

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Shelton Methodist Church on Tuesday 19th June 2007, commencing 7.15 pm.

Present: Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)
Councillor F. Keep (Vice Chairman)
Councillors B. Mead, Mrs. J. Allen, Mrs. S. Hall, P. Hall
Roy Brunsdon – Highways Agency
Mrs Andie Taylor & Mr. Mike Radford – Balfour Beatty
1 Member of public

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs P. Neale, Mrs. E. Houghton & District Cllr D. Tysoe.
 2. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms (co-opted Councillors)
Cllr B. Mead duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.
 3. Roy Brunsdon – Highways Agency – Update on Jtn 13, A421 Highway Improvements.
RB advised that the Highways Agency published the Orders on 22nd March 07. The objection period has been extended to 28th June 2007. The HA has pre-empted a public enquiry which has been booked for December 07, which would give a start date of Sept/Oct 2008. If no public enquiry is required then the start date will be earlier. It is hoped to complete the project in December 2010.
RB explained in detail the sequence of how the link road for Lower Shelton will be constructed, together with the extension of the subway. He also explained the passing bays and width of the roadway.
RB agreed to look into who will undertake the maintenance of the new subway lights to be installed. The PC advised that there is a need for anti graffiti paint to be put on the subway. Cllr F. Keep advised that the Community Safety Group will look into possibly having some sort of graffiti mural done.
RB is liaising with the Highways Dept in relation to a no left turn into Lower Shelton Road from Upper Shelton between 7-9am. The Highways Dept has also agreed to keep an eye on the link road in case it becomes a rat run.
The Chairman stated that signage to Upper & Lower Shelton Road from the A421 should be such that any traffic was not automatically sent via the link road. RB assured the PC that this would not happen, and that traffic for Upper Shelton Road would be routed via Beancroft Road.
1 member of public raised issues over noise pollution and asked what remedial actions were being taken to prevent this from worsening. RB gave his response by indicating the amount of trees & shrubbery together with high grade sound installation to be installed.
RB indicated that there will be a pre-construction exhibition held late in 2008.
No further questions were raised, and the Chairman thanked all guests for attending the meeting.
- Cllr Mrs. E. Johnstone arrives at the meeting and duly completes the Declaration of Office Form.
4. Public Participation
Richard Garner addressed the PC stating that following the Compulsory Purchase Order served in relation to the Charity Land managed by the Playing Field Committee. The Committee has resolved to obtain full legal advice. As trustees they must negotiate the best deal and terms.
 5. Report from EB Security
A report was circulated for the previous month's activities. It was identified that there is one main group within the village causing the majority of the problems.

6. There were no declarations of interest made in respect of any items on the agenda.
7. To confirm and agree the extra ordinary Minutes of the Marston Moreteyne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 2007
The Minutes of the extra ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 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. Chandi, seconded by Cllr P. Hall.
8. Update of information from County Councillor B. King
Cllr King advised that he had passed on the thanks given at the last meeting regarding the upgrading of the tidy tip.
Community Safety Fund – Cllr King stated that the fund will continue for 3 years
He added that the PC is able to contact John Seamarks with our request for a PCSO ` and that the matter could be fast tracked.
Grass cutting – BK is aware of the problems experienced in areas around the village and will be seeing what can be done. The Clerk will meet with Richard Cornes as the Highway Liaison Rep and will also discuss the matter with him.
Cllr King offered assistance to Cllr F. Keep in relation to the Older People’s Festival.
Cllr King stated that he has been allocated £2,500 to spend between Marston & Lidlington on support issues for the community. It is hoped to allocated sums of around £500. This must be spent by 31.3.08.
9. Update of information from District Councillors D. Tysoe/M. Gibson
Both District Cllrs were not in attendance.
10. Matters arising from the minutes of Tuesday 5th June 2007
 - 10.1 Arundel Road/Persimmon Homes
No further update available
 - 10.2 Casual Vacancies
The Clerk advised that notification of the appointments of Cllr B. Mead and Mrs. E. Johnstone had been placed on the noticeboards. Stephen Cooke – Electoral Officer at MBDC had advised the Clerk to continue to re-advertise the 2 remaining vacancies until they are filled. The Clerk to action.
11. Brief update of information on the following committees:
 - 11.1 Community Safety Group – Cllr F. Keep
A report was circulated. Cllr Keep advised that the new bollards at the end of Church Walk had been pulled out, but have since been reinstalled. Residents in Station Road are concerned about cars parking dangerously in Squires Road. He stated that in order for action to be taken, support from the PC is required. Cllrs P. Hall & Mrs. S. Hall agreed to look at the area and report any matters requiring attention to the Police Authority. It was agreed to send a letter of support for double yellow lines to Bedfordshire County Council.
 - 11.2 Mid Beds Planning Consortium – Cllr F. Keep
Nothing to report.
 - 11.3 Landfill Liaison – Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton
Cllr Mrs. Houghton was not present at the meeting.
 - 11.4 Playing Field Committee – Cllr P. Hall
The Clerk stated that the repairs on the guttering, fascias and soffits have been completed. It was hoped to have everything in place at the July meeting so that the replacement kitchen can be ordered.
 - 11.5 Village Hall Committee – Cllr M. Petty
Nothing to report.
 - 11.6 Church End Lower School – Cllr P. Neale
Nothing to report.

