

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Moreteyne Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 19th January 2010, commencing 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr M. Petty (Chairman)
Cllr F. Keep (Vice Chairman), P. Neale, B. Chandi, C. Banks,
Cllrs G. Spriggs & T. Hyde (7.05pm)
Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton (7.55pm)
3 members of public

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Miss E. Johnstone & Central Bedfordshire Cllr R. Baker; B. Bignall – EB Security. Late arrival apologies from Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton.
2. **Public Participation**
Cllr C. Banks spoke on behalf of the allotment club. He advised that two barbeques have been arranged as social events. The club wished to know if they could place a store/shed on plot 50 for storage of club equipment. There was no objection to this request.
CB advised that the club is looking into the matter of dog fouling and also keeping an eye out for the blue van which has been seen on the allotments previously.
3. There were no **declarations of interest** made in respect of any items on the agenda
4. **Report from EB Security:** Owing to the absence of Mr. B. Bignall, there was no report available.
5. **To confirm and agree the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th January 2010**
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 G. Spriggs.
6. **Update of information from Central Bedfordshire Councillors.** Owing to the absence of both councillors, no report was available.
7. **Brief update of information on the following committees:**
 - 7.1 Community Safety Group – Cllr F. Keep
FK reported that things were very quiet in the village at present. A new Beat Manager has been appointed to the village who took up his duties today. He has stated that he would like to attend a PC meeting soon. Mrs J. Ellis is attending a meeting at Chicksands to discuss police matters tonight. Serious cuts to the force are being proposed. It is feared that Community Safety Officers and the availability to discuss issues with other groups could be lost. Central Bedfordshire Council has stopped awarding grants to CSG's. The police have been made aware of evidence of drug taking at the back of the church and Manor Road play area.
 - 7.2 Bedfordshire Councils Planning Consortium – Cllrs P. Neale/B. Chandi: Nothing to report.
 - 7.3 Landfill Liaison – Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton/Miss E. Johnstone: Owing to the absence of both councillors no report was available.
 - 7.4 Church End Lower School – Cllr P. Neale: The school was able to stay open during the recent snow. However, some parents were not happy about this.
 - 7.5 Shelton Lower School – Cllr M. Petty: The nursery was opened by Nadine Dorries MP and the local education authority last Friday.
8. **Matters arising from the minutes of Tuesday 5th January 2010**
 - 8.1 Bedfordshire Councils Planning Consortium: The Clerk has been assured that a copy of the accounts will be sent asap.
 - 8.2 CCTV at Sports Pavilion: No further update from the Playing Field Committee.
 - 8.3 A421 Land Compensation: The compensation agreement forwarded for signing was incorrect. The Clerk has returned the document to the Playing Field Committee instructing what amendments are needed.
 - 8.4 Holme Close issues: to be discussed with J. Chandler – Highways Dept.
 - 8.5 Tax Penalty: Awaiting payment of refund.
 - 8.6 Cemetery Provision: Information required has not yet been received. Defer matter to February meeting.

- 8.7 Churchyard mower: Ongoing.
- 8.8 Lower Shelton Play Area: The Clerk to obtain costs from Clements re bin emptying.
- 8.9 Rental agreement for Wood End: Needs some fine tuning before presented to PC.
- 8.10 Gypsy & Traveller Proposals: A vote of thanks to the Chairman for his work with regard to the removal of the site in Marston Moreteyne from the short list was proposed by Cllr F. Keep. Seconded by Cllr T. Hyde.
- 8.11 Street light columns: Cllr F. Keep has forwarded a list of columns not working to the Clerk who will report them to the Highways Dept.
- 8.12 Bank Mandate: Form has been returned to Barclays Bank. All changes should be in place ready for the February meeting.

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 (Dec) | £ 170.00 |
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| Pier One Solutions | Web Site Hosting | £ 40.25 SO |
| Bedford Borough Council | December Payroll | £ 2,274.14 DD |
| Bedford Borough Council | January Payroll | £ 2,073.72 DD |
| 3CD Group | Diary delivery (Dec) | £ 276.00 |
| Venture Finance | Security Patrols (Nov) | £ 1,371.17 |
| Viking Direct | Copy paper, toner & inkjet cart. | £ 295.93 |
| AVES Security | Skate Park CCTV Contract | £ 914.25 |
| Apex Installations | Glass panel removal at bus stop | £ 471.50 |
| Marston Shelton Meth Chch | Hall rental – 9 th Dec 2009 | £ 12.00 |
| Warners of Bedford | Grass cutting (Dec) | £ 586.98 |
| Warners of Bedford | Grass cutting (Jan) | £ 599.74 |
| Mrs. H. Trustam | Petty Cash advance | £ 50.00 |
| FJ Beddoe | Litter Picking | £ 305.50 |
| E. Curtis | Cutting back overgrowth – allotment | £ 115.00 |
| MKM Agriculture | Service work to strimmer & small Mower | £ 92.07 |
| Income | | |
| Allotment Rental | | £ 25.00 |

