the playing fields has been painted by a professional graffiti artist and looks very good. Thoughts are now turning to the youth shelter. The Playing Field Committee suggested perhaps the underpass might be another good location to paint and are looking into the matter. FK offered to assist with guidance on this matter and agreed to contact Richard Garner of the PFC. It was reported that some adults are purchasing alcohol in the village for children. A note has gone to the PCSO to make them aware of the situation.  
**Action/RL to provide copy flyer for inclusion in village diary.**
5. There were no **declarations of interest** in any items on the agenda.
6. **The minutes of the extra ordinary meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008** were submitted for approval. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr F. Keep seconded by Cllr G. Spriggs
7. **Update of information from County Councillor B. King** – Owing to the absence of Cllr King, no report was available.
8. **Update of information from District Councillors D. Tysoe & M. Gibson** – Owing to the absence of both District Councillors, no report was available. Cllr G. Spriggs did report that the street signs have been put up which give the house numbers in each cul-de-sac in Denton Drive where required.

9. **Brief update of information on the following committees:**

- 9.1 Community Safety Group – Cllr F. Keep  
FK circulated a report to all Councillors. The report stated that the past month has been reasonably quiet, with the main problem being irresponsible riding of motor bikes. These have been congregating at the bridge in Howes Drive and on the cycle track. The PCSO's have questioned several of them and have visited their parents. Two more serious cases are still being processed.  
CSG members attended a presentation about an anti theft project called SmartWater. This has been very successful in parts of the Country. CSG members talked to residents about it at the school fete and a lot of interest was shown. It is hoped to undertake a publicity drive in the next few weeks.
- 9.2 Mid Beds Planning Consortium – Cllrs P. Hall/P. Neale/B. Chandi – Nothing to report other than the Centre Parcs schedule has slipped slightly. The roundabout will not be open until early next year.
- 9.3 Landfill Liaison – Cllrs Mrs. E. Houghton/Mrs. J. Allen – Nothing to report.
- 9.4 Playing Field Committee – Cllr G. Spriggs  
GS circulated the proposed planning application by the Playing Field Committee for the Sports Pavilion extension. The Parish Council did not see a need to undertake permission in two stages. This would only double the costs involved. The Council asked if there were any costs available for the extension, to which GS replied that there were not. The Council asked GS to request this information at the next Committee meeting.  
GS stated that the Committee wished to get some feedback from residents regarding improvements for the building/land and asked if they could utilize the Parish Council's web site. The Council approved this but stated that the Committee must be responsible for accessing any responses received.  
The Council heard that the roof of the container used by the youth club leaks. The result was that the committee agreed that the youth club could use the spare container whilst their roof was being repaired. There was some confusion over ownership of the containers and it was agreed to look back over the minutes to refresh the information.  
Two cricket teams from Ampthill are currently using the cricket pitch. GS stated that the Committee have agreed for the front hedge to be layed/pruned under the Confident Communities Fund scheme; organised through the Parish Council. GS advised that the Committee has agreed to fund any materials required for work undertaken on their property under the probation scheme.
- Action/GS to request costs for extension.  
Clerk to ascertain ownership of containers.**
- 9.5 Village Hall Committee – Cllr B. Mead  
No meeting has been held recently. BM was aware that the Committee was sourcing grants for work to refurbish the hall.
- 9.6 Church End Lower School – Cllr P. Neale: PN reported that the fete went well.
- 9.7 Shelton Lower School – Cllr M. Petty: MP stated that the school fete went well.

10. **Matters arising from the extra ordinary minutes of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008**

- 10.1 EB Security advert: Clerk waiting for the information to be sent.
- 10.2 Station Road: PN to meet Jon Shortland on site on 25<sup>th</sup> July.
- 10.3 Arundel Road – white line markings: Traffic safety team at County Council are assessing.
- 10.4 Land adjacent to 89 & 91A Bedford Road: It was reported that the grass has been cut.
- 10.5 MJ Motors: nothing further to report.
- 10.6 Arundel Road fencing: nothing further to report.
- 10.7 Highway Partnership Scheme: The existing footpath along Woburn Road was 1m wide when inspected. Should there be a surplus fund left after the path has been upgraded, then we will be informed.
- 10.8 Confident Communities Fund: An order for the replacement CCTV equipment has been placed with AVES Security. FK stated that Nigel Denham has supplied him with a copy of regulations for CCTV equipment. It was agreed to send a copy to AVES Security. Owing to the problems experienced when trying to contact AVES, it was agreed that the Chairman meet up with Mr. Broom to try to resolve the issues. The Chairman passed the keys to the CCTV cupboard to FK.

10.9 Probation Service: The Clerk reported that insurance for workers on the probation service scheme is covered by the Crown. Public liability insurance is covered by the Crown for the workers only and not any property or premises. The Parish Council has public liability insurance but it does not cover volunteers. It was resolved that the Clerk add volunteers to the policy as long as the cost does not exceed £100.00.

**Action/Clerk to discuss with insurance company.**

Protective clothing is provided by the National Probation Service. A small supply of tools i.e. gardening, are available but the NPS would expect to use any tools owned by the PC or Committees. For painting, all materials will need to be supplied.

Sherrie Barlow is now planning the work for the autumn and she would expect to have a team for the village late September/early October.

