

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Shelton Methodist Church on Tuesday 15th April 2008, commencing 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)
Councillors P. Hall, Mrs. S. Hall, Mrs. J. Allen, B. Mead, F. Keep, P. Neale, Miss E. Johnstone, T. Hyde & G. Spriggs
Brian Bignall, Phill Richford & Rob Ludlow - EB Security.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton and County Councillor B. King.
2. **Public Participation**
Mr. B. McConnell stated that Barker's Piece street sign needs a "T" junction sign to show that the road is a cul de sac. The Clerk stated that following intervention by Cllr B. King, the County Council have agreed to redo the white lines at the junctions. It was stated that perhaps a site visit with Cllr King, Beds CC and Cllr P. Hall and Cllr Mrs. S. Hall might be beneficial.
Mr. McConnell also brought up the matter concerning safety for motorists along the A421 and cited the number of fatal accidents in recent years. He asked if speed cameras could be erected and also if the PC would consider undertaking a questionnaire within the village to determine residents views. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for further discussion. In the meantime Cllr Petty agreed to discuss the matter with Roy Brunsdon of the Highways Agency to seek their views.
3. **EB Security – Mr. Phill Richford – Managing Director, Mr. Rob Ludlow – Operations Manager & Mr. Bryan Bignall – Security Patrol.**
PR discussed the latest technology used by their Company in relation to CCTV imagery and how it is linked to a control room. Mobile cameras are also available to monitor hot spots. The Chairman outlined the Confident Communities Scheme being offered by the County Council. PR indicated that EB Security might be able to provide a competitive quotation for the work quoted for by AVES Security. It was resolved that the Clerk forward a copy of the spec from AVES (without prices) to enable EB Security to provide a second quotation.
Discussions ensued in relation to slowing down traffic and targeting criminal and anti social behaviour.
Contract Renewal: The Chairman stated that the Parish Council has agreed to renew the contract with EB Security for a further three years subject to a couple of slight amendment. Patrol hours are 15/week. However, the hours reduce to 7.5 should two officers patrol together for the week, albeit in separate locations around the village. B. Bignall stated that he does liaise with Marston's Beat Manager. It was requested that a copy of the Parish Council's monthly report is sent to the Beat Manager.
The Chairman duly thanked PR, RL & BB for attending the meeting.
4. The Clerk declared an interest in any item 12.1 (a).
5. **The minutes of the Marston Moreteyne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2008** 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 T. Hyde seconded by Cllr Mrs. S. Hall.
6. **The minutes of the Marston Moreteyne Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2008** 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 F. Keep seconded by Cllr Miss E. Johnstone.
7. **Update of information from County Councillor B. King**
Owing to the absence of Cllr King, no report was available.
8. **Update of information from District Councillors D. Tysoe/M. Gibson**
Owing to the absence of both Cllrs Tysoe & Gibson, no report was available.
9. **Matters arising from the minutes of Tuesday 18th March & Tuesday 1st April 2008.**
 - 9.1 **Holme Close** – Resurfacing information will be included in the next village diary.
 - 9.2 **A421 Improvements** – No further information.
 - 9.3 **The Green** – a map showing the location for planting has been drawn up as requested and will be sent off asap to Jan Jones at MBDC.
 - 9.4 **Highway 5 Year Plan (Bedford Road footpath)** – The Clerk is awaiting costs from Jon Shortland – Watchman In Chief.

Station Road – It was resolved to request a site meeting with Jon Shortland and Cllr P Neale to discuss resurfacing the road. It was thought that a copy of the last survey for the road would also be beneficial.

9.5 **Enhanced Parish Partnership Scheme 2008/9** - The Clerk to meet with Patrick Connolly of Amey, to discuss costs involved relating to the PC's identified sites from last month's meeting.

9.6 **Doomsday Book** – Cllr F. Keep advised that following a letter sent to Mr. Denton the Doomsday Book has been returned to the Parish Council. Cllr Keep advised that Mr. F. Denton indicated that he still holds all of the documentation of when the playing field in Bedford Road was purchased.

9.7 **Confident Communities Fund** - The Parish Councils application for both CCTV upgrade at Bedford Road shops and the Church and hedge laying adjacent to the Sports pavilion along Bedford Road have been successful.

CCTV. John Seamarks has a copy of the quotation provided by AVES Security when he and Dave Rollins undertook a review of the complete system. John now has to ensure that costs are of "Best Value". Once this has been agreed, the money will be forwarded to the Parish Council to get the work done.

Hedge Laying – The Clerk spoke with Guy Lambourne at the Forest Centre who is obtaining some contact details of who undertakes this work. There are a few different avenues which can be taken for this project. Once all of the information has been received further discussion will need to take place to identify the best one.

All work must be completed by 31st December 2008 under the scheme.

10. **Brief update of information on the following committees:**

10.1 Community Safety Group – Cllr F. Keep

A report was circulated to all Councillors.

