

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Moreteyne Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 21st April 2009, commencing 7.15pm.

Present: Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)
Councillors F. Keep (Vice Chairman), B. Chandi, B. Mead, P. Neale, P. Hall,
G. Spriggs, T. Hyde & Miss E. Johnstone
Central Bedfordshire Councillors D. Tysoe & M. Gibson
B. Bignall - Representative from EB Security
1 member of public

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Mrs. J. Allen & Mrs S. Hall, also Central Bedfordshire Councillor B. King
2. **Public Participation:** No members of public wished to address any matters.
3. **To receive declarations of interest in any items on the agenda:** No declarations were made.
4. **Report from EB Security:** A monthly report was circulated to all Councillors. BB advised that patrols have been carried out in a less highly visible car recently. BB stated that the metal railings on the approach to the underpass have been torn out of their fixings. There are also still issues not resolved at Station Road shops. Cllr F Keep stated that the Beat Manager was trying to address these issues together with the matter of alcohol being stolen from the Co-Op. It has since emerged that the Licensing Officer has demanded improvements from the Co-Op in relation to the availability of alcohol on their premises. Arrests have been made by the Beat Manager. The matter concerning the lack of repair to the wall was discussed. It was agreed that despite numerous requests from both the Clerk and FK, to Mrs. A. Burgess, nothing has been done. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk write to Mrs. A Burgess inviting her to our next Council meeting to discuss the matter in person.
Cllr Mrs E. Houghton arrives at the meeting (7.25pm)
5. **To confirm and agree the Minutes of the Marston Moreteyne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2009**
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as an accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr F. Keep seconded Cllr B. Mead
6. **Update of information from Central Bedfordshire Councillors:** Cllr Gibson advised that the changeover to Unitary seemed to go smoothly apart from problems with the email system. The elections will be held on 4th June, whereby the current 121 councillors will go down to just 66. The public meeting held by MMAG was successful and some interesting comments made. Nadine Dorries MP is to hold a further public meeting on 6th May at Woburn Safari Park. Central Bedfordshire Council are to hold a meeting for Town & Parish Councils next week. The Clerk confirmed that both she and the Chairman are attending this.
Cllr Tysoe added that all services are now under one umbrella which should make contact easier. There has been a slight increase on Council Tax; one reason for this is the credit crunch which has resulted in a loss of interest on reserves. Cllr Tysoe stated that he is still contactable over the next couple of months.
Roger Baker was introduced as a candidate who is standing for election on 4th June.
7. **Brief update of information on the following committees:**
 - 7.1 Community Safety Group – Cllr F. Keep: A report was circulated. The RAVE bus will visit the village on 30th April, between 6pm – 9.30pm.
 - 7.2 Mid Beds Planning Consortium – Cllrs P. Hall/P. Neale/B. Chandi: A meeting was held last week. The discussion centred mainly on development in the Luton Area. PH urged members to attend the meeting being held by Nadine Dorries MP on the 6th May.
 - 7.3 Landfill Liaison – Cllrs Mrs. E. Houghton/Mrs. J. Allen: Nothing to report.
 - 7.4 Playing Field Committee – Cllr G. Spriggs: GS stated that the youngsters are now able to turn on the MUGA lights without using the tokens. A way to stop this is being sought. The Booking Clerk has resigned. Repair to damage caused at the skate park is being looked into. Mrs. B. Oakley was elected as Chairperson for the coming year. GS told the Committee that he was unhappy over the presentation of their accounts at the Annual Parish Meeting and advised that a proper set of accounts should be presented in future. The draft license for the play area was agreed, as was the purchase of a water heater for the kitchen. Estimates have been received for replacing the broken fire door in the main hall. Cllr B Chandi stated that he had a fire door and was willing to donate it to the Committee if they wished. GS to take up with the Committee.

The Chairman advised that the plans for the extension to the Sports Pavilion have been submitted to the Planning Authority in the Parish Council's name. It was resolved that no permission had been given to the Committee to undertake this and that a letter be sent to the Committee advising of this fact.

