

Markyate Parish Council

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2017 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. P. Sherriff,
Mrs D Sells, Clerk/RFO

In attendance: 2 members of the public
C/Cllr. Terry Douris

105/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. D. Kao, due to ongoing family issues and Cllr. L Bugeja due to work commitments.

106/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Sherriff declared an interest in item 127/17 due to living in close proximity.

107/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Markyate Parish Council held on 4th July 2017, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. R. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. P. Sherriff.

108/17 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

Standing Orders were suspended

2 members of the public were present in order to listen to the Councillors' comments/decision, regarding Planning Application, 4/01195/17/FUL. It was discussed that this application has also been approved for development in the past. However, due to this current application, the previous one should no longer apply. This will be checked by B.Cllr. Chapman.

At 7.50 p.m., the two members of the public left the meeting.

Standing Orders were reinstated

109/17 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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| 1 | 4/01115/17/FHA | Single storey rear extension, patio and extended dropped kerb | 49, London Road | Grant |
| 2 | 4/01342/17/NMA | Non material amendment to planning permission 4/03320/16/FHA (side gable and dormer) | 13, Dammersey Close | Grant |
| 3 | 4/00971/17/FHA | Single story front extension, alterations to front access including new brick steps | 31 Corner Wood | Grant |
| 4 | 4/01438/17/FHA | Proposed single storey rear extension and garage conversion | 64, Buckwood Road | Grant |

110/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider planning applications listed below and those received between 26th July 2017 and 1st August 2017

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| 1 | 4/01527/17/LDE | Raised front garden to create off road parking | 14, The Coppins | No Objections |
| 2 | 4/01664/17/LBC | Installation of 3 CCTV Cameras | Cavendish Lodge, High Street | No Objections, providing cameras are not intrusive. |
| 3 | 4/01195/17/FUL | Change of use from Motor Trade (Sui Generis) to Community Cafe (A3) | 131 High Street | No Objections |
| 4 | 4/01733/17/FUL | Construction of a ménage and horse walker | Land at Cotton Spring Farm, Friendless Lane | No Objections |

Action: Clerk

Note: Emails were noted and accepted from two members of public regarding the development of 3 houses at 101, High Street. This has been dealt with and responses sent to both parishioners.

111/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the schedule for payment as attached. It was proposed by Cllr S. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr R. Peterson 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 Councils accounts as at today's date as follows:

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|------------------------|------------|
| MPC Current Account | £8,803.11 |
| HSBC [Precept Account] | £85,179.29 |

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| MPC Investment [NS&I] | £20,861.95 |
| Petty Cash | £57.23 |
| TOTAL | £114,901.58 |

112/17 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE FIRST QUARTER SPEND

Received and noted first quarter spend to 30th June 2017 is £29,066.00 against an approved budget of £102,918.00. This was proposed by Cllr. S. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. R. Peterson. The approved budget income figure of £102,918.00 includes an estimated projected hall hire income of £29,970.00. It should be noted this is not a guaranteed income. It was noted that this was deferred from last month.

113/17 LUTON LOCAL PLAN

The Luton Local Plan has been reviewed; traffic potentially impacting on Markyate being the main issue. The report will be submitted to the relevant party.

Action: SP/Clerk

114/17 PLANTERS IN THE VILLAGE

It was agreed to look into purchasing the most appropriate planters for the village that are durable and long lasting.

Action: HC

115/17 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF DRAFT LEASE FOR CRICKET CLUB

The solicitors are now in receipt of all necessary paperwork. This should be ready for signature within the next couple of weeks.

Action: HC

116/17 TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LAND, MARKYATE

All issues over the future use of the land are now resolved. Land Registry, who cannot be chased, have not yet come back to us, we hope to hear from them in due course. The land will need to be in good order before contracts are exchanged. A tap will also need to be fitted on the land before it is handed over. The hedge planted just needs time to become more established.

Action: HC

117/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

The Group comprises representatives of Markyate, Gt. Gaddesden and Flamstead. Another meeting has been provisionally scheduled for September, in Flamstead. Arrangements to be confirmed.

