

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Shelton Methodist Church on Tuesday 18th September 2007, commencing 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)
Councillor F. Keep (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Mrs. J. Allen, B. Chandi, Miss E. Johnstone, Mrs. S. Hall, P. Hall, T. Hyde & G. Spriggs.
District Cllr M. Gibson
County Councillor B. King
Mr. Dave Rollins (District Community Safety Officer at MBDC)
Mr. Russell Broom – AVES Security Ltd.
2 members of public

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs P. Neale & B. Mead.
2. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms
Cllrs T. Hyde & G. Spriggs duly completed the Acceptance of Office forms and passed them to the Clerk.
3. Discussion relating to CCTV equipment (new and existing) for the village.
The Chairman welcomed both Mr. Dave Rollins & Mr. Russell Broom to the meeting.
DR gave a brief outline of his job at MBDC and advised that he is involved with the Section 106 agreement for the development of Land East of Bedford Road. Within the Section 106 agreement a requirement for CCTV equipment located within the development has been identified. At present the developer is seeking advice from their solicitors regarding a contribution for CCTV equipment. The areas for new equipment currently being discussed are: 2 main entrances to the development site and the central community area. A 3/5 year maintenance sum would be factored in together with the costs of the equipment. A question needing answered was posed regarding the running costs and who would be responsible for them?
DR stated that if the Parish Council's existing CCTV equipment was compatible with the new equipment then it might be possible to link all of them together and have it monitored off site by MBDC.
The Parish Council were quite interested in linking both systems and it was agreed that Dave Rollins and Russell Broom meet and do a report of the existing CCTV equipment owned by the Parish Council together with costs for improvements and integration of both systems. The Parish Council indicated that whatever system was put in it should be good enough to produce images for the Police Authority to use for prosecutions.
The Chairman asked DR to keep the Parish Council informed and consulted on all stages of the process with the Section 106 agreement.
The Chairman duly thanked Mr. Dave Rollins for attending the meeting. DR leaves the meeting.
The Parish Council discussed the existing CCTV equipment with Mr. Russell Broom of AVES Security, who advised on the status of the CCTV cameras around the village. Discussions also ensued on the various types of equipment available and also linking it to enable access by a nominated person via computer.
The Chairman duly thanked Mr. Broom for attending the meeting. RB leaves the meeting.

District Cllr D. Tysoe arrives 7.45pm.

4. Public Participation
The Chairman read out a letter from a member of public who was unable to attend the meeting and is objecting to Planning Application No. 07/01403/FULL which was coming up for discussion later on the agenda.
The Parish Council then heard from another member of public who is also objecting to the same application detailed above.

The Chairman duly thanked the member of public for attending and giving views on the application and stated that the application would be discussed later on at the meeting.

5. Report from EB Security
Owing to the absence of any representative from EB Security it was not possible for the Parish Council to receive a report on EB Security's activities.
6. There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.
7. To confirm and agree the following:
 - (a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th July 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 P. Hall seconded by Cllr F. Keep.
 - (b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th August 2007 were submitted for approval. One amendment to include Cllr Miss E. Johnstone as present at the meeting was made. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Miss E. Johnstone seconded by Cllr P. Hall.
 - (c) The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th August 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 Mrs. J. Allen seconded by Cllr P. Hall.
8. Update of information from County Councillor B. King
Cllr King advised on the current status of the Unitary bid for Bedfordshire. Following information supplied by the Clerk to Cllr King in respect of the lack of traffic calming to be implemented under the Sect 106 agreement for the development of Land East of Bedford Road, Cllr King has referred the matter to the Assistant Director of Beds County Council. We await a response from him in due course. Beds CC held a meeting today with Beds Police to discuss the subject of PCSO's. Cllr King advised that if Town/Parish Council's entered into a contract for a PCSO they would incur travelling costs and redundancy costs for their PCSO. Residents have contacted Cllr King requesting an additional bus stop at Manor Court. Cllr King has agreed to look into the matter.
There have been problems with children trying to get on the school bus at inappropriate locations down Station Road. Marston Vale Middle School is discussing the matter with Stagecoach and will address the problem. The Clerk requested a copy of the school bus schedules in order that the Council would know where children are meant to be picked up and dropped off. Cllr King to action.
Consultation on Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Cllr M. Petty advised that should Rookery be identified, then the Parish Council would oppose it.
9. Update of information from District Councillors D. Tysoe/M. Gibson
Cllr D. Tysoe gave a response he had received from Planning Officer Nicola Stevens in respect to the traffic calming under Sect 106 for Station Road. The Parish Council noted that it was not a positive response and stated that the County Highways are maintaining their position.
Cllr Tysoe advised the PC that following enquiries Ampthill Tidy Tip is run by Beds County Council. S. Whittaker has agreed to mention the state of the tip at a group meeting with the County Council and MBDC.
Center Parcs – MBDC are looking at whether to challenge the decision to allow the construction of the holiday village to go ahead.
The unitary status might affect when local Bedford Borough and MBDC elections are held.
The Chairman stated that many residents were having problems with the bags for green waste. These matters needed bringing to the attention of Steve Whittaker.