- 7.5 Village Hall Committee – Cllr B. Mead: Nothing to report.
 - 7.6 Church End Lower School – Cllr P. Neale: Nothing to report. The Clerk stated that PN would be representing the Parish Council at a Professional's Lunch being held by the Children's Centre at the school.
 - 7.7 Shelton Lower School – Cllr M. Petty: Plans have been approved for the new classroom. Costs are now required from the project manager.
- 8. Matters arising from the minutes of Tuesday 17th March 2009.**
- 8.1 Path to underpass: The Chairman continues to look into the clearance of the overgrowth.
 - 8.2 Upper Shelton Road bus stop: Following last month's meeting a letter was received from Mrs. Chick stating that after reconsidering the matter, she now feels that the bus stop should be removed altogether and replaced with a bench along the wall. The Parish Council resolved to stick with the original agreement of seeing if the side glass panels of the bus shelter can be removed without altering the overall strength in structure of the bus shelter.
 - 8.3 Closure of Lower Shelton Road junction with the A421: The Chairman stated that the requests made by the Parish Council to Roy Brunsdon had been agreed at the Traffic Management Forum meeting. The road will be closed next month. Flyers will be printed to go to all residents affected by the closure. Cones will be put down in areas along Lower Shelton Road where it is deemed that double parking may occur. The Police will monitor illegal parking. Random speed checks in Upper Shelton Road will be undertaken. It has been reported that there are people contacting residents looking for driveway work posing as Highways Agency employees. The Chairman has been assured that these people have nothing to do with the Highway Agency. It was agreed to place this information in the diary as a warning to residents to be on their guard.
 - 8.4 Village Diary: At the previous meeting Cllr P Neale had asked if details of convictions for the village could be published in the diary. Cllr F. Keep had spoken to the Beat Manager who has advised against this owing to the fact that the youngsters in question are under age and it would be wrong to publish names. Cllr P. Neale accepted this fact.
 - 8.5 Abandoned Newspapers: The Chairman advised that the newspapers have been removed.
 - 8.6 Churchyard Grass Cutting: Work has started and is progressing well at the moment.
 - 8.7 Probation Service: The Clerk reported that she has been promised a team for the first week of May. The Playing Field Committee have been advised of this and asked to obtain the supplies necessary for their work to be done.
 - 8.8 Energy from Waste: A meeting has been scheduled for Tues 5th May at Ampthill Town Council offices to discuss this subject further. Cllrs P Neale & Miss E Johnstone have agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllrs M. Petty & P Neale visited a Biological Treatment Works as part of a visit being organised by the BeAR Project team. The Chairman stated that the government has currently refused PFI funding for the EfW at Rookery Pit.
 - 8.9 Letter from resident regarding grass verges: Following a meeting with John Chandler from Amey, no apparent damage could be observed on grass verges. After discussions with JC, the Clerk has agreed to write to the resident asking for particular sites of damage. Once received further inspection can take place. The street sign for St. Mary's Close has been damaged. The Clerk will request a replacement, but agreed with JC that it might be better sited closer to the junction. This sign will then effectively become a barrier to stop anyone from driving onto the piece of land adjacent to Station Road where cars have parked previously.
 - 8.10 Changes to Mobile & Library Link Services: The changes have been noted in the village diary and notices provided by Central Bedfordshire have been placed on the notice boards.
- 9. Finance**
- 9.1 To approve invoices for payment and be notified of any income since the last meeting
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| Copykatz | Diary (April) | £ 180.00 |
| EB Security | Jan Patrols | £1,552.09 |

3CD Group	Diary delivery (April)	£ 276.00
Warners of Bedford	Grasscutting (March)	£ 586.98
Pier One Solutions	Web Site Hosting	£ 40.25 SO
Pier One Solutions	Annual Content Management Service	£ 230.00
Bedford Borough Council	March Payroll	£ 2,230.26 DD
Mid Beds Link A Ride	S137 Grant	£ 100.00
FJ Beddoe	Litter Picking	£ 136.50
Mr. D. Cray	Churchyard grass cutting	£ 250.00
Warners of Bedford	Grass cutting (April)	£ 586.98
MMETAG	Grant – Refreshments at MMAG mtg	£ 150.00
Mr. M. Petty	Refund of costs for allotment gate & 40 key fobs	£ 249.84
MKM Agriculture	Allotment gate padlock & key blanks	£ 117.50
MKM Agriculture	Pre Season Mower Service	£ 361.98

