

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Shelton Methodist Church on Tuesday 15th January 2008, commencing 7.15 pm.

Present: Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)
Councillor F. Keep (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Mrs. S. Hall, P. Hall, P. Neale, Miss E. Johnstone, B. Chandi, T. Spriggs, & Mrs. J. Allen.
County Cllr B. King
District Cllr D. Tysoe
Representatives from EB Security

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T. Hyde
2. Public Participation
No members of public were present.
3. Report from EB Security
A monthly report for Nov & Dec 2007, was circulated to all Councillors identifying the areas of activity for the period.
Security at the rear of the Doctor's surgery was highlighted. It is believed that a gate is being looked into along with installation of CCTV.
The Chairman advised that EB Security's contract is up for renewal on 1st April. He requested that they attend the March Council meeting in order to discuss matters for the whole village. This invitation was duly accepted.
CCTV – Cllr Keep stated that he was unhappy with the current service being provided by AVES Security in relation to the maintenance on CCTV equipment. Contact was extremely difficult and meetings nonexistent. This declaration was backed by the Clerk. Resolved that the Chairman contact AVES Security to ascertain problems with communication.
4. To receive declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.
The Clerk declared an interest in Item 11.2 (a).
5. The Minutes of the extra ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2007 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 B. Mead seconded by Cllr F. Keep.
6. Update of information from County Councillor B. King
Cllr King advised:
 - That he would be attending the public meeting on the proposed Incinerator at Rookery Pit.
 - The Council Tax increase is 3.8%
 - That he is currently looking into the problem with vehicles going down Barkers Piece. Cllr Keep advised that it needs a cul-de-sac sign, however Cllr King is looking at white lining on the roadway
 - On the current status of the unitary bid. He stated that the County Council are putting a petition together for the public to sign to show support for the County's bid. He advised that he was aware that the Parish Council had resolved to work with whoever was successful.

7.35pm Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton arrives at the meeting

The Chairman reaffirmed that the Parish Council are not political.

7. Update of information from District Councillors D. Tysoe
Cllr Tysoe stated that he and Cllr Mike Gibson spoke against Rookery Pit at Mid Beds Task Force meeting last year. The Parish Council's letter of objection was read out to the Committee. Unfortunately the decision did not fall in their favour. However, the matter is not closed and there will be other opportunities to object. Discussions ensued on the site identified at Wood End. Cllr Tysoe advised that he will attend the public meeting on the 13th Feb.

- The District Council have approached landowners asking for areas which they would like to be considered for future development. The potential sites for development will be released later this month. It was agreed that these sites are potentially 10-15 years away from development and agreement for them to be included into the Local Plan was required before any development would be certain.
8. Matters arising from the minutes of Tuesday 4th December 2007.
 - 8.1 Rookery Pit & Wood End – Waste Allocations Plan
The public meeting regarding the above is scheduled for 13th February. The Chairman has so far received some questions from Councillors and asked if there are any more he needs to have them before the meeting.
 - 8.2 Holme Close – No change
 - 8.3 National Probation Service – The Playing Field Committee discussed the matter at their last meeting and supports the scheme. A letter will be written to the Parish Council advising of the areas they would like considered.
 - 8.4 A421 Improvements
The public inquiry recommences on 29th January. This is partly due to the fact that they ran over time and the Inspector asked the Highways Agency to reassess their traffic figures for Jtn 13.
 - 8.5 Churchyard
Cllr F. Keep advised that the PCC are extremely pleased that as from Easter a new Incumbent will be in office for Marston Moreteyne. She lives in Marston.
 - 8.6 S106 Traffic Calming for Station Road
The S106 agreement is just about completed. There are a few final amendments being looked at by Beds County Council. Once that has been finalised it can be signed and a decision notice issued. It was resolved that the Clerk ask if the S106 agreement will go before a Committee again, and if so will the Parish Council be able to challenge the decision.
 - 8.7 Ampthill Tidy Tip
The Clerk will arrange a mutual convenient time for the Chairman to visit the site.
 - 8.8 CCTV
A decision on the Confident Communities Fund is awaited from Bedfordshire County Council before anything can proceed further.
 - 8.9 The Green
The Chairman advised that bushes are available under the Free Tree Scheme. It was resolved that the Clerk write to obtain permission from Mid Beds District Council to plant them adjacent to the brook.
 - 8.10 Grass Cutting Contract
Warner's of Bedford have asked to meet with the representatives from the Parish Council and Football & Cricket Clubs prior to taking over the contract. This meeting will be to discuss requirements in finer detail. It was resolved that the Clerk arrange this.
 - 8.11 A letter has been sent to Mr. Beddoe advising him of the increase commencing 1st April 2008.
 9. Brief update of information on the following committees:
 - 9.1 Community Safety Group – Cllr F. Keep
Cllr Keep circulated a Community Safety Report to all Councillors which gave an outline of crime over the Christmas and most recent period, the problems experienced with the Doctor's surgery and the almost nonexistent police cover for the village over the Christmas period. He added that things are almost back on track now but officers can be pulled away from the village at any time. It was resolved that the Clerk write a letter to the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police advising that the Parish Council were unhappy about the lack of police cover for the village over the Christmas period.

