

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Moreteyne Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 17th June 2008, commencing 7.15pm.

- Present:** Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)
Councillors F. Keep, Miss E. Johnstone, B. Mead, Mrs E. Houghton, Mrs. S. Hall, P. Hall, G. Spriggs, B. Chandi & P. Neale
District Councillor D. Tysoe
County Councillor B. King
60 members of public
1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. Hyde & Mrs J. Allen. Also from District Cllr M. Gibson who was attending Lidlington Parish Council's meeting on Eco Towns.
 2. **Public Participation**
District Councillor D. Tysoe gave a brief presentation regarding the Eco Town proposal and an outline regarding what the development of an Eco Town currently consists of and how it might affect Marston Moreteyne and the surrounding area. Cllr Tysoe stated that he has issued a press release and gave brief details of the content of that release. He added that he would be calling for a public inquiry should the Marston bid go to the next round. County Councillor B. King gave the position regarding Bedfordshire County Council. A member of Lidlington's Action Group indicated that they would be happy to join together with Marston Moreteyne residents to fight the campaign. Details of the Action Group's next moves were also given.
The Chairman, Cllr Mark Petty indicated that the Parish Council will be receiving a letter from Nadine Dorries MP highlighting 10 main objections which residents can use in constructing their own objection letters. It was thought that by choosing around 4 of these objections and adding personnel comments it would ensure that all letters are individual and not carbon copies of each other. A member of public circulated a petition around the meeting whilst discussions ensued.
From public opinion, it was agreed to hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday 9th July, at the Village Hall, commencing 7.30pm and to try to attract more residents along to ensure they are aware of the proposals. It was agreed to see if Nadine Dorries MP could attend to address residents in the same manner she did at Lidlington. Many residents indicated a wish to become involved in the action group, and it was requested that they place their name and contact details on a piece of paper available at the end of this part of the meeting. Co-Ordinators for the public meeting need to make themselves known. The Bedfordshire On Sunday reporter present stated that Caroline Flint – Housing Minister, has agreed to respond to questions posed through the BOS. The reporter also agreed that BOS will cover the public meeting arranged for the 9th July.
The Chairman duly closed public participation and members of public and press left the meeting.
 3. **Report from EB Security**
Brian Bignall and Rob Ludlow from EB Security circulated a report for the past month's activities. Cllr S. Hall indicated that youths have been seen on the top of the Youth Club's container and asked for vigilance. Problems of bikes taking short cuts through Lake View were also highlighted.
BB requested permission to put up clock points at varying hot spots around the village. A list and maps of locations will be advised. This will also prove as a double check against monthly invoices. The Parish Council stated that they had no objection but that EB Security would need to seek permission where the points would be put on private property. The Chairman advised that the Doctor's surgery are not happy to erect CCTV but are looking at security fencing to try to alleviate some of the problems experienced over the past few months.
BB indicated that they will be erecting some signs and posters around the village in due course to ensure residents are aware of their presence. It was agreed that an advert could be placed in the village diary. RL agreed to e-mail to the Clerk.

CCTV – Rob Ludlow advised that EB Security are unable to supply equivalent CCTV equipment equal to that already quoted by an alternative supplier for the money available to the Parish Council under their Confident Communities Fund. Therefore they have to decline to quote.

4. There were no declarations of interest made in respect to agenda items.

5. **The minutes of the Annual General Meeting Marston Moreteyne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2008** were submitted for approval. The following amendments were made:

Page 2: add to: “Cllr Gibson stated that he is against the proposals for the Eco Town”: as they currently stand because of the lack of consultation, information and detail on the planning process.

Item 23.6: Spurgeons not surgeons.

Add to minutes that it was resolved to invite Jon Shortland to a Parish Council meeting and to ask for a copy of the statistics regarding Station Road and its subsequent lack of traffic calming.

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Mrs. S. Hall seconded by Cllr B. Mead.

6. Update of information from County Councillor B. King

Cllr King advised that he has been allocated a further £2,500 to spend on community activities. He is intending to put an article into the village diary informing local groups of this.