Income:

Mr. A. Deacon	Allotment Rent 1.10.08 – 30.9.09	£ 297.50
Central Bedfordshire	Precept payment (first instalment)	£40,185.00

Resolved that the invoices for payment should be agreed

- 9.2 Internal & External Audit update: The Clerk had circulated a copy of her notes following Internal Audit Training. The external auditor has set the audit date of Friday 19th June.
- 9.3 Finance correspondence: A request for a grant for assistance with the upkeep of the village hall together with a schedule of expected income and expenditure was received. Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976 S19 should incur the expenditure of £2,500 without precedent, to Marston Moreteyne Village Hall Committee Proposed Cllr F. Keep. Seconded Cllr G. Spriggs

10. Planning Matters

- 10.1 To discuss the following planning applications received since the last meeting
- (a) Application No. MB/09/00418/FULL
Full: Retention of change of use of agricultural building to agricultural workshop and ancillary, with office and storage areas.
Site: Building A, Sun Valley, Woburn Road, Marston Moreteyne.
Comments: No objections.
- (b) Application No. CB/09/00631/TDM
TDM: Towers relocated at Moreteyne Farm
Site: Land at Moreteyne Farm, Wood End, Marston Moreteyne.
Comments: No objections.
- (c) Application No. MB/09/00569/SE73
Full: Section 73 Determination: Removal of Condition 7 on Planning Approval 05/01129/FULL dated 20.9.07.
Site: Land adjoining 130 Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne
Comments: No objections.
- (d) Application No. MB/09/00480/FULL
Full: Erection of single storey extension to pavilion
Site: Recreation Ground, Bedford Road, Marston Moreteyne
Owing to the fact that the application is registered in the Parish Council's name, the Parish Council was unable to comment.
- 10.2 To receive details of any approvals / refusals / withdrawals of planning applications – for information only
- Approvals:**
- (a) Application No. MB/09/00256/FULL, 67 Bedford Road. Part two storey, part single storey rear extension

- (b) Application No. 09/00005/FULL. The Old Rectory, The Green. Erection of a single storey extension to the side to form a family suite following demolition of an existing attached double garage. Erection of wall and trellis.
- (c) Application No. 08/01495/FULL. 40 Station Road. Replace existing rear conservatory.
- (d) Application No. 08/02331/FULL. Methodist Church, Bedford Road. Side entrance, roof glazing to internal passage and access ramp.
- (e) Application No. 08/02010/ADV. The Rose & Crown, 171 Bedford Road. Repainting existing sign boards to front and side elevations. Hanging sign post.
- (f) Application No. 08/02052/LB. The Old Rectory, The Green. Demolition of an existing attached double garage and erection of a single storey extension to the side to form a family suite. Internal alterations. Erection of section of garden wall and trellis.
- (g) Application No. 08/02185/FULL. 16 Primrose Close. First floor extension over existing garage.
- (h) Application No. 08/02100/FULL. 18 Wootton Green. One and a half storey rear extn.
- (i) Application No. 08/01932/FULL. 12 Parrish Close. Conversion of garage to living accom.
- (j) Application No. 08/00917/FULL. 77 Denton Drive. Loft conversion with side dormers and velux windows.
- (k) Application No. 08/00614/FULL. Warren Wood, Millbrook. Variation of condition 15(b) of planning permission 05/01066/OUT.
- (l) Application No. 08/00747/FULL. Wardens Flat, 27 Manor Road. Conversion of Wardens flat into 2 no. Self contained flats.

Refusals:

- (a) Application No. 08/00725/FULL. Drapers Farm, Beancroft Road. Use of building for agricultural and B8 (storage) purposes. (Retrospective).

10.3 There was no planning correspondence to discuss.

11. Allotment Update: The Chairman and Clerk visited Lidlington Parish Council's allotment site last week. The Chairman reported how interesting it was to see how they are providing their water to allotment holders.