Cllr Mrs. S. Hall advised that she had been contacted by a member of public advising that London Midland is taking over the trains for the Bedford to Bletchley line on 11th Feb, and that there is concern over whether people with bicycles and wheelchairs will be catered for. After making some enquiries, Richard Crane, Chair of Beds & Bletchley Association has agreed to look into the matter and respond. Cllr Mrs. Hall agreed to keep the Parish Council informed on the situation.

- 9.2 Mid Beds Planning Consortium – Cllr F. Keep
Things are quiet at present. Cllr P. Neale offered to accompany Cllr Keep at any future meetings owing to Cllr Keep giving up his car.
- 9.3 Landfill Liaison – Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton
Cllr Mrs. Houghton advised that she was unable to attend the previous meeting.
- 9.4 Playing Field Committee – Cllr P. Hall
Cllr Hall stated that progress continues. A new cleaning and booking clerk has been appointed. The external repairs are complete. The Committee discussed advertising at their meeting last night and an advert for the village diary has been approved for the February edition. The kitchen has been ordered and the Secretary awaits a proforma invoice.
- 9.5 Village Hall Committee – Cllr B. Mead
The next meeting is in February.
- 9.6 Church End Lower School – Cllr P. Neale
The Spring term has started and is a short one owing to Easter being early this year.
- 9.8 Shelton Lower School
No report available.

10. Finance

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

Calverton Factors Ltd	Security Patrols (Dec)	£ 1105.44
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LSN Media	Diary delivery	£ 42.96
Mrs. H. Trustam	Clerks wages	£ 1082.18
Mrs. H. Trustam	Petty Cash Advance	£ 30.00
Shelton Methodist Church	Rent for 4 Dec	£ 12.00
Copykatz	Diary printing (Dec)	£ 170.00
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DJ Granger	Grass cutting	£ 704.26
TotalCard Services	Petrol – Churchyard mower	£ 28.48
Pier One Solutions	Web Site Hosting	£ 41.13 SO
Viking Direct	Stationery	£ 26.06
Mrs. H. Trustam	Mileage expenses & allowance 1.10.07 – 31.12.07	£ 154.50
Marston Playing Field Comm	Secretary/Treasurer grant July-Dec	£ 321.00
The Post Office	Employers Contributions for NI & Tax Period Oct-Dec	£1171.68
Bedford Borough Council	Winter Maint Cricket Square	£ 775.50
FJ Beddoe	Litter Picking	£ 127.78

Resolved that the invoices for payment should be agreed.

- 10.4 There was no correspondence relating to finance matters to be discussed.
8.40pm - Break to look at planning applications.
8.55pm – Meeting re commences.

11. **Planning Matters**

- 11.1 To be advised of the Planning Committees response to the following application received since the last meeting:
- (a) Application No. 07/01783/FULL
Full: Two storey extension to side/front
Site: 189 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
Comments: No objections, neighbours.
- 11.2 To formulate a response to the following planning application:
The Clerk duly left the room whilst discussions took place on application 07/02136/FULL
- (a) Application No. 07/02136/FULL
Full: Demolition of existing garage & kitchen and construction of two storey side extension and single storey front & rear extensions.
Site: 45 Beancroft Road, Marston Moreteyne
Resolved that the Parish Council has no objections.
 - (b) Application No. 07/02020/FULL
Full: 3 no Detached dwellings
Site: Land South West of 100 – 102 Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne
The Chairman read out a letter from a resident to District Cllr D. Tysoe and also gave Cllr Tysoe's response. Following discussions, it was resolved that the Parish Council would object to the application based on the following points:
 1. Concerns over access being taken away for properties 100-102 Bedford Road.
 2. Potential of Plots 2 & 3 being "hemmed in" should good parking practices fail.
 3. Supporting the matters brought up in the letter read from the resident earlier in the discussions.
- 11.3 To receive details of any approvals / refusals / withdrawals of planning applications – for information only
- (a) Application No. 07/01403/FULL
Full: 3 no detached dwellings
Site: Land South West of 100-102 Bedford Road
REFUSED
 - (b) Application No. 07/01699/FULL
Full: Single storey rear extension
Site: 18 Moat Farm Close, Marston Moreteyne
REFUSED
 - (c) Application No. 07/01660/OUT
Outline: Erection of detached chalet bungalow and single garage (all matters reserved except layout and access)
Site: 60 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
APPROVED
 - (d) Application No. 07/01470/FULL
Full: Two storey side extension
Site: Greenrigg House, Wootton Green, Marston Moreteyne
WITHDRAWN
- 11.4 To receive any planning correspondence
- (a) Application No. 07/01710/FULL
Full: Single storey rear extension, conservatory and detached garage
Site: 33 Upper Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
Received details of revised site plan showing extensions to neighbouring properties.