The Parish Council will receive an invite at some time to attend a meeting regarding the future and Central Bedfordshire.

The Chairman stated that the tidy tip at Ampthill is still a hazard and he believes that there are safety issues. It was agreed that the Clerk re-arrange a visit for the Chairman to the tidy tip.

BK agreed to look into the matter concerning white road markings done in Arundel Road. It is believed that they are incomplete and incorrect.

County Cllr B. King leaves the meeting at 8.15pm.

7. Update of information from District Councillor D. Tysoe

District Cllr D. Tysoe advised that he had passed on the Council’s comments regarding lack of planning approvals etc. He stated that the Clerk should now be receiving a copy of the weekly decision list. The Clerk confirmed this and thanked Cllr Tysoe for his assistance. In relation to the Planning section of Mid Beds web site, Anne Samme is trying to make changes to ensure that the building control section is more prominent on the alconet.

The Green brook: Steve Thomas has advised that Mid Beds and the residents who front the brook are equally responsible for the maintenance of the watercourse.

Denton Drive street number signs: More information is required. It was agreed to ask Cllr T. Hyde to e-mail DT more information.

9.15pm The Parish Council resolved to proceed with business transactions and not to break.

8. Brief update of information on the following committees:

8.1 Community Safety Group – Cllr F. Keep circulated a report to all Councillors.

8.2 Mid Beds Planning Consortium – Cllrs P. Hall/P. Neale/B. Chandi – nothing urgent to report

8.3 Landfill Liaison – Cllrs Mrs. E. Houghton/Mrs. J. Allen – nothing urgent to report

8.4 Playing Field Committee – Cllr G. Spriggs – The skatepark/play area draft agreement should be available shortly. The Committee are looking into possibly “greasing” the CCTV poles to prevent further vandalism.

8.5 Village Hall Committee – Cllr B. Mead – Costs for overhauling the village hall are being sought.

8.6 Church End Lower School – Cllr P. Neale – nothing urgent to report

8.7 Shelton Lower School – Cllr M. Petty – nothing urgent to report.

9. Matters arising from the minutes of Tuesday 20th May 2008
- 9.1 Confident Communities Fund
CCTV – It was resolved that the Clerk write a letter to EB Security regarding the time wasted in waiting for their quotation and eventual decline to quote.
- 9.2 Eco Town – The Chairman stated that flyers had been produced and delivered to households in the Parish. He duly thanked those Councillors involved.
- 9.3 Spurgeons presentation – Cllr P. Neale has arranged for a person to attend and speak. It was confirmed that the meeting will start at 7.00pm.
- 9.4 Barkers Piece (white lines) – County Cllr B. King has agreed to look into the matter.
- 9.5 Confident Communities Fund (Hedge Laying) – The Clerk has received information from Guy Lambourne (Forest Centre) and will collate it ready for further discussion at the July meeting.
- 9.6 Land adjacent 89 & 91A Bedford Road - It is thought that the owner of the land is still in the local area. MBDC will try to locate through the Register of Electors at Bedford Borough Council.
- 9.7 MJ Motors – nothing further to report.
- 9.8 Overgrowth along footpath between Arundel Road & Beancroft Road – The Clerk met with Richard Sherwood of Persimmon Homes. He agreed to have the overgrowth cut back to between 1-2m. The small strip of land on the opposite side of the footpath is the responsibility of Beds County Council. They have informed the Clerk that it will be cut back in the autumn. The Clerk however, will push for this to be done earlier. RS also agreed to replace any broken fence panels which come under Persimmon Homes responsibility around the estate.
- 9.9 Woburn Road footpath – M. Howe has lightly cut back the hedge overgrowth along this path as a goodwill gesture. Hillson Builders who are ultimately responsible for its maintenance will arrange for a complete cut in the autumn. A proper maintenance schedule will be produced for future years.