The Chairman advised that currently on the Council's land, the ground has been sprayed off and is going brown. The corner of the field by Station Road where the ditch goes underground will need fencing together with a fence either side of the gate at the access point to the land. This will prevent anyone from accidentally falling into the ditch. Anglian Water has been contacted with a view to obtaining a price for supplying water to a standpipe on the land. The Chairman stated that he has some tanks which he is willing to donate which can be used as water tanks.

It was confirmed that Lidlington charge an annual cost of £10 to cover water costs. The Clerk confirmed that there are currently 41 on the allotment list. A draft tenancy agreement will be raised to be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr F Keep was asked to contact someone at the Working Men's Club to ascertain if their car park could be used by allotment holders.

The Parish Council resolved that the Chairman can organise for the gate and fencing to be erected at a cost of £419.00 + VAT.

13 Town & Parish Partnership Fund Scheme 2009-10: The Clerk advised that the Council had been allocated £9,000.00 under the scheme this year. Again the criteria for spending the money are centred on improving footpaths and highways. It was agreed that the Clerk together with Patrick Connolly (Amey) look at three areas of concern:

- a) Footpaths along Station Road
- b) Footpath along Bedford Road (The Bell PH to Church Walk)
- c) Flooding issues outside the Post Office

9.08pm. It was resolved not to hold a break and thus to suspend Standing Orders.

14. Correspondence

- 14.1 Mid Beds District Council Commemorative Tree: The Parish Council has accepted the donation of a tree to commemorate working relationships between Mid Beds and Town & Parish Councils. The Ornamental Pear tree will be available in the autumn.

- 14.2 Street Naming & Numbering for the development at Land Off Bedford Road (480 homes): An application has been received by Central Bedfordshire for street naming for the development. It was resolved to request that the Parish Council choose the street names (as in past years) and to object to those proposed in the letter.
- 14.3 Update on BEaR Project: A copy of the update was circulated with the agendas for the meeting. It advised that the Treasury were unable to sign off the funding application and further evidence is required on the following; Affordability, Commercial, Statutory Process and Project Team. This information is being gathered and will be submitted as soon as possible.
- 14.4 Highways Agency's Stakeholder News – Quarterly newsletter for Area 8: The newsletter detailed Highway works scheduled and ongoing in the area.
- 14.5 April newsletter for M1 Jtn13 to Bedford improvements: Cllr M. Petty took for further reading.
- 14.6 Speed Restriction notice for Green Lane, Stewartby was received. The restriction is for 40mph and will commence 14th April for approx 6 months.
- 14.7 Temporary Road Closure notice for Lower Shelton Road was received. The closure will commence 11th May and is for an 18 month period.
- 14.8 Temporary closure for Footpath 51. Information on the closure was received.
- 14.9 Updating the Mid Beds Cycle Route Mapping Project (2001) for Lower Shelton : Information on the route was sent with the agendas to all Councillors. No comments were made.
- 14.10 Commemorative Book celebrating the history and achievements of Beds County Council was received and held by the Chairman.
- 14.11 Speed limit review request for Beacroft/Roxhill Road/Marston Hill: A copy of a request to review the speed limit at the above location by a resident was received. Cllr B. King had responded stating that any road improvements should be judged in 2011 when the current A421 improvements have been completed.
- 14.12 Final Edition of Tom Wootton's Recycle Now newsletter was received.
- 14.13 Invitation to attend the CPRE's AGM on 23.4.09: No Councillors expressed an interest to attend.
- 14.14 CPRE - Bedfordshire Matters – a Branch Review newsletter (Spring/Summer) was received.
- 14.15 Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust newsletter (March 09): Cllr P Neale took for further reading.
- 14.16 Bedfordshire Parent Partnership Service – Spring newsletter: Cllr P Neale took for further reading.
- 14.17 Invitation from Nadine Dorries MP to a public mtg on 6.5.09: Cllrs P. Neale, P. Hall, Mrs. S. Hall & B. Chandi agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 14.18 Proposed Emergency Temporary Road Closure – Upper Shelton Road: The closure will cover a 5 day period between 24th – 28th April.

15. Clerk's Monthly Report

The Clerk reported on Highway matters which had been reported during the month. A short report on the MMAG's conference was given; however, much of the information had already been aired during the meeting.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.