

# MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held in the Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007, commencing 7.40 pm.

**Present:** Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)  
Councillor F. Keep (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs. J. Allen, B. Mead, P. Hall, P. Sayer, P. Neale & Mrs. E. Houghton.  
District Cllr S. Prince  
3 Members of public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs. S. Hall, R. Dance, B. Chandi, District Cllr D. Tysoe & County Cllr B. King.
2. Presentation from Nigel Denholm – Bedfordshire Police regarding Police Community Support Officers (PCSO).  
Cllr Ian Clapham, Chairman of Lidlington Parish Council attended the meeting to hear the presentation at the invitation of the Parish Council. Cllr Clapham had previously approached Cllr Petty to discuss the matter of sharing a PCSO between both villages.  
Nigel Denholm started his presentation by outlining briefly how Bedfordshire is policed. Nigel Denholm advised that he was responsible for the Safer Neighbourhood Teams which have 5 Beat Managers and each Beat Manager works with a PCSO. He went on to explain the powers which a PCSO has. Each PCSO costs £25K pa. Currently Bedfordshire Police and the Home Office fund these costs. Funding is available for additional PCSO's, however sponsors are required to fund 25% of the costs (£6,000). It was stressed that PCSO's are not abstracted from the areas which they are allocated unless there is a national emergency or a local major incident. Some Parish Councils are looking to fund either solely or jointly with another parish a PCSO who will remain in their area. These PCSO's are in addition to the current ones funded by Bedfordshire Police and The Home Office. They work 36 hours/week on a rotational shift system (8am – 11pm, 7 days/week). Maximum working hours of 10/day.  
This is a limited time offer which closes April 2008. The contract is a 12 month rolling contract and there is no tie in period after 12 months. There are no intentions of putting up costs above the cost of living.  
Nigel Denholm stated that he would ask Bob Meadows to send out a sample contract for the Parish Council to read.  
Further questions were asked relating to the details in the contract which were answered by Nigel Denholm.  
The Chairman thanked Nigel Denholm for attending the meeting.
3. Public Participation  
No members of public wished to speak.
4. Report from EB Security  
EB Security were not present at the meeting.
5. There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.
6. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were submitted for approval and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chairman.
7. Update of information from County Councillor B. King  
Cllr King was not present at the meeting.

8. Update of information from District Councillor S. Prince  
Cllr Prince advised that Council Tax has increased higher than inflation. MBDC have taken over the areas of licensing and parking issues including traffic wardens from the Police Authority. Improvements to the Planning Dept have also been addressed. MBDC have stated that for future years, they will maintain any increase at inflation.  
Cllr Prince outlined the position of MBDC relating to the unitary status bids.

- This item was brought forward on the agenda by the Chairman.  
14. Resolution required regarding proposals from Playing Field Management Committee relating to Sect 106 Developer contributions.

The Clerk advised that MBDC are holding Section 106 money from the development at 48-100 Bedford Road, which is available for additional sports facilities. At their last meeting the Playing Field Management Committee agreed that they would like this money to be allocated to an extension to the sports pavilion to provide additional changing facilities together with permanent storage for the building. Storage for the building at present is three metal containers. The planning permission for the containers expires March 2009. Draft plans for the extension were circulated. The Playing Field Management Committee wished to approach N.R. Shayler and D. Stubbings for quotations. The Parish Council resolved to request that the money be allocated towards the extension of the Sports Pavilion, Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne and that the named contractors be contacted for quotations on the extension.

9. Matters arising from the minutes of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007

9.1 Wood End

The Chairman advised that the next quad bike event at MKM Agriculture was scheduled for Sat 31<sup>st</sup> March. The Environmental Services Officer would be attending to monitor any noise. The Parish Council felt that the matter of requiring change of use needs to be investigated.

9.2 Arundel Road / Persimmon Homes

The Clerk is trying to contact the relevant person within the company to address issues concerning the play area.

9.2 Web Site

It is hoped to have the site running at the end of March.

9.3 Bus Services

Following application 06/00593/OUT, Site; Land off Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne, which was put before the DC Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007, the Clerk advised that an enhanced bus service was included in the recommendation for approval.