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

Amendment of Standing Order is required for Pier One Solutions to take into account the rise in VAT from 15% to 17.5%. The amendment will require the cheque signatories to sign the amended form. Resolved that the form be duly signed by the cheque signatories.

- 9.2 **To approve quotation received for cleaning of Parish Council bus shelters & notice boards:**

A quotation was received from JM Window Cleaning Services to clean the three bus shelters and three notice boards at a price of £30.00 per visit. £200.00 had been allocated in next year's budget. It was resolved to accept the quotation from JM Window Cleaning Services and request that the bus shelters and notice boards are cleaned on a quarterly basis commencing 1st April, and to request an initial clean in February be undertaken owing to their current dirty condition. (*Local Government Misc. Provisions Act 1953 s4*)

9.3 Finance correspondence

- (a) A grant application was received from the Citizens Advice Bureau.
Resolved that the Council award a grant of £100.00 in accordance with its powers under *Local Government Act 1972 s142*.
- (b) Letter from TotalCard Services advising that 2ppl rebate has been applied to the Council's account for 12 months.
- (c) Thank you letter received from Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal, for the donation from the Council which will be used to assist ex service personnel if they become in need of help.
- (d) RoSPA Inspection: The Clerk advised that she has organised for the inspections to be carried out in May.
- (e) Notice received that the BATPC affiliation fees for the forthcoming financial year due by 30th June, are £782.00.
A form to enable the Parish Council to nominate the Chairman to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in July was enclosed. It was resolved to put forward Cllr M. Petty's name to attend.
- (f) Council Tax Base 2010/2011: Central Bedfordshire has calculated and set the Council Tax base for 2010/11, both for the Unitary Council as a whole and each individual Town & Parish. The figure for Marston Moreteyne is expressed as a Band "D" equivalent at 1583.
- (g) Bedfordshire Pension Fund: Cllr T. Hyde took to read through.

10. Planning Matters

10.1 To discuss the following planning applications received since the last meeting

- (a) Application No. CB/09/06972/MW
Change of use and re-commissioning of two KVP-16 Mirrless engines for short term operating reserves for electricity and associated building works at Brogborough Landfill Site.
Site: Gas Extraction Site at Landfill Site, Bedford Road, Brogborough
Comments: No objections subject to noise and disturbance problems experienced previously by the subject engines being addressed so that properties in the vicinity are not adversely affected.
- (b) Application No. CB/09/07007/FULL
Full: Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory and lean to. Raised section of roof to existing side elevation to create loft space.
Site: Rock Villa, Wood End, Marston Moreteyne.
Comments: No objections. Request that neighbours comments are taken into consideration when determining the application.

10.2 **To receive details of any approvals / refusals / withdrawals of planning applications – for information only**

- (a) Application No. CB/09/06132/FULL,
Full: Retention of 9 steel storage containers at Dapers Farm, Beancroft Road, Marston Moreteyne.
APPROVED.
- (b) Application No. CB/09/06116/FULL
Full: Single storey rear extension at 22 Hockley Court, Marston Moreteyne.
REFUSED
- (c) Application No. CB/09/06368/FULL
Full: Single storey rear extension at 110B Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne.
APPROVED
- (d) Application No. CB/09/06460/REN
Extension of time limit for implementation: Erection of two storey detached double garage. Previous approved planning application MB/07/00275/FULL
APPROVED

10.3 There was no **planning correspondence** received

11. Extension to Sports Pavilion Project: Update and further discussions

A draft drawing of the proposed Phase 3 received from the Playing Field Committee had circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Parish Council considered the proposal put forward. The following points were made:

- No feasibility study or consultation with the wider community has been undertaken to assess need
- Committee's lack of healthy income at present
- Grants required to complete Phases 1 & 2
- A need to complete Phases 1 & 2 ready for 2010 football season

It was resolved not to support Phase 3 at this moment in time and to press ahead with Phases 1 and 2 only and to try to secure grant funding to complete both phases. The Council resolved that they wished to see the project move substantially forward by March 2010.

