

## **MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.**

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

**In attendance:** County Councillor Terry Douris

#### **235/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. D. Kao due to work commitments and Cllr. C. Ononye due to feeling unwell.

#### **236/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. P. Bunyan declared an interest in Planning Application 4/01730/19/FHA, declaring she knows the applicant personally. At the point of discussion, Cllr. Bunyan left the room.

#### **237/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Markyate Parish Council Meeting held on the 3<sup>RD</sup> December 2019, as circulated, be received as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by B/Cllr. Chapman.

#### **238/20 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT MINUTES FROM THE HALLS MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY AND 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Halls Committee meeting held on the 9 July and 22 October 2019 be received and adopted.

#### **239/20 TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE MEETING, 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the draft minutes from the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2019.

#### **240/20 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)**

Cllr. Douris' apologies for last month's meeting were not documented in the minutes. He was unable to attend due to other work commitments.

Cllr. Douris went on to report that he has received an email from the network management team. Affinity Water have found a significant leak at the A5183 junction off the High Street and London Road. A new main is to be laid and works are currently underway. It was reported that three accidents have occurred during this time and Cllr. Douris assured all present that he would make further enquiries into this.

Work has commenced at the junction of The Close in order to improve visibility, as requested by the residents.

The signage for the 20mph zone will be installed on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The building materials and trucks which are parked at the top of Cowper Road are due to be investigated in order to establish why they have been parked and left.

Pre-warning – in early Summer preparatory works at Chequers Hill in Flamstead will begin. More information will be given as it becomes available.

The Mayor (Cllr. Douris), will be attending the May Fayre at 1.30 p.m.

Cllr. Douris will be happy to facilitate a meeting between Ringway and Councillor's to look into extending the Christmas lights. He will consider the feasibility of arranging this in due course.

Cllr. Taunton then went on to inform the meeting that he had been able to speak in person with James Doe, Planning Assistant Director at Dacorum regarding the issue of planning applications being sent incorrectly to Markyate; these applications belong in other Parishes; i.e. Flamstead. Mr. Doe agreed to take appropriate action.

Cllr. Bunyan informed the Council of works commencing in March in Cowper Road. The grass verges will be converted to hardstanding which will eliminate the current problems of churned up grass and mud. The residents are very grateful.

## 241/20 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	4/02140/19/MFA	Demolition of former residential care home and 2 detached dwellings. Construction of 3 storey building forming 44 new dwellings, with basement, associated hard and soft landscaping, parking, bin store and main entrance Gateway.	Caddington Hall, Luton Road	Refuse Permission/ Consent
2	19/02822/FHA	Off road parking for one car.	14, The Coppins	Granted

## 242/20 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BELOW

1	4/02257/19/LDE	Use of building as independent C3 dwelling-house. (Revised)	The Lodge, 37A Cavendish Road	Objection. No right of way access – this leads onto Council property and the Council do not agree with the gate leading onto Council's leased land.
2	19/02994/FUL	Demolition of garage/outbuildings and the construction of one new detached house and carport	93-95, High Street	Objection. Over development of site. Taking parking spaces away and no access for emergency vehicles.
3	19/02980/FHA	Installation of external grade frame to front of carport space with wooden doors and addition of interior timber partition wall	101, High Street	No Objections.
4	19/03136/LDP	Single storey rear extension and loft conversion	24, Dammersey Close	No Objections.
5	19/03137/FHA	2no. Front dormers	24, Dammersey Close	No Objections.
6	4/01730/19/FHA	Raised decking areas with log cabin to rear garden	17, Pickford Road	<i>Cllr. Bunyan left the room.</i> Objection. Problem over sight-lines, overlooks neighbours gardens and houses. Wrongful use of decking.

## 243/20 DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AND 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020.

### Planning Decisions:

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### Planning Applications:

7	19/03179/FHA	2 Storey Extension	April Cottage, Caddington Common	No objections
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## 244/20 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts Schedule for December 2019, as circulated. It was proposed by B/Cllr. Chapman and seconded by Cllr. Styles and **agreed** unanimously to approve the schedule for payment. **RESOLVED:** that the schedule of payment be signed as circulated. The schedule of accounts listed the balances of the Parish Council's accounts as follows:

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

MPC Current Account	£15,442.03
HSBC [Precept Account]	£40,570.20
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£21,112.27
Petty Cash	£30.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£77,155.21</b>

The replacement of a faulty cheque was presented, although this did not appear on the schedule, it was logged on the November Accounts Schedule.

## 245/20 TO RECEIVE AND SIGN BANK RECONCILIATION

This was received and signed by the Chairman.

## 246/20 TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THIRD QUARTER SPEND

It was noted the third quarter spend to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 is £52,634 against a budget of £73,667. This was received and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. Styles.

**247/20 TO RECEIVE AND SIGN PRECEPT FORM FOR PARISH FUNDING PROPOSALS AND TAX BASE 2020/21**

- (a) It was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. Peterson and **RESOLVED** that the Council approves the draft budget for 2020/21. Based on the current information the Parish Rate for a Band D property is expected to be £61.24.
- (b) It was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. Peterson and **RESOLVED** that the Council approves a Precept of £82,754.40.
- (c) The Council Tax Support is £1,351.30.

**Action: Clerk/RFO**

**248/20 TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REQUEST FOR INCOME FROM CONCURRENT SERVICES FOR 2020/21**

It was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. Styles and **RESOLVED** that the Council accepts the DBC Concurrent Services Grant of £7,442.71 and Village Warden of £10,467.04 for 2020/21.

Action: Clerk/RFO

**249/20 CRICKET CLUB DRAFT LEASE**

This is very close to conclusion.

**Action: HC/Clerk**

**250/20 TRANSFER OF NEW CEMETERY LAND**

The transfer deed has been sent; this matter should therefore be concluded imminently.

**Action: HC/Clerk**

**251/20 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk informed the Council of two letters received from Markyate and Flamstead Care Group and Essex and Herts Air Ambulance thanking the Council for their kind donations.

A parishioner has complained regarding overhanging branches in his garden, from Peggy's Field. He was made aware that the Council is not responsible for carrying out this work.

**252/20 COSTS INVOLVED FOR REMEDIAL WORKS ON INFRASTRUCTURE OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTING**

Remedial work needed to be carried out due to the RCBO and timer being damaged. The Council are looking into claiming this cost from Ringway, if they are found to be liable.

**Action: SP/Clerk/RFO**

**253/20 TO DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOLICITORS REGARDING PURCHASE OF STRIP OF LAND LEADING TO PEGGY'S**

The money laundering documentation supplied by the Chairman and Vice Chairman has been presented to the solicitors. Ongoing.

**Action: PB/RP/Clerk**

**254/20 CHILD'S SWING SEATS – PEGGY'S FIELD**

The swing seats have been installed.

**No action**

**255/20 SIGN INDICATING ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY**

Ongoing.

Action: HC/Clerk/RFO

**256/20 MARKYATE MONTHLY/TWITTER**

To be agreed.

**Action: RP**

**257/20 NEWSLETTER**

To be agreed.

**258/20 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Clerk circulated the list of general correspondence which was duly noted.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

**Next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_