10. Finance

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

Calverton Factors Ltd	Security Patrols (May)	£ 836.70
LSN Media	Diary delivery	£ 42.96
Mrs. H. Trustam	Clerks wages	£ 1056.00
Warners of Bedford Ltd	Grasscutting (April)	£ 599.74
Copykatz	Diary printing (June)	£ 170.00
Copykatz	Eco Town leaflets	£ 110.00
Pier One Solutions	Web Site Hosting	£ 41.13 SO
TotalCard Services	Petrol – churchyard mower	£ 47.25
3CD Group (UK)	Diary delivery	£ 88.13
FJ Beddoe	Litter Picking	£ 169.00
A. Bunker	Churchyard Grass cutting	£ 250.00

Income

HM Revenue & Customs	Credit for online filing – tax year 07/08	£100.00
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Resolved that the invoices for payment should be agreed. Proposed Cllr B. Chandi, seconded Cllr P. Neale.

- 10.2 To receive any requests for grants

A grant request was received from Victim Support.

Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 & 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

Victim Support	Grant	£100.00
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11. Planning Matters

- 11.1 To discuss the following planning applications received since the last meeting:
Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton declares an interest and leaves the meeting during the discussion of 11.1 (a).

- (a) Application No. 08/00926/FULL
Full: Erection of detached chalet bungalow and single garage (revised).
Site: Land adjacent to 60 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
Comments: Request that neighbours comments be taken into consideration.
- (b) Application No. 08/00917/FULL
Full: Loft conversion with side dormers and velux windows
Site: 77 Denton Drive, Marston Moreteyne
Comments: Request that neighbours comments be taken into consideration.
- (c) Application No. 08/00963/FULL
Full: Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.
Site: 42 Denton Drive, Marston Moreteyne
Comments: Request that neighbours comments be taken into consideration.

- 11.2 To receive details of any approvals / refusals / withdrawals of planning applications – for information only

Application No. 08/00043/FULL
Site: Sun Valley, Woburn Road, Marston Moreteyne
Full: Retention of change of use of agricultural buildings to retail, workshop, and ancillary offices and storage.
Refused

Application No. 08/00189/OUT
Erection of a single dwelling
Site: Land at 71 Upper Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
Refused

Application No. 08/00163/FULL
Erection of a grain store and the erection of a new drying plant to replace existing.
Site: Roxhill Manor Farm, Roxhill Road, Marston Moreteyne
Approved

Application No. 08/00227/FULL
Erection of detached chalet bungalow and single garage
Site: Land adjacent to 60 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
Approved

Application No. 08/00201/FULL
Channel widening works in connection with 06/00593/OUT
Site: Land north of the Forest Centre and south of the Sewage Treatment works, off Station Road, Marston Moreteyne.
Approved

Application No. 08/00208/FULL
Erection of two storey side and front extension including porch.
Site: 189 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
Approved

Application No. 08/00411/FULL
Full: Single storey rear extension
Site: 18 Parrish Close, Marston Moreteyne
Approved

Application No. 08/00429/FULL
Full: Erection of first floor rear extension
Site: 2 Denton Drive, Marston Moreteyne
Approved

Application No. 08/00492/FULL
Demolition of existing garage and kitchen. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey front and rear extensions.
Site: 45 Beancroft Road, Marston Moreteyne
Approved

Application No. 08/00556/FULL
Erection of first floor side extension and garage conversion
Site: 11 Primrose Close, Marston Moreteyne.
Approved

Application No. 08/00631/FULL
Full: First floor side extension
Site: 57 Upper Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
Approved

Application No. 08/00630/FULL
Full: Erection of rear extension and replacement detached single garage
Site: 38 Upper Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
Approved

Application No. 08/00611/FULL
Full: Erection of single storey side extension and new front gates to entrance
Site: 3. Reynes Close, Marston Moreteyne
Refused

Application No. 08/00309/FULL
Full: Single storey rear extension
Site: 29 Hillson Close, Marston Moreteyne
Approved

Application No. 08/00565/FULL
Site: The Rose & Crown, 171 Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne
Full: Single storey side and rear extension and external stairs to rear.
Approved

Application No. BC/CM/2008/9
Proposal: Variation of Condition 3 of Planning permission 5/2005 to allow the removal of clay stockpile to be extended for a further 12 months.
Location: Brogborough Landfill Site, Brogborough.
Granted.