- 11.7 Village Plan – Cllr P. Neale
Cllr Neale advised that he has drawn up a draft Village Plan which will be circulated to all Councillors for consideration. It was resolved to put the matter on the July agenda.
- 11.8 Shelton Lower School
Nothing to report.
- 11.9 Information Pack – Cllr B. Mead
Cllr Mead circulated a draft copy of the Information Pack. Cllr Petty thanked everyone involved in getting it to this stage. Cllr Mead stated that with a draft copy, firm printing costs could now be obtained. A delivery cost of £247.00 has already been established. It was resolved to obtain at least 3 quotations for printing.

12. Finance

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

Calverton Factors Ltd	Security Patrols (May)	£ 1421.28
LSN Media	Diary delivery	£ 42.96
Mrs. H. Trustam	Clerks wages	£ 1056.53
Copykatz	Diary printing (June)	£ 170.00
TotalCard Services	Petrol – churchyard mower	£ 34.63
MKM Agriculture	Repair to trailer	£ 70.50
MKM Agriculture	Repair to Dixon mower	£ 113.51
Zurich Municipal	Parish Council insurance	£1,134.18
Zurich Municipal	Playing Field Insurance	£5,700.30
Shelton Methodist Church	Hall hire – April	£ 30.00
EON Energy	Street light elec 1.4.06 – 31.3.07	£ 238.41
Mrs. H. Trustam	Petty Cash	£ 30.00
Zurich Municipal	PC Insurance (3 VA Signs)	£ 409.50
DJ Granger	Grass cutting	£ 704.26
Viking Direct	Stationery	£ 118.48
FJ Beddoe	Litter Picking	£ 156.89
A. Bunker	Churchyard grass cutting	£ 295.00
DJ Granger	Grass cutting	£ 704.26

Income

Mid Beds District Council	Sect 106 payment	£ 417.50
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The Parish Council resolved that the invoices for payment should be agreed.
Proposed Cllr B. Chandi, seconded Cllr F. Keep.

- 12.2 To receive any correspondence relating to finance matters
- (a) A grant request from Marston Moreteyne Village Hall Committee was received. It was resolved to award a grant of £2,500. Proposed Cllr B. Mead, seconded Cllr P. Hall.
- (b) A grant request was received from Shelton Lower School to assist with building a new pedestrian entrance to the school following their proposed submission of a Travel Plan to Beds County Council. It was resolved to award £1,000.00 subject to the school completing a successful Travel Plan and obtaining a grant of £3,750 towards the costs.

9.00pm Cllr P. Neale arrives at the meeting.

- (c) A grant request from Victim Support was received. It was resolved to award a grant of £100.00 initially, and to re-look at what monies under Sect 137 remain towards the end of the financial year, with a view of awarding a further grant. Proposed Cllr F. Keep, seconded Cllr B. Chandi.

