

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Marston Moreteyne Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 1st September 2009, commencing 7.15pm.

Present: Councillor M. Petty (Chairman)
Councillors F. Keep (Vice Chairman), P. Hall, Mrs. S. Hall, P. Neale, Miss E. Johnstone, G. Spriggs, B. Chandi, & Mrs. E. Houghton (arrived at 7.22pm)

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr T. Hyde.
2. **Public Participation:** No members of public were present.
3. There were no **declarations of interest** received regarding items on the agenda.
4. **Planning Matters**
 - 4.1 To discuss the following planning applications received since the last meeting:
 - (a) Application No. CB/09/05611/FULL
Full: New dwelling to replace existing
Site: 71 Upper Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne
Comments: Concern regarding the vision splay onto Upper Shelton Road and a request made that the Highways Dept ensure that the distances are adequate and in line with policy. Neighbours comments to also be taken into consideration.
 - (b) Application No. CB/09/05609/FULL
Reserved Matters: Erection of dwelling with associated access and parking (pursuant to Outline Planning Permission MB/08/00189/OUT approved at appeal dated 4.3.09). Matters to be considered are Appearance, Landscaping and Scale
Site: Land adjacent 71 Upper Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne.
Comments: Concern regarding the vision splay onto Upper Shelton Road and a request made that the Highways Dept ensure that the distances are adequate and in line with policy. Neighbours comments to also be taken into consideration
 - (c) Application No. CB/09/05619/FULL
Full: Single storey rear extension
Site: 36 Station Road, Marston Moreteyne
Comments: Neighbours comments to be taken into consideration.
5. **To form a response concerning the Central Bedfordshire Electoral Review**

The Clerk advised that the Boundary Committee for England has formally commenced an electoral review of the new unitary authority in Central Bedfordshire. The review begins with a preliminary consultation on council size. Further stages of consultation will take place in relation to new electoral arrangements in Central Bedfordshire such as the boundaries of each electoral ward.

The Parish Council resolved that given the existing and future allocation of housing for the ward two Central Bedfordshire Councillors should be retained for the Marston Ward and that Marston Moreteyne and Lidlington should be retained in one ward together.
6. **To discuss matters raised at the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th August, concerning the proposed extension to the Sports Pavilion.**

Mr. Richard Garner (Vice Chairman of Marston Moreteyne Playing Field Committee) addressed the Parish Council on 4th August, with regard to an official request for the Parish Council to undertake the pavilion extension on the Committee's behalf to enable the VAT to be reclaimed. It was estimated that around £9,000 would be recoverable as VAT. Previously the Parish Council had indicated that the Committee should undertake the project, however, following the official request to reconsider this decision the Parish Council agreed to discuss the matter further.

The Chairman gave a resume of how the S106 allocation money for the extension came to being in the Parish Council's account. He advised that should the Parish Council take the lead on this project then the VAT would be able to be recovered, however if the project was undertaken by the Committee then they would be unable to recover the VAT. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council were unable to claim the VAT on behalf of the Committee as this would be acting illegally.

The Chairman gave a brief history of the problems experienced when trying to do past joint projects with the Playing Field Committee for the skate park/play area and also the MUGA extension. He cited control, decision and expenditure problems which had caused the Parish Council additional costs and problems to rectify.

The Parish Council expressed their current unhappiness of the past and current condition of the charity's facilities despite a great deal of current and past financial support from the Parish Council. After much further discussion the Parish Council resolved that they would undertake the extension project to the Sports Pavilion on behalf of the Playing Field Committee. The following conditions to apply:

1. A Working Group of members from both the Parish Council and the Playing Field Committee be set up to work together on the project. Cllrs P. Neale, F. Keep, Miss E. Johnstone and Mrs. E. Houghton were resolved to be the Parish Council representatives.
2. The Working Group to take the project forward and make recommendations to the Parish Council. However, all decisions are to be made by the Parish Council.
3. Should the Councillors who sit on the Working Group feel that the joint partnership is not working constructively at any time or that the project is not moving forward at the correct pace by Nov 09, then the Parish Council reserves the right to discuss the future of the Working Group and its possible disbandment.
4. Approval of invoices must still be passed by Central Bedfordshire prior to payments being made. This is a condition of all S106 allocations.
5. Any current quotations received by the Committee must be in line with the Parish Council's financial regulations.

It was resolved that the Playing Field Committee must agree to these conditions prior to the project moving further forward. In light of this decision it was felt that Mr. R. Garner need not now attend the Council meeting on 15th September. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Playing Field Committee with the above information prior to their meeting on 7th September.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.