Application No. BC/CM/2008/10A
Proposal: Variation of Conditions 18, 22 & 28 of Planning Permission 16/2004 to allow extension of time for capping, change in operating hours if needed, removal of hardcore and demolition material from site.
Location: Brogborough Landfill Site, Brogborough
Granted.

Application No. BC/CM/2008/10B
Proposal: Variation of Condition 17 of Planning permission 16/2004 to allow the importation of soils and bio-solids
Location: Brogborough Landfill Site, Brogborough
Refused.

- 11.3 To receive any planning correspondence – for information only.
Applications 07/01610/FULL and 07/01743/OUT – 28 Upper Shelton Road and Land Rear of 28 Upper Shelton Road: Appeal date 29th July 2008 for 1 day at Council Offices, Priory House, Shefford.
- 12 Highway Partnership Scheme 2008-9 – To agree on location of expenditure
The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had £8,000 available under the HPS. The Council heard how much could be achieved with the allocation on three sites: reconstruction of Bedford Road footpath, installing kerbing along Bedford Road and reconstruction/siding out of footpath along Woburn Road. The Clerk read an e-mail from a resident in relation to the footpath along Woburn Road who stated that residents and children are forced to walk on the highway owing to the abysmal condition and width of the footpath.
After careful consideration, the Parish Council resolved to request that the money be allocated to siding out/reconstructing the Woburn Road footpath. It was agreed that a request to complete the footpath with Highways money as a goodwill gesture be made should the Parish Council's allocation not be sufficient for the whole job to be completed.
13. Eco Town / Energy from Waste Plant –To resolve an official response on Eco Towns and discuss any updates on the Efw.
It was agreed that a response be formulated by the Chairman and Clerk based on the points raised by Nadine Dorries MP in her draft letter, once available.
- 14 Confident Community Fund – To agree on a supplier for the CCTV equipment.
It was resolved to raise an invoice to Beds County Council for 50% of the costs involved in providing CCTV equipment as quoted for by AVES Security.
Councillors expressed a concern regarding response times from AVES Security in relation to the maintenance contract for the CCTV equipment. The Chairman stated that should response times not improve during the contract period, the Council could be minded to seek an alternative company to provide the cover.
- 15 Village Diary – To discuss future delivery and frequency of the diary.
The Chairman stated that BOS had advised last month that 3 rounds were not covered in the village totalling 440 copies of village diary. Despite having boys/girls on a waiting list, the paper is not prepared to employ them until advertising in the paper goes up to cover the costs of printing/delivery. Owing to the fact that the diary had important information concerning the Eco Town, the Clerk used her emergency fund and arranged for 3CD Group to deliver the shortfall.
The Chairman stated that BOS have indicated that this problem could be ongoing for a while. Discussions took place for alternative delivery arrangements and also the possibility of having a bi-monthly/quarterly diary. It was resolved to maintain the diary as monthly, and to employ 3CD Group to deliver the diaries not covered by the BOS on a month by month basis.
- 10.15pm Owing to the time, it was resolved to hold an extra ordinary Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 1st July to discuss items: 16 to 19 excluding 18.2.
- 16 Probation Service – To agree ideas to put forward
- 17 Land at Denton Drive – discuss maintenance of proposed hedge planting by Parish Council
18. Correspondence
- 18.1 To discuss matters concerning the maintenance on the Churchyard
- 18.2 Holme Close – parking – discussion on problems – It was agreed that this matter was for an Enforcement Officer to investigate.
- 18.3 Update on Progress for the Marston Mill Wind Turbine Project – Forest of Marston Vale.
- 18.4 To respond to BT's Proposal to re-align payphone provision
- 18.5 To respond to invite for 2 Parish Councillors to attend an Affordable Village Housing Seminar.
- 18.6 Quiet Lanes & the Bedfordshire Local Transport Plan
- 18.7 Crime Stats from Bedfordshire Police for May – Marston Moreteyne.
19. Clerk's Monthly Report.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