10.2 Mid Beds Planning Consortium – Cllr F. Keep

Nothing to report.

10.3 Landfill Liaison – Cllrs Mrs. E. Houghton

The Clerk circulated a report from Mrs. E. Houghton.

10.4 Playing Field Committee – Cllr P. Hall

Cllr Hall reported that the kitchen is now installed; however the water heater requires replacement. The Committee has agreed that the Parish Council can hold their meetings at the Pavilion at a rate of £6/hour subject to any yearly increase agreed at their next meeting.

Cllr Mrs. S. Hall asked if the Parish Council could hold their meetings on an alternative evening as she found Tuesdays difficult to attend. It was resolved to place the matter on the agenda for discussion in May.

10.5 Village Hall Committee – Cllr B. Mead

There were no changes to the Committee at their Annual meeting. The Committee are giving consideration to ideas regarding probationary help and will indicate any projects asap.

10.6 Church End Lower School – Cllr P. Neale

Nothing to report. The upgrading of the swimming pool is ongoing.

10.8 Shelton Lower School

The school have had to cut back staffing hours and are currently looking for additional funding sources.

10.9 Inauguration of new vicar - M. Petty/F Keep

The Inauguration Service for Mrs. Gill Webb was held on 11th March at St. Mary's. Over 200 people attended the service with refreshments being served afterwards. Mrs. Webb will work part-time and cover Marston Moreteyne only. The Chairman advised that he had invited Mrs. Webb to attend a PC meeting in the near future primarily to introduce herself to the Council.

11. **Finance**

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

Calverton Factors Ltd	Security Patrols (March)	£ 868.56
LSN Media	Diary delivery	£ 42.96
Mrs. H. Trustam	Clerks wages	£ 1056.00
Shelton Methodist Church	Hall Hire 18.3.08 & 1.4.08	£ 29.25
DJ Granger	Grasscutting (March)	£ 704.26

Copykatz	Diary printing (March)	£ 170.00
Mrs. H. Trustam	Mileage expenses & allowance 1.1.08 – 31.3.08	£ 161.91
Mrs. H. Trustam	Petty Cash advance	£ 30.00
Pier One Solutions	Web Site Hosting	£ 41.13 SO
MKM Agriculture	Oil & spark plugs – mower	£ 41.88
TotalCard Services	Petrol – churchyard mower	£ 37.32
Beds Assn T& P Councils	2008/9 Affiliation Fee	£ 744.00
Marston Playing Field Comm	2007/8 grant	£ 5406.00
FJ Beddoe	Litter Picking	£ 127.78
A. Bunker	Churchyard Grass cutting	£ 250.00

Resolved that the invoices for payment should be agreed. Proposed Cllr G. Spriggs, seconded Cllr P. Neale.

- 11.2 EB Security Contract – Resolved that the Contract be renewed for three years subject to slight amendments.
- 11.3 To receive annual accounts for the Playing Field Committee for 2007/8 – The Parish Council resolved to accept the accounts as a true record of financial transactions. Proposed Cllr F. Keep, seconded Cllr T. Hyde.
- 11.4 Information relating to the annual audit for year 2007/8
The Clerk advised that the audit date has been set at 27th June 2008. The Annual Return and other relevant documentation must be returned to BDO Stoy Hayward LLP by that date. Therefore approval of the 2007/8 accounts will be placed on next month's agenda.
- 11.4 To receive any correspondence relating to finance matters
 - (a) A thank you letter was received from Mid Beds Citizens Advice Bureau following receipt of a donation of £100 from the Parish Council.
 - (b) Two requests for donations were received from Macmillan Cancer Support and Milton Keynes ADHD. It was resolved not to award a grant to these two organisations.

12. **Planning Matters**

- 12.1 To discuss and formulate a response to the following planning applications received since the last meeting:
 - (a) Application No. 08/00492/FULL
Demolition of existing garage and kitchen. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey front and rear extensions.
Site: 45 Beancroft Road, Marston Moreteyne
Comments: No objections, neighbours.
 - (b) Application No. 08/00556/FULL
Erection of first floor side extension and garage conversion
Site: 11 Primrose Close, Marston Moreteyne.
Comments: No objections, neighbours.
 - (c) County Application No. BC/CM/2008/10
Variations of Conditions 17, 18, 22 & 28 of Planning permission 16/2004 allow extension of time for capping, change in operation hours if needed, importation of soils and bio-solids and removal of hardcore and demolition material from site.
Site: Brogborough Landfill Site, Brogborough
Comments: No objections.
 - (d) County Application No. BC/CM/2008/9
Variations of Condition 3 of Planning Permission No. 5/2005 to allow the removal of clay stockpile to be extended for a further 12 months.
Site: Brogborough Landfill Site, Brogborough
Comments: No objections.
- 12.2 **To receive details of any approvals / refusals / withdrawals of planning applications** – for information only. The Clerk advised that no correspondence has been received for some time from MBDC and that she was looking into the matter.