12. Covanta / Infrastructure Planning Commission – Update on recent meetings and discussion on way forward

Recent meetings: Cllr P. Neale has attended many meetings recently. Bedford Borough Council's Mayor is opposed to the importation of waste and the Borough Council have released a press statement.

"Our Marston Vale" group has been started up with representatives from many local areas and parishes. PN read out the launch letter proposed to go in the local newspaper as a statement. The Parish Council resolved that it was against the importation of waste and thus Covanta's proposals. Covanta will be submitted a planning application in March.

The outcome of the BeAR project is unknown as Central Bedfordshire Council are now unable to obtain PFI funding. The focus on Brogborough as their preferred site remains.

Government policy is that local authorities look after their own rubbish. Buckinghamshire Council has only agreed to Covanta in principle at present. No agreements have been signed.

As a member of "Our Marston Vale" group it was resolved to support the proposed launch letter subject to minor alterations.

PN agreed to contact Marston Action Group to ascertain if they are undertaking a petition in the village. It was agreed that residents should also write to the relevant body along with signing the petition. Information should be made available in the village diary.

IPC Comments: The Infrastructure Planning Commission is seeking the Parish Council's views in relation to what information should be provided in an environmental statement regarding Covanta Energy Ltd's proposal at Rookery Pit. It was resolved that a reply be sent requesting that information on the following be included in the environmental statement:

Lorry movements, emissions, toxic waste disposal, local residents and light pollution.

PN agreed to check the wording of current government policy with regard to non importation of waste.

13. Parish Council Vacancy Application Form

A copy of the draft vacancy application form formulated by Cllr Mrs. E. Houghton was included with the agenda to all councillors prior to the meeting. The Chairman duly thanked Cllr Mrs. Houghton for undertaking this task. No amendments were necessary and the Parish Council duly resolved to adopt the application form for prospective councillors. It was resolved that the Clerk include the legal criteria to stand along with a loose information guide as to the role of a Parish Council with the application form.

14. Appointment of Village Hall Representative

Owing to the resignation of Brian Mead, it was necessary to appoint a replacement representative until the Annual Parish Council meeting in May. It was resolved that Cllr C. Banks be appointed as the representative for the period until May 2010.

15 Electricity Cuts in village

CLlr G. Spriggs explained the volume of power cuts being experienced by some parts of the village over the past few months and the lack of reasons behind them from EDF Energy. GS believes the cuts to be planned and is concerned that residents are not being informed beforehand. It was resolved that the Clerk contact Jan Bath of Balfour Beatty to ask for their contact person at EDF Energy to assist with finding out the reasons behind the cuts.

16. Correspondence

- 16.1 Visitor Survey re Marston Thrift: CLlr P. Neale agreed to respond to the survey.
- 16.2 CPRE Newsletter – Winter 2009: CLlr T. Hyde took the information to read.
- 16.3 Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust newsletter – Jan 2010: CLlr B. Chandi took the information to read.
- 16.4 CPRE Fieldwork: The Chairman took the information to read.
- 16.5 Invite to attend the Green Infrastructure workshop on 2nd February. The Clerk advised that all Councillors were duly invited to attend the workshop.

17. Clerk's Monthly Report

The Clerk gave her report:

- Regular updates were placed on the council's web site concerning road salting and waste collections during the recent bad weather spell. A link was also provided for school closure details.
- The replacement gates at the Bedford Road play area have now been installed. There are a couple of snagging problems which have been identified and will be addressed. The final request for grant money under the skate park project has been made to Central Bedfordshire Council. Once received, payment of the invoice from Clements Play Management can be made.
- Issues with the CCTV at the play area will be addressed in the 2010/11 financial year.
- The East of England Plan Review is available on line.
- There is currently a short waiting list now for allotments
- Mr. Tony Talbot, Forest Centre has been invited to attend the February council meeting to give an update on their wind turbine prior to submitting a planning application. Therefore the meeting will commence at 7.00pm
- The Mid Beds District Council celebration tree will be planted on the green at Denton Drive in the next couple of weeks. CLlr T. Hyde is to liaise with Central Bedfordshire Council as to its best location in order to avoid vandalism.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.