10. Matters arising from:
- (a) The minutes of Tuesday 17th July 2007
 - 10a.1 Sherrie Barlow from the Probation Service has agreed to attend Octobers Parish Council meeting to discuss work in the community.
 - 10a.2 PCSO – Confident Communities Fund
The Clerk awaits feedback regarding the PCSO allocations. The Clerk and Cllr F. Keep advised that they met with the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Clerk of Lidlington Parish Council last week. Lidlington PC is interested in engaging the services of EB Security under the Communities Fund and sought the views of the working relationship with Marston PC.
 - 10a.3 Land East of Bedford Road Development
County Cllr B. King has passed on the Clerk's letter and copies of correspondence to Richard Watts – Assistant Director at Beds County Council, who is in the position to challenge and overturn the decision on traffic calming by the Highways Dept. A copy of the letter has also been sent to Cllr Tom Wootton.
 - 10a.4 Standing Orders
Amended copies of the standing orders were circulated to Councillors.
 - 10a.5 Model Code of Conduct
Copies of the code of conduct were circulated to all Councillors.
 - (b) The minutes of Tuesday 7th August 2007 (Planning Committee meeting)
There were no matters arising from the above minutes.
 - (c) The minutes of Tuesday 7th August 2007 (Finance Committee meeting)
There were no matters arising from the above minutes.
- 11 Brief update of information on the following committees:
- 11.1 Community Safety Group – Cllr F. Keep
Cllr Keep circulated a report to the Councillors. Cllr Keep wished to publicly thank Cllrs Mrs. Hall & P. Hall for the hard work and effort they have put in to keep the Youth Club running. 19 people have come forward so far to assist with the running of the club. Cllr Mrs. Hall gave a brief report on the current status of the Youth Club.
 - 11.2 Mid Beds Planning Consortium – Cllr F. Keep
Nothing to report.
 - 11.3 Landfill Liaison – Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton
Owing to the absence of Cllr Mrs Houghton a report was not available.
 - 11.4 Playing Field Committee – Cllr P. Hall
The Clerk gave a brief report on the current decisions made by the Committee.
 - 11.5 Village Hall Committee – Cllr B. Mead
Owing to the absence of Cllr B. Mead a report was not available.
 - 11.6 Church End Lower School – Cllr P. Neale
Owing to the absence of Cllr P. Neale a report was not available.
 - 11.7 Village Plan – Cllr P. Neale
Owing to the absence of Cllr P. Neale a report was not available.
 - 11.8 Shelton Lower School
Nothing to report.
 - 11.9 Information Pack – Cllr B. Mead
The Clerk advised that owing to Cllr Mead's accident the scheduled meeting for the working party was cancelled. It was hoped to be able to have the minor amendments completed and go to print asap.

