

# MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Shelton Methodist Church on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007, commencing 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)  
Councillor F. Keep (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors P. Hall, P. Neale & B. Chandi  
Bob Meadows & Sgt Nigel Denham – Bedfordshire Police  
J. Ellis – Homewatch  
1 member of public

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:  
County Councillor B. King, Councillors Mrs. J. Allen & Mrs. S. Hall.
2. Presentation by Bob Meadows on the contracts for P.C.S.O.'s.  
BM started his presentation by outlining the background for the scheme. The Home Office have given 75% of the funding for 128 PCSO's, leaving a shortfall of £6,000. At present the funding ends of 31.3.08, but it is hoped this will be extended another 12 months. BM went through the contract in more detail and gave brief explanations on areas where questions had arisen by previous Councils.

District Cllr D. Tysoe arrives at 7.45pm.

Other areas of discussion were around

- accommodation for a desk and seating for the PCSO. It was thought that this might be solved by looking at the sports pavilion, lower school, doctor's surgery, forest centre as possible locations.
- Long term sick leave/maternity. Substitutions where this occurs would be implemented. If this fails, then the PC would not be charged for period of time there is no cover. However, it could prove that sharing a PCSO for a short time would provide at least some cover whilst a more permanent solution is found.
- Hours of work. A sample of the current shift patterns was circulated by Nigel Denham. PCSO's work between 8am and 11pm on a rotational basis. They have a break of 45 minutes which is unpaid during their shift. ND gave further details on the shifts and how they work in hand with the Beat Manager and PCSO.
- Costs were discussed further. ND estimated an increase in salary of 3%. It is hoped to have this confirmed by the end of September.

The Chairman thanked Nigel Denham and Bob Meadows for attending the meeting to give further clarification on the subject. He advised that the matter would be discussed further by the Parish Council at their meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June, and once a decision has been reached the relevant people would be informed.

It was resolved that the Clerk contact County Cllr B. King to try to obtain written confirmation regarding the £8,000 allocation under the Community Safety Initiative, and to ask how the unitary authority would affect future allocations in this area.

Bob Meadows, Nigel Denham & Jean Ellis leave the meeting at 8pm.

3. Public Participation  
No matters were brought up for discussion by members of the public.
4. To receive declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.  
No declarations of interest were made.

5. To confirm and agree the Annual General Meeting Minutes of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007  
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 were submitted for approval. Two amendments made:
  1. To add the words “Annual General” to the heading of the minutes.
  2. Item 29.3 – to add that Cllr F. Keen & Jean Ellis would continue their attendance at the Marston Vale Community Liaison Forum.

Following these amendments it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007
  - 6.1 Arundel Road/Persimmon Homes  
Nothing further to report.
  - 6.2 Village Challenge – Bench  
Permission has been granted by Mid Beds District Council to site the bench at Denton Drive (The Green). One proviso is that if for any reason the bench is removed in the future then the site must be restored to its original condition. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had agreed to cover the cost of the installation of the bench. It was resolved that Cllr Petty obtains a quotation for this work.
  - 6.3 Land East of Bedford Road Development  
The Clerk is still trying to set up the meeting with Nicola Stevens & Rob Page.
  - 6.4 Highway Partnership Scheme 2007/08  
The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Richard Cornes of Bedfordshire Highways to discuss further.
- 7 To hear any written applications relating to the four casual vacancies.  
The Chairman read out the two letters from applicants regarding the casual vacancies. The Chairman asked if it was still the wish for the Council to interview. After a brief discussion it was resolved not to pursue with the interviews on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Both candidates were proposed by Cllr P. Hall, seconded by Cllr B. Chandi and received a majority vote of 4. Therefore the Clerk will write to Mr. B. Mead & Miss E. Johnstone advising the outcome and inviting them to attend the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June where they will be duly co-opted.

District Cllr D. Tysoe leaves the meeting at 8.30pm.

## 8. **Planning Matters**

- 8.1 To discuss the following planning applications received since the last meeting:
  - (a) Application No. 07/00701/FULL  
Full: Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory.  
Site: 17 Primrose Close, Marston Moreteyne  
Comments: No objections, neighbours.
  - (b) Application No. 07/00752/FULL  
Full: First floor side extension and pitched roof to porch to replace existing flat roof.  
Site: 10 Scotchbrook Road, Marston Moreteyne  
Comments: No objections, neighbours.
  - (c) Application No. 07/00763/FULL  
Full: Single storey side extension  
Site: 59 Upper Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne  
Comments: No objections, neighbours.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.