**Action/Clerk to liaise with SB.**

10.10 Land at Denton Drive: TH stated that he is liaising with Steve Thomas (MBDC) who has agreed to clear the ditch free of charge with a JCB. However, residents were concerned about the safety of youngsters should it be cleared out totally. TH agreed to discuss further with residents and Steve Thomas to enable an amicable solution to be reached. It was reported that the grass going down the bank has not been cut.

**Action/Cllr T. Hyde**

10.11 Land East of Bedford Road (S106 agreement): The S106 agreement is being circulated between various parties to be signed. Once this has been completed, planning permission can be issued. Matt Collerson hopes to have achieved this in the next couple of weeks.

10.12 Parish Walkabout: John Chandler has agreed to let the Clerk know when the weed spraying down Manor Road will take place.

## 11. Finance

11.1 To approve invoices for payment and be notified of any income since the last meeting

Calverton Factors Ltd	Security Patrols (June)	£ 1362.06
LSN Media	Diary delivery	£ 22.84
Mrs. H. Trustam	Clerks wages	£ 1056.00
Mrs. H. Trustam	Expenses 1.4.08-30.6.08	£ 203.55
Warners of Bedford Ltd	Grasscutting (June)	£ 599.74
Copykatz	Diary printing (July)	£ 170.00
Pier One Solutions	Web Site Hosting	£ 41.13 SO
TotalCard Services	Petrol – churchyard mower	£ 47.25
3CD Group (UK)	Diary delivery (July)	£ 88.13
Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA Inspection (U/Shelton)	£ 70.50
E.ON Energy	Street light electricity	£ 238.41
Victim Support	Grant award	£ 100.00
Zurich Insurance	PC & PF Insurances	£ 7446.72
Viking Direct	Stationary	£ 194.01
Beds Playing Field Assn	Membership renewal	£ 50.00
FJ Beddoe	Litter Picking	£ 136.50
A. Bunker	Churchyard Grass cutting	£ 295.00
MKM Agriculture	Dixon Mower repairs	£ 335.97

### Income

Mr. A. Deacon	Allotment Rental	£595.00
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Resolved that the invoices for payment should be agreed. Proposed Cllr P. Neale, seconded Cllr P. Hall.

### 11.2 To receive budget report for first quarter

The Clerk prepared and presented to the Council a financial report on the first quarter expenditure for 2008/9 accounts. The report detailed current expenditure against the precept expenditure figures. The Parish Council duly accepted the figures presented.

## 12. Planning Matters

### 12.1 **To receive details of any approvals / refusals / withdrawals of planning applications – for information only**

No planning approvals etc had been received by the Clerk.

### 12.2 **To receive any planning correspondence**

28 Upper Shelton Road: A hearing regarding planning applications pertaining to 28 Upper Shelton Road will be held at Mid Beds offices over 2 days. It was agreed that Cllr P. Neale attend on behalf of the Parish Council and reinforce the Council's views on the varying applications.

**Action/Clerk to provide PN with relevant information prior to hearing**

## 13. **Eco Town /Energy from Waste Plant**

Eco Town: The Chairman stated that there was a meeting being held tonight with the local Action Groups and Henry Cleary. MP has given his apologies for not attending owing to the Parish Council meeting. A report from this meeting will be circulated to all Councillors once received. It was duly noted that the MMETAG were putting a lot of effort into this campaign.

Energy from Waste Plant: It was agreed that more focus needs to be placed on this matter and perhaps further investigation should be made into the scientific aspect. The Council felt that they needed an update on the current status from Beds County Council and a response from MBDC and Bedford Borough Councils on their stance on the matter would be advantageous.

**Action/Clerk to obtain responses from relevant Councils.**

It was agreed to put this matter on the September agenda and specifically invite residents to attend the meeting to discuss further.

9.10pm It was resolved to suspend standing orders and carry on with the meeting.

## 14. **Probation Service** – Further discussion

Further ideas of areas requiring work were discussed and resolved.

**Action/Clerk to advise Sherrie Barlow**

## 15. Correspondence

15.1 Post Office Closures in Bedfordshire: A list of the proposed post office closures had been received by the Clerk. Marston Moreteyne was not on the list. The Council were made aware that Stewartby Post Office had been included in those proposed for closure. It was resolved that no response was necessary.

15.2 An update on Unitary Authority and the progress made on the transition process was received from Cllr Madeline Russell, Leader of Bedfordshire County Council, and made available to all Councillors.

15.3 Bedfordshire Bugle – July 08: These were circulated around the Parish Council.

15.4 Site Allocations – Issues & Options: No further sites within the Parish have been put forward in the second round of allocations. Therefore it was resolved that no response is required.

15.5 Town & Parish Council Survey: All Councillors should have received a copy of the survey with their minutes. The survey and answers to the questions will be discussed at the September meeting.

## 16. Clerk's Monthly Report.

The Clerk reported that Mid Beds Play Rangers were holding a few sessions of physical and creative activities within the village over the summer holidays.

Stewartby Parish Council will be holding a village meeting on 20.7.08, to inform their residents what is happening in and around the village. It is hoped to gauge feedback and ascertain resident's views on specific matters.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 10.25pm. The Chairman wished everyone a good summer break.