12. Finance

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

Calverton Factors Ltd	Security Patrols (Aug)	£ 1243.62
LSN Media	Diary delivery	£ 42.96
Mrs. H. Trustam	Clerks wages	£ 1056.53
Mrs. H. Trustam	Petty cash	£ 25.00
Copykatz	Diary printing (July)	£ 170.00
TotalCard Services	Petrol – churchyard mower (July)	£ 30.69
TotalCard Services	Petrol – churchyard mower (Aug)	£ 34.08
AVES Security Engineers	CCTV Maintenance 1.2.07-31.1.08	£ 887.13
TOD Accountancy	Payroll 1.4.07 – 30.6.07	£ 30.00
Pier One Solutions	Web Site Hosting (Aug)	£ 41.13 SO
Pier One Solutions	Web Site domain transfer and Registration (2 years)	£ 82.25
DJ Granger	Grass cutting (Aug)	£ 704.26
DJ Granger	Grass cutting (Sept)	£ 704.26
FJ Beddoe	Litter Picking	£ 156.00
A. Bunker	Churchyard grass cutting	£ 295.00
MKM Agriculture	Churchyard mower	£ 90.18
Mrs. B. Cross	Internal Audit year ending 31.3.07	£ 120.00

The Parish Council resolved that the invoices for payment should be agreed.
Proposed Cllr P. Hall, seconded Cllr F. Keep

12.2 To receive any correspondence relating to finance matters

- (a) A grant request was received from the Road Victims Trust. It was resolved that to financially support the Trust would give way to setting a precedent to support other groups outside the village. Therefore the application was not approved.
- (b) Following the minutes of the Finance Committee dated 7th August 2007, the Parish Council ratified the matter that the Clerk purchase a laptop computer for Parish Council work and that the remaining balance of the election money be allocated to the costs of the new cemetery being provided under the Sect 106 agreement.

13. Planning Matters

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

- (a) Application No. 07/01403/FULL
Full: 3 no. detached dwellings
Site: Land South West of 100-102 Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne.
Comments: The Parish Council resolved to object to the application on the following matters:
Proposed development would block vehicular access to 100 & 102 Bedford Road. Lack of privacy for residents of 23 & 24 Watson Way due to close proximity of plot 3.
- (b) County Matter Application Ref: BC/CM/2006/32
Proposal: An International Visitor Destination and Science Research Park, including tropical biotope, Water Adventure Park, Spa, three Hotels, Conference and Exhibition facilities, 50 seater cinema and associated ancillary retail and foot and drink uses. On site car parking (Quest Pit) and dedicated park and shuttle bus facility (Elstow North) (Use Classes A1, A3, A5, B1, C1, D1, D2 and sui generic)

Location: Quest Pit, Stewartby Way, Stewartby and Elstow North Landfill Site near Elstow.

Comments: No objections.

- (c) Application No. 07/01470/FULL
Full: Two storey side extension
Site: Greenrigg House, Wootton Green
Comments: No objections, neighbours.
- (d) Application No. 07/01508/FULL
Full: Insertion of window in north elevation
Site: 16 Parrish Close, Marston Moreteyne
Following a comment by Cllr Mrs. S. Hall, the Clerk asked if both Cllrs Mrs. Hall & P. Hall should declare an interest due to the location of the property of this application.
Comments: No objections, neighbours.
- (e) County Council Application No. BC/CC/2007/33
Applicant: Bedfordshire County Council
Proposal: Alterations and extension to form new office
Location: Church End Lower School, Church Walk, Marston Moreteyne.
Comments: No objections.

13.1 To receive details of any approvals / refusals / withdrawals of planning applications

- (a) Application No. 05/01129/FULL
Full: Erection of 4 detached dwellings with garages
Condition No. 12 (flood risk assessment) attached to planning permission 05/01129/FULL dated 21.9.05
Approval of details.
- (b) Application No. 07/00701/FULL
Full: Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory
Site: 17 Primrose Close, Marston Moreteyne
APPROVED.
- (c) Application No. 07/00752/FULL
Full; first floor side extension and pitched roof to porch to replace existing flat roof and to front of garage.
Site: 10 Scotchbrook Road, Marston Moreteyne.
APPROVED.
- (d) Application No. 07/00763/FULL
Full: Single storey side extension
Site: 59 Upper Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne.
APPROVED.
- (e) Application No. 07/00949/FULL
Full; First floor side extension and garage conversion.
Site: 9 Denton Drive, Marston Moreteyne
- (f) Application No. 07/01125/FULL
Full: Detached double garage with workshop
Site: Lower Roxhill Farm, Roxhill Road, Marston Moreteyne.
APPROVED.
- (g) Application No. 07/01136/FULL
Full: Extension to kitchen
Site: Te Marston Vale Millennium County Park, Station Road, Marston Moreteyne.
APPROVED.