13. **Planning Matters**

- 13.1 (a) Application No. 07/00979/ADV
Advertisement: Retention of 4 freestanding signs on roundabout
Site: Roundabout at A421 & Beancroft Road, Marston Moreteyne
Comments: No objections.
- (b) Application for Premises License:
Marston Moreteyne Little Chef.
It was requested that the Clerk seek clarification and time extension on the matter from Mid Beds as it was not clear if the license was new/existing and if the premises affected were the Little Chef/Travel Lodge.
- 13.2 To receive details of any approvals / refusals / withdrawals of planning applications – for information only
- (a) Application No. 07/00419/FULL
Full: Erection of two dwellings and detached garage
Site: Land adjacent to 145 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
APPROVED
- (b) County Council Application: BC/CC/2007/11
Proposal: Proposed extension to form a classroom and proposed covered area.
Site: Church End Lower School, Church Walk, Marston Moreteyne
APPROVED.
- (c) County Council Application: BC/CM/2007/8
Proposal: The construction of two chemical dosing units.
Site: Sewage Treatment Works, Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne
APPROVED.
- (d) Application No. 07/00466/FULL
Full: Replace flat roof over garage with pitched.
Site: 143 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
APPROVED.
- (e) Application No. 07/00596/FULL
Full: Erection of triple garage with games room over
Site: Hambleton Lodge, Wootton Green, Marston Moreteyne
APPROVED.
- (f) Application No. 07/00610/FULL
Full: Two storey side extension.
Site: 11 Deacon Mews, Marston Moreteyne
APPROVED.
- (g) Application No. 07/00460/LB
Listed Building Consent: Single storey link extension with accommodation in roof space. Single storey extension to existing reception area.
Site: Old Village School Nursing Home, Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne.
APPROVED.
- 13.3 To receive any planning correspondence – for information only.
- (a) Postal numbers for dwellings at land adjacent to 145 Lower Shelton Road were advised.
- (b) Application for erection of stable block and formation of a new vehicular access at land at 1 Upper Shelton Road has not been proceeded with further.

14. **Land East of Bedford Road Development**

An update on the Cemetery land provision was advised, together with the measures planned for Station Road in relation to the crossing point and ghost island. The Chairman advised that the Clerk had been unable to arrange a meeting with Rob Page from the Highways Dept and Nicola Stevens at MBDC, and at present Rob Page is standing by their decision on traffic calming.

It was resolved to ask Cllr Bob King to support the PC, and to pursue the matter further.

The PC resolved that the raised platform at the junction of Station Road and Bedford Road should be boxed. The Clerk to action the request to the relevant authority. A question over when the bus turning area would be used by Stage Coach was posed, and it was established that signs were required to stop residents from parking in the turning area. The Clerk advised that these have already been requested.

15 Standing & Financial Orders

Under the current standing orders, it states that the orders should be reviewed in at the June meeting following an election year. At the request of the Clerk it was resolved to delay this update to allow for draft financial and standing orders to be drawn up and considered at the July meeting.

16 To discuss CCTV equipment around the Village.

The Clerk has established that the CCTV images can be linked onto the web site, but there will obviously be a cost which has not been precepted for in this financial year. It is also dependant upon the CCTV equipment, and broadband would be required. It was resolved to invite Russell Broom – AVES Security to the September meeting to discuss the costs, equipment & images. Cllr F. Keep agreed to contact Dave Rawlins in respect of linking up images with the web site.

17. Community Safety Initiative / funding and contract for P.C.S.O. in Marston Moreteyne.

The Parish Council resolved to allocate £6,000 of the Community Safety Initiative funding towards a PCSO for the next 3 years. Proposed Cllr Mrs. S. Hall, seconded Cllr F. Keep. It was agreed to see if the matter could be fast tracked following receipt of a questionnaire from Beds County Council. Initial suggestions were that the money would not become available until Jan 08 and the PC was concerned about losing the allocation of a PCSO.

18. Appointment of Village Hall Committee Representative

It was resolved that Councillor B. Mead be appointed as representative for the coming year.

19 Correspondence

19.1 Draft Orders for A421 Improvements had been circulated around the Council and no additional comments were made.

19.2 A letter relating to grass cutting in St. Mary's Churchyard was discussed. It was resolved that Cllr F. Keep would speak to the contractor to discuss the matter and ask if certain areas of the church yard could be prioritised at the present time.

19.3 A letter advising of change of address & telephone numbers was received from EB Security

10.15 pm. It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the discussion of the following matters.

19.4 A letter regarding Speed Enforcement along Station Road was received from Nick Battams. It was agreed to see if this could be used to enhance our plight for traffic calming.

19.5 Notice of a temporary road closure to Squires Road between 11th June and 6th July for 4 days to carry out resurfacing work was received.

19.6 Information on proposed temporary road closures in relation to Lidlington, Marston & Millbrook level crossings to allow follow up track renewal and engineering works was received.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 10.23pm.