- (a) County Matter Application Ref BC/CM/2005/45
Applicant: Veolia Ltd.
Proposal: Retention of a waste management facility for the transfer of wastes prior to disposal.
Location: Stewartby Waste Management Facility, Green Lane, Stewartby.
GRANTED.

12.3 To receive any planning correspondence – for information only. – None to advise.

13 **Eco Town & Energy from Waste Plant – reports/updates**

Eco Town: Presentation by O&H Properties Ltd at the Forest Centre on 9th April.

The O&H Property bid is one of 15 shortlisted by the Government. This figure will have been whittled down to 10 by the end of the year. Gallagher's are also shortlisted and have a similar scheme to that proposed by O&H.

The Process will be as follows during 2008:

- Consultation with stakeholders
- Sustainability appraisal (est July)
- Planning Policy Statement (est Oct)
- Planning applications in to the local authority (earliest end of 2008)

A district centre is proposed for the edge of Brogborough lake and a new railway station east of the district centre (edge of Lidlington). Energy Park: O&H believe that there is an opportunity to explore energy on this site.

An estimated 15,400 dwellings are being proposed with varying densities. 9,000 of these homes are on O&H owned land. The homes will be built to an eco level of Code 6. Currently eco homes are being built to Code 3. They have expressed an indication that they might fund the route of the Milton Keynes to Bedford canal where it passes through their land. They hope to connect the lakes with a series of water routes which could give rise to an alternative method of transport (water bus).

Employment, education, commercial leisure and open spaces will also form part of the planned development.

Proposed commencement date would be 2016 and the programme would take an estimated 15 years to complete.

They believe that the soon redundant A421 could have potential use for road works linking the developments together and they need to establish whether the road is wide enough to accommodate a bus only lane. A series of cycle networks would be put in together with rail and bus routes.

Incinerator

Further information was located regarding the meeting published in the Times & Citizen on 20th March. After contact Beds Climate Change Forum it emerged that it was an oversight as to why local Parish Council's had not been invited. The Clerk was assured that this will not happen in future. The Forum tries to bring parties together over controversial matters so that views can be aired. At the meeting representatives speaking were Mary Edwards from Friends of the Earth and a person speaking relating to the environmental issues who spoke on the Incinerators currently running in Denmark. The Forum has no views on the Incinerator and has taken a neutral stance so far. 30-40 people attended the meeting.

I have arranged with Ampthill Parish Council to organise another meeting with the group of Parish Councils following everyone's May AGM Council meetings.

14 **Correspondence**

- 14.1 To be advised of changes in local bus services.
Beds CC are proposing to cut the V2 (159) evening service between Bedford and Cranfield on Monday to Saturday from Sunday 8th June 2008. The cuts are as a consequence of considerable pressure placed on the local bus budget by cuts in commercially run services, and has been exacerbated by the ending of the government funding for all of the DART services in Bedfordshire. Therefore services which have evidenced by the lack of passenger usage have been either cut back or cut altogether.
- 14.2 A summary of Survey of Rural Services 2007 undertaken by BRCC was available for perusal at the meeting.
- 14.3 A letter was received from Mr. J. Kempton regarding waste land opposite 89 & 91a Bedford Road. The letter stated that the land is unkempt and fast becoming an eyesore. It is already a depository for rubbish with the threat of possibly becoming a site for fly tipping not far away. The ownership of the land is somewhat a mystery and therefore is proving difficult to pin point someone who is responsible for it.
Following discussions, it was resolved to find the ownership of the land through the Land Registry service. Once ownership details have been established it should be easier to request that Beds CC enforce the owner to clear the land to a satisfactory standard.
- 14.4 Internal Drainage Board Review 2007 was available for perusal at the meeting.
- 14.5 An invitation to attend the Countrywide Assembly on 15th May was received. The meeting will focus on delivery planning for the new Local Area Agreement. Any Councillors interested in attending to contact the Clerk.
- 14.6 Andrea Hill – Chief Executive at Beds CC wrote to advise that on 18th April she will be leaving the County Council. Martin Reeves will replace her as Interim Chief Executive.
- 14.7 Cllr F. Keep stated that residents in Wood End were complaining about the operation of MJ Motors and the subsequent running of a business from a store room. They believe that it is improper use of the building. This part of the business causes much disruption to the residents and the local area. It was agreed to encourage the residents to write into MBDC and that the Clerk look into what planning conditions were placed on the original permission.

15 **Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk gave her report on monthly activities and calls taken over the last month. The Clerk had received a letter from a resident complaining of certain areas around the village in relation to grass cutting, litter and graffiti. The resident also requested to view the accounts. The Clerk advised that she has responded and will follow up some of the areas under the Parish Council's jurisdiction.

The Playing Field Committee have requested that their solicitor draw up a license for the Bedford Road play area in relation to the Parish Council taking over the responsibility for it.

There being no further business to transact the meeting was closed at 10.00pm.