10. Brief update of information on the following committees:

10.1 Community Safety Group – Cllr F. Keep

Cllr Keep circulated a brief report.

10.2 Mid Beds Planning Consortium – Cllr F. Keep

Nothing to report.

10.3 Landfill Liaison – Cllr P. Sayer

Cllr Sayer circulated the minutes of the previous meeting. He added that both he and the Clerk were in liaison with the relevant body regarding litter along the A421. Cllr Sayer agreed to find out if clearance of litter at the Thrift could be cleared.

10.4 Playing Field Committee – Cllr P. Hall

Nothing further to report following the Management Committee report given by the Secretary at the Annual Parish Meeting.

10.5 Village Hall Committee – Cllr Mrs. S. Hall

10.6 Church End Lower School – Cllr P. Neale

Nothing to report.

- 10.7 Village Plan – Cllr P. Neale  
At the last meeting it was agreed to put together a draft plan with the information gained.
- 10.8 Shelton Lower School – Cllr R. Dance  
Cllr Dance absent at the meeting.
- 10.9 Information Pack – Cllr B. Mead  
Cllr Mead continues to collate the information. It is hoped to call a further meeting in order to get the information into draft format.

## 11. Finance

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

Calverton Factors Ltd	Security Patrols (Feb)	£ 1155.49
LSN Media	Diary delivery	£ 42.96
Mrs. H. Trustam	Clerks wages	£ 1002.81
Copykatz	Diary printing (March)	£ 164.00
DJ Granger	Grass cutting	£ 704.26
Marston Shelton Meth. Church	Rent for Parish Plan mtg	£ 12.00
Beds County Council	VA Sign – Bedford Road	£ 1000.00
Marston Playing Field Comm	Rent of Pavilion for PC mtgs Nov 06 – Feb 07	£ 81.00
Marston Playing Field Comm	Grant for Secretary (Oct-March)	£ 314.34
Post Office Ltd	NI & Income Tax for Clerk	£ 1085.91
FJ Beddoe	Litter Picking	£ 126.00

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

### Income

Marston Vale Services	Grant towards security patrols	£200.00
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- 11.2 To receive any correspondence relating to finance matters
- (a) Mrs Palmer from Hands Across The Village wrote to advise that unfortunately the Lidlington branch did not wish to amalgamate with Marston Moreteyne as originally thought and therefore this left a shortfall for the insurance costs of £87.52 for this financial year. A request was therefore made to the Parish Council to cover this amount. The Parish Council resolved to award a further grant of £87.52 which would ensure the continuation of the scheme in the village. Proposed Cllr P. Neale, seconded Cllr F. Keep.
- (b) The quotation for the Churchyard & footpath from the bridge to Jubilee Cottages grass cutting 07/08 was received from A. Bunker. Cllr P. Hall proposed to accept, this was seconded by Cllr B. Mead. The Parish Council resolved to award the contract to A. Bunker for the forthcoming year.
- (c) The Chairman advised that Marston Moreteyne had won the Village Challenge. The Challenge was to raise money for St. Johns Hospice at Moggerhanger and The Pasque Charity. The award is a wooden bench and painting. The wooden bench will be donated to the village by Goodwood Saw Mills. The Parish Council had been approached to advise a location for the bench. It was resolved that the bench be placed on The Green subject to approval from Mid Beds District Council. The Parish Council also resolved to cover any installation and maintenance costs of the bench.
- (d) The Audit Commission proposes to extend the appointment of Lubbock Fine as auditors to cover 2006/7. The Parish Council resolved to agree this appointment.