14. Land East of Bedford Road Development – update and further discussion (Chairman/Clerk)

The Chairman advised that there is nothing further to report.

- 15 Road signs & road markings in Marston Moreteyne.
The Parish Council discussed the content of a letter from a resident regarding suggestions for improvements to the signage and road markings for Station Road/Bedford Road and Stratford Way/The Jetty. It was resolved to push forward to the County Council with the suggestions made.
The Clerk was advised that the VA Sign along Bedford Road requires re-calibration, and that the hedge on the corner of Denbigh Close and Bedford Road is in need of pruning.
- 16 Draft Village Plan – Cllr P. Neale
The Parish Council resolved to place this item on the agenda for October due to the absence of Cllr P. Neale.
- 17 Highway Liaison Report/Highway Partnership Scheme/Bedfordshire Highways 5 Year Programme 2008-2013
The Clerk outlined the problems she had been experiencing following the departure of Richard Cornes from his position. The Clerk stated that a letter of complaint would be issued to County regarding lack of communication on the matter which had put some difficulties on discussions for this item on the agenda
Following discussions the Parish Council resolved:
To request that the footpaths along Bedford Road and the road surface along Station Road be included in the Highways 5 year programme.
That repairs to the lower part of Lower Shelton Road footpaths be completed under the Highway Partnership Scheme. It was resolved that clarification is sought to see how much of the footpaths would be repaired out of the £4K allocation.
- 18 Correspondence
- 18.1 Annual Report from Mid Beds Citizens Advice Bureau
The information was made available for Councillors to read.
- 18.2 A421 Improvements M1 Jtn 13 to Bedford – Information regarding the public enquiry.
The Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government have decided to hold a Public Inquiry to consider objections to the draft Scheme/Orders. The Inquiry will be held in December 2007.
- 18.3 Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy Review
Following discussions, it was resolved that the Parish Council had no response to the review.
- 18.4 Mid Beds LSP Steering Group
A draft copy of the Mid Beds Sustainable Community Plan was available for Councillors to read.
- 18.5 Bedford Freight Strategy
Mr. Lee of Bedfordshire Highways is currently conducting a study of weight limits in villages as part of the Bedford Freight Strategy. Information is required to where the current weight limit signs are located. It was resolved that the Clerk respond.
The Chairman read a letter from Millbrook Proving Ground which highlighted their position as regard the Mid Beds Local Development Framework, and the fact that they have submitted an expression of interest to the Mid Bedfordshire Site Allocations DPD relating to the Proving Ground. Following a brief discussion between Rod Calvert and the Clerk, Rod Calvert has agreed to send a letter of support for the implementation of the current 7.5 tonnes weight restrictions within the village.
- 18.6 Notices relating to temporary closure of footpaths.
The Chairman advised the details of which footpaths are to be temporarily closed.
- 18.7 New Councillor Induction Training – 31.10.07.
It was resolved to book the Induction Training for Cllrs Miss E. Johnstone, G. Spriggs & T. Hyde.

- 18.8 Invite to the new Parish & Town Council Local Area Agreement Reference Group event on Fri 19th October.
The Clerk advised that she will be attending. Any Councillors wishing to attend as well to let the Clerk know asap.
- 18.9 East of England Assn of Parish & Town Councils – Regional report. The document was made available to Councillors.
- 18.10 Beds & Luton Strategic Green Infrastructure Plan
The information was made available for Councillors to read.
- 18.11 Children’s Centres – Beds CC.
The Clerk advised that the Children’s Centre covering the village would be located at Wootton.
- 18.12 Mid Beds Local Strategic Partnership Newsletter – Summer 07.
The information was made available for Councillors to read.
- 18.13 MBDC – Comprehensive Performance Assessment.
The Audit Commission judged the Council as a “good” authority, up from the previous assessment of “fair” in 2004. The full report is available from MBDC’s web-site.

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