

Markyate Parish Council

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

Present: Cllr. P. Bunyan, Cllr. R. Peterson, Cllr. S. Pilkinton, Cllr. P. Styles, Cllr. J. Taunton, Cllr. D. Kao,
Cllr. P. Sherriff, B/Cllr. H. Chapman
Mrs D. Sells, Clerk/RFO

In attendance: Terry Douris, County Councillor, Bridgewater Division
No members of the public at this meeting

198/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence at this meeting.

199/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. P. Bunyan declared a personal interest on planning application 4/03193/18/FHA, declaring that she knows the applicant personally.

200/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Markyate Parish Council held on 4th December 2018, were a correct record, (with one minor amendment on item no. 194/18) and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Pilkinton.

201/19 BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the draft minutes from the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting held on 15th November 2018.

202/19 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

Cllr. Douris suggested that the available £1000, funded by the Locality Budget Scheme, could be put towards the cost of the Village Clock refurbishment. Agreed unanimously.

Agenda item for February 2019 meeting.

Action: Clerk

203/19 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	4/02615/18/FHA	Single storey rear extension (Retrospective)	8 Bartholomew Green	Grant
2	4/02599/18/LDP	Single storey rear extension	7 Summer Walk	Grant
3	4/01954/18/FUL	Single storey side extension, two storey side extension and associated works	Surgery, 1 Hicks Road	Grant
4	4/02343/18/FHA	Front dormer window	18 Bartholomew Green	Grant
5	4/02499/18/FUL	Construction of 9 detached dwellings	Land south east of New Lodge (Cell Park), Dunstable Road	Withdrawn
6	4/01278/18/FUL Richmond Square, Hicks Road.	Change of use of unit 1 (Class D1 surgery/health centre use) to Class A1 convenience food-store, together with change of use of unit 2 (Class A1/A2/A3/A4 and B1) to three residential units (one 1-bed and two 2-bed flats), together with associated external alterations, landscaping, amendment to Richmond Square and provision of parking.	Units 1 and 2, Richmond Square, Hicks Road.	Grant

204/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider planning applications received from Dacorum Borough Council/HCC as listed and those received between 2nd January 2019 and 8th January 2019

1	4/02221/18/FUL	Demolition of existing indoor manege and open barn. Construction of 4 new three bedroom dwellings and introduction of new linking track for horses.	Livery Stables, Puddephats Farm, Puddaphats Lane	Not in our Parish.
2	4/03094/18/FUL	Demolition of existing building, construction of new 5 bedroom dwelling. Addition of new patio, acoustic fencing and realignment of car port.	School House Farm, Old Watling Street	Not in our Parish.
3	4/03125/18/FUL	3 No. new fresh air intake/extract louvre vents, new acoustic access door, new access door and plant equipment (AMENDED SCHEME)	Unit 1, Hicks Yard, Hicks Road	Not in Hicks Yard. No objections, but please ensure sound

				attenuation equipment is provided.
4	4/02905/18/FHA	Conversion of garage to habitable use	Timbers, Cheverells Green	No objections.
5	4/03219/18/FUL	New automatic bi-parting sliding door and frame; New Shop Front; 2 new satellite dishes and 4 cycle stands (AMENDED SCHEME)	Unit 1, Hicks Yard, Hicks Road	Not in Hicks Yard. No objections.
6	4/03193/18/FHA	Part two storey, part single storey rear extension	7 Roman Way	No objections.

Action: Clerk

205/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts schedules for December 2018, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Taunton and seconded by Cllr. Styles and **agreed** unanimously to approve the schedules for payment. **RESOLVED:** that the schedules of payment be signed as circulated. The schedule of accounts listed the balances of the Parish Council's accounts as follows:

As at 31st December 2018

MPC Current Account	£8,618.65
HSBC [Precept Account]	£60,812.75
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£20,960.26
Petty Cash	£4.72
TOTAL	£90,396.38

206/19 THIRD QUARTER SPEND

It was noted the third quarter spend to 31st December 2018 is £111,261.00 against a budget of £77,837.00. This was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Pilkinton.

Action: Clerk

207/19 PRECEPT FORM FOR PARISH FUNDING PROPOSALS AND TAX BASE 2019/20

The Precept Form for Parish Funding Proposals was received and signed. This was proposed by Cllr. Styles and seconded by Cllr. Sherriff.

Action: Clerk

208/19 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Clerk circulated the list of correspondence for information only, which was duly noted.

209/19 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report at this meeting.

210/19 REMEMBRANCE DAY SOLDIERS

It was agreed by all present that the Soldiers erected in the village to mark the 100 years since the end of WW1/Remembrance Day, should be taken down and re-erected each year for this special occasion.

Action: VW

212/19 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON CRICKET CLUB LEASE

No further movement on this, despite solicitors being chased a number of times. Cllr. Chapman is making every effort to finalise this issue. On-going.

Action: HC

213/19 TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LAND, MARKYATE

It would appear that Inland's solicitor and the Parish Council's solicitor cannot agree on the lease. Cllr. Chapman is again making every effort to bring this matter to a final conclusion but the Parish Council agreed the Law Society should be contacted due to the length of time it has taken. On-going.

Action: HC/Clerk

214/19 MARKYATE MONTHLY/TWITTER INCLUSION

Planning, Council Finance, War Memorial, Parish Newsletter, Cricket Club Lease and New Cemetery, Planning Code of Conduct, May Council Elections, Office Equipment.

Action: ALL

215/19 RECEIVE DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PLANNING

This item was discussed at some length and a number of points were raised. It was agreed that these points would be sent to the Assistant Director for Corporate and Contracted Services, for consideration, with a view to some amendments being made to this draft.

Action: Clerk

216/19 CHANGE OF DATE OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING IN MAY

Due to ordinary elections in May 2019, the earliest date that the Annual Full Council can take place is Monday 13th May 2019. It was agreed to change the date of the scheduled meeting to 14th May 2019. A new schedule will be issued.

Action: Clerk

217/19

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960. That under S 4 (A) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the Press and Public be excluded during the items in Part II of the agenda for this meeting, because it is likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or for other special reasons stated in the resolution, arising from the nature of the business or proceedings.

It was noted 4 quotations were requested and received.

1. To receive quotations for office computers.
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from:
a) Jam Crackers at a cost of £525.80 + VAT.

Unsuccessful quotes:

- b) £1,623.00 + VAT**
- c) £925.54 + VAT**
- d) £408.98 + VAT**

Action: Clerk

There being no further, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meeting: 5th February 2019

Signed: _____

Date: _____