## 12. Planning Matters

- 12.1 The following planning applications received since the last meeting were discussed and the following comments were resolved:
- (a) Application No. 07/00225/FULL  
Full: Change of use of redundant agricultural building to storage  
Site: Drapers Farm, Beancroft Road, Marston Moreteyne.  
Comments: No objections.
  - (b) County Council Application Ref BC/CC/2007/11  
Proposal: Proposed extension to form a classroom and proposed covered area.  
Location: Church End Lower School, Church Walk, Marston Moreteyne.  
Comments: The Parish Council resolved to fully support this application.
  - (c) Application No. 07/00275/FULL  
Full: Detached two storey double garage  
Site: The White Cottage, 2 Marston Hill, Marston Moreteyne.  
Comments: No objections. Neighbours.
  - (d) Application No. 06/00593/OUT  
Outline: Mixed use development comprising approx 480 dwellings, 3 hectares of B1 employment use, primary school, local centre, community sports hall and other engineering operations (all matters reserved except means of access)  
Site: Land off Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne  
Amendments to above application.  
The Chairman stated the location and size of cemetery provision offered. The Parish Council resolved to accept the offer. In relation to the Community Building, the amended offer is for a 1 badminton court size hall, together with associated office, reception area and changing rooms. The odour issue has been resolved by ensuring that an air filtration system is included in the build. Additional land request has been agreed by O&H for future extension to include additional car parking facilities. The Parish Council resolved not to accept the offer due to the hall size. Sport England had originally cited a 2 court hall. Further clarification on this matter is required. The Chairman advised that following the dismissal of traffic calming measures proposed last year, which duplicated the measures being implemented from the Sect 106 Moat Farm development, Highways Dept at Beds CC have indicated that no further traffic calming measures are required. Cllr P. Neale represented the Parish Council at the MBDC DC Committee meeting last week to object to this matter. At present the Clerk is trying to set a meeting up with MBDC and representatives from the Parish Council to discuss this matter further.
  - (e) Application No. 07/00246/FULL  
Full: Conservatory to rear  
Site: 156A Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne.  
Comments: No objections. Neighbours.
  - (f) Application No. 07/00327/FULL  
Full: First floor side extension  
Site: 253 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne  
Comments: No objections. Neighbours
  - (g) Application No. 07/00279/OUT  
Outline: Erection of 4 dwellings (all matters reserved except access)  
Site: Land South West of 100-102 Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne  
Comments: No objections. Neighbours.

- 12.2 Details of any approvals / refusals / withdrawals of planning applications – for information only
- (a) Application No. 06/01619/FULL  
Full: Erection of three terraced dwellings, detached triple car barn, formation of vehicular access and revised public house parking following demolition of existing barn.  
Site: Land adjoining The Bell, Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne.  
APPROVED.
  - (b) Application No. 05/01129/FULL  
Full: Erection of 4 detached dwellings with garages.  
Site: Land adjoining 130 Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne.  
Condition number 6 (Drainage) attached to Planning Permission reference 05/01129/FULL dated 21.9.05.  
APPROVAL OF DETAILS.
  - (c) Application No. 06/00829/FULL  
Full: Change of use from agricultural to grazing land and erection of stable block.  
Site: Land to the Rear of 115 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne.  
Condition no. 2 (materials), 4 (manure collection) and 5 (landscaping) attached to planning permission 06/00829/FULL dated 26.7.06.  
APPROVAL OF DETAILS.
  - (d) Application No. 07/00104/FULL  
Full: Raising of garage roof (revision to planning permission 06/00450/FULL dated 30.5.06, for erection of detached garage and a workshop following the demolition of the existing garage to rear).  
Site: 94 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne.  
REFUSED.

12.3 There was no planning correspondence to advise upon.

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

The Chairman advised that the clerk was trying to secure a further meeting with representatives from MBDC.

15. Correspondence

- 15.1 Temporary road closure relating to Sect 106 Moat Farm traffic calming. Dates for the closure were advised as 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March, and 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.
- 15.2 Beds & Luton Combined Fire Authority – Integrated Risk Management Plan 2007-08. Details passed to Cllr P. Neale.
- 15.3 Minutes of the Mid Beds LSP Steering Group – 22.2.07, were made available to the Parish Council.
- 15.4 Invitation to the launch of Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership. This will be held on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> April, 11.30 – 2.30. It was resolved that any Councillors interested in attending to contact the Clerk.
- 15.5 Community Liaison Minutes were made available for the meeting held on 31.1.07
- 15.6 A letter from Nick Kirby, Watchman-In-Chief at Bedfordshire County Council Highways was received advising on the current situation regarding the drainage problems arising from root damage to an underground pipe in Station Road close to St. Mary's junction.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 9.50pm.