- 12 Correspondence
- 12.1 Notice of road adoption relating to the Dexterfield Development
Notification received from Bedfordshire County Council stated that under Highways Act 1980 Section 38 Agreement, Watson Way, Longcroft Lane, Chapel Lane, & Oats Piece, Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne have now been adopted by the County Council as highway maintainable at public expense.
 - 12.2 Update regarding polling boundaries for the Parish
Stephen Cooke, Mid Beds District Council wrote to advise that the changes to the boundary of the two Marston polling districts to be the centre of the A421 has been agreed and that amendments to the Register of Electors published on 3 December 2007, have been made.
 - 12.3 To receive information relating to temporary road closures in the Parish
Temporary road closures for maintenance along Marston Hill & Wootton Green have been sealed by the County Council.
 - 12.4 Invitation for feedback from Bedfordshire Police relating to the Police support for the Annual Remembrance Day Parade.
The Chairman advised that there is no parade past the war memorial and therefore no Police service is required.
 - 12.5 Update relating to registering land as new Town & Village Greens
The Chairman stated that the Parish Council did not identify any areas requiring registration when discussed previously.
 - 12.6 Response from Beds CC relating to traffic issues along Marston Hill
A letter was received from Jon Shortland, Transportation Manager for Bedfordshire Highways advising that Highways Dept cannot recommend any action is taken in relation to preventative measures following the car that went into a house along Marston Hill around 18 months ago. Decisions are based largely on highway safety grounds and Marston Hill has a good safety record, with only two “slight” accidents recorded over the past 3 years. It was resolved to send a copy of this letter to Mrs. Marian Palmer who originally made the request that Bedfordshire Highways look into the matter.
 - 12.7 Bedfordshire Bugle – copies of the Nov 2007, and Jan 2008 editions were circulated to Councillors.
 - 12.8 Newsletter from Bedfordshire & Luton Casualty Reduction Partnership was made available to all Councillors to read.
 - 12.9 Information on the development of Bedford Town Centre was received and available for Councillors to read.
 - 12.10 Newsletter from Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust was received and available for Councillors to read.
 - 12.11 Annual Corporate Plan Summary – Fire & Rescue Service. This information was passed to Cllr Neale.
 - 12.12 Information relating to the Biddenham Loop and West of Kempston Design Guide Supplementary Planning document was received and made available for Councillors to read.
 - 12.13 Martin Dalby, Chief Executive Officer at Center Parc wrote to invite Councillors to attend the first series of quarterly meetings in order to maintain their engagement with the local community over the new Park at Warren Wood. Cllrs P. Hall & Miss E. Johnstone agreed to attend.
 - 12.14 Cllr M. Petty agreed to try to attend the Marston Vale Community Liaison Forum meeting to be held on 30.1.08, at the Forest Centre.
- 13 Energy from Waste Plant at Rookery.
Amphill Town Council has invited members of the Parish Council to attend a meeting on 17th Jan, to discuss the proposed EfW at Rookery Pit. Resolved that the Chairman and Clerk attend.

The Sustainability Appraisal consultation report which the Parish Council contributed to as a result of recent Waste Planning workshops is available to view online. Councillors to contact the Clerk for the website address.

14 Village Information Pack / Village Diary

The Chairman advised that the Clerk had been contacted by The Bell PH and the Chairman by Evans Butchers as to why they were not included in the Information Pack. From conversations it appeared that they had not completed and submitted any of the forms distributed in the village diaries. Discussions ensued as to whether to contact the two Public Houses and Evans Butchers asking them if they wished to be included in one final addition page which would be put in the diary. It was resolved to proceed with one final addition to the Information Pack. No further additions/amendments would be made after this.

The Chairman advised that there had been a delay in the delivery of the January edition of the village diary over the Christmas/New Year period. This was due to the fact that Beds on Sunday did not distribute newspapers during this holiday time. Other Councillors stated that during the year some areas never received papers and diaries and some only the papers with the diaries missing. A large quantity of the January diaries had been found in a hedge along Bedford Road. After discussing other alternative approaches to delivery it was resolved to continue to use Beds On Sunday as the distributor of the village diary but to formulate a letter to all delivery boys & girls asking them to please ensure that the diaries get delivered with the papers.

15 Clerk's Report.

The Chairman duly read out the Clerk's monthly report on activities and telephone calls undertaken by her during the past month. It is thought that these reports will give the Parish Council an insight into what is happening around the village other than what is discussed at meetings.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 10.10pm.