

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Shelton Methodist Church on Tuesday 6th November 2007, commencing 7.15pm.

Present: Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)
Councillor F. Keep (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Mrs. J. Allen, P. Hall, G. Spriggs, T. Hyde, B. Mead, Miss E. Johnstone & P. Neale.

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs B. Chandi, Mrs S. Hall, F. Keep & County Councillor B. King.
2. No members of public were present at the meeting.
3. No declarations of interest were made in respect of any items on the agenda.
4. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th October 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 P. Hall.
5. Matters arising from the minutes of Tuesday 16th October 2007.
 - 5.1 Holme Close
Following complaints from a resident at last months meeting, the Clerk has reported the lack of drain maintenance to the Bedfordshire County Council's Helpdesk and is working with County on the road surface and bollard issues.
 - 5.2 National Probation Service
The Parish Council will await the response from both Village Hall & Playing Field Committees to gauge their interest in the scheme before proceeding any further.
 - 5.3 Rookery Pit
This matter will be on the next agenda for full discussion by the Parish Council. It was hoped to have the input from County Cllr Bob King at the next meeting.
 - 5.4 CCTV Equipment
Russell Broom & Dave Rollings have met to take an audit of the Parish Council's existing equipment. We now await their report.
 - 5.5 Graham & Isla Lake
A letter of thanks and best wishes has been sent to both Graham and Isla on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - 5.6 Grass Cutting Contract
An invitation to tender has been sent out to: DJ Granger, Countrywide House, Mr. S. Roff & Warners of Bedford.
It is anticipated to award the contract at an extra ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th December.
 - 5.7 Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places by MBDC
MBDC were pleased that the Parish Council endorsed their suggestion.
 - 5.8 A421 Improvements
Richard Garner will be speaking on behalf of the Playing Field Committee at the Public Inquiry.
 - 5.9 Management report relating to the Neighbourhood Policing Team for Amptill & Flitwick.
All Councillors should have received a copy of this report with their latest set of minutes and agendas.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 To discuss the draft Precept for financial year 2008/9
In order to facilitate the smooth procedure of the full discussion on setting the precept for 2008/9 the following matters were discussed:

Churchyard Costs: It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk meet with representatives of the Parochial Church Council to discuss a contribution towards the maintenance of the churchyard under the Local Government Act 1972 214 (6). It was resolved that the proposal be to contribute towards half the annual maintenance and petrol costs of the lawnmower. The Clerk is awaiting clarification from BRCC on the power in relation to the grant usually awarded to the PCC.

EB Security

The Chairman advised that the contract ends on 31st March 2008. The Clerk had obtained a verbal quotation which gave provisional hourly costs should the Parish Council renew the contract for a further 3 years. It was view by the Parish Council that these were very respectable rates. After further discussions it was resolved that the contract be renewed for 3 years nearer to the time, but that a representative be invited to a Parish Council meeting prior to the contract being renewed to discuss some of the finer details in relation to the work carried on by the patrol officers. The Parish Council also indicated an interest in increasing the patrol hours under the Confident Communities Fund for the next financial year.

Bus Shelters.

The Clerk advised that these had not been cleaned at all this year. It was resolved to put this on the list for the National Probation Service scheme. Sect 137

The Chairman gave a brief resume of what type of spending is allowed and the ceiling amount for Sect 137. It was resolved that as from next financial year the grants payable to both Lower Schools would cease. This is to avoid double taxation on taxpayers. Both Lower Schools will be informed asap.

7 Planning Matters

7.1 To discuss the following planning applications received since the last meeting:

- (a) Application No. 07/01610/FULL
Full: Replace existing bungalow and garage with 2 storey dwelling with integral garage.
Site: 28 Upper Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne.
Comments: No objections, neighbours.
- (b) Application No. 07/01619/FULL
Full: Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and single storey front extension.
Site: Wheelwright House, 145 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne.
Comments: No objections, neighbours.

8. To formulate a response to Bedfordshire County Council's comments on traffic calming for Station Road in respect of the Sect 106 agreement for the development of Land East of Bedford Road.

The Chairman read out the response from Richard Watts, Deputy Director of Environment at Bedfordshire County Council. The response was not positive and did little to dissuade the Parish Council from their objective which was to obtain traffic calming from the Sect 106 agreement in relation to the development. It was resolved that the Clerk write again to Mr. Watts reiterating their concerns and views.

9. Closed Meeting.

Discussions were undertaken regarding the clerks contract of employment and salary and subsequently agreements were made.
See attached sheet.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.