Action: SP

118/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Neighbourhood Planning has been subject to new Governmental legislation. Neighbourhood Plans cannot be undertaken by Parish Councils alone, they require an independent Community group of volunteers. Due to the many issues involved in Neighbourhood Planning MPC agreed to liaise with Dacorum Borough Council to fit Markyate's local planning needs within the revised Borough Council plans/strategies

Action: SP

119/17 UNVEILING OF JOHN COLLINGS-WELLS VC PAVING STONE

Plans are currently underway. The Dacorum British Legion will be on parade, with flags. The Commander in Chief of the Royal Anglian Regiment will be invited to send representatives. In attendance alongside MP Mike Penning, will be the Mayor of Dacorum, Cllr. David Collins. The unveiling will take place on the 27th March 2018 – 100 years to the day of JCW's falling and of the award.

Action: HC/SP/Clerk

120/17 INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Ongoing. Enquiries will be made at Dacorum regarding the most efficient way of re-investing the matured HSBC Investment Bond.

Action: HC

121/17 HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE POTENTIAL CHANGE OF GOVERNANCE

David Lloyd, Police and Crime Commissioner, has commissioned a business case to investigate the benefits of bringing together the Fire and Police. The documentation was read and the majority agreed with the ideas put forward, therefore a response will be sent, endorsing this proposal.

Action: Clerk

122/17 LUTON GYPSY AND TRAVELLER LOCAL PLAN PART 2

The consultation is to invite new sites for consideration. No comment necessary.

No action

123/17 ASSET REGISTER – 2016/17

A copy of the 2016/17 Asset Register was circulated to all members and it was

RESOLVED

To accept the register with a total of £517,695.84 assets, variations as follows:-

Deletions: £0
Additions: £5,362.56
Total 2017: £517,695.84

Action: Clerk

124/17 CANCELLATION OF HAPTC COURSE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, a course had to be cancelled. The Councillor in question was upset that the Parish Council has been charged for this regardless. It was explained that this was due to not enough notice being given; therefore it is unlikely that a refund can be obtained.

No action

125/17 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported funding for the Neighbourhood Projects from S106 are underway and anticipated works are out for tender at present. As soon as contractors have been assigned, work will commence. Should any monies be left, the Council will look into what else could benefit the village. Thanks were given to B/Cllr. Chapman for all his hard work and dedication in his negotiations regarding this funding.

126/17 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Discussions took place regarding this ongoing issue. The Council still maintain that other affordable ways of installing/dismantling the Christmas lights should be looked into. Enquiries will be made into the Council's Public Liability insurance, with a view to another contractor carrying out this work under the Parish Council's insurance.

One member said from all the work done on this, it is considered this is the best deal possible.

It was suggested that our County Councillor be approached for some funding from his Community Budget.

On going.

Action: SP/Clerk

127/17 TREES IN PEGGY'S FIELD

Overgrown trees in Peggy's Field are causing concern to a number of properties whose gardens back onto it. A quote has been obtained to prune back the trees and the residents in questions have agreed to share the cost. All present were in favour that these works should be carried out. Discussions also took place regarding the Tree Risk Assessment; this will be discussed at the September meeting.

Action: PS

At 9.20 p.m. County Councillor Terry Douris left the meeting.

128/17 AGREE PREPARATION OF eNEWSLETTER, TWITTER AND MARKYATE MONTHLY

The following was **agreed**:-

Markyate Monthly - Cllr. R. Peterson

Twitter - Cllr. P. Bunyan

eNewsletter - ongoing.

129/17 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

130/17 AGREE COUNCILLORS ON THE ALEY GREEN COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr Bunyan and seconded by Cllr Pilkinton and

RESOLVED

For the following to sit on this committee with immediate effect.

B/Cllr. Chapman, Cllr. Peterson, Cllr. Sherriff

Action: Clerk

131/17 TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

No report at this meeting.

132/17 MARKYATE MONTHLY/TWITTER INCLUSION

Planning, Planters, Cricket Club Lease, New Cemetery, Neighbourhood Action Group, Neighbourhood Plan, VC Memorial Stone, Christmas Street Lighting, Trees in Peggy's Field, Special Freighter – Hicks Road.

Action: RP

There being no further the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meeting: 5th September 2017

Signed: _____

Date: _____