

MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

Present: Cllr. P. Bunyan, Cllr. S. Pilkinton, Cllr. J. Taunton, Cllr. P. Styles, Cllr C. Ononye, Cllr. D. Kao, Mrs D. Sells, Clerk/RFO.

In attendance: No members of the public at this meeting.

259/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Peterson due to personal circumstances, B/Cllr. H. Chapman, due to Borough Council duties.

260/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Bunyan declared a personal interest in Planning 4/01730/19/FHA, as she knows the applicant personally. At the point of discussion, Cllr. Bunyan will leave the meeting and return after this item has been discussed, agreed and closed.

261/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Markyate Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th January 2020, as circulated, be received as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Taunton and seconded by Cllr. Styles.

262/20 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

No public questions at this meeting.

263/20 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

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264/20 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BELOW

1	*19/03179/FHA	2 Storey Extension	April Cottage, Caddington Common	
2	19/03137/FHA	Single storey rear extension, hip to gable roof enlargements, two front dormers	24 Dammersey Close	No objections.
3	20/00072/LBC	Conversion of offices into 2 No 1 bed flats	65 High Street, Hemel Hempstead	Not in our Parish.
4	20/00075/DRC	Details as Required by Condition 2 (Samples of Materials) Attached to Planning Permission 4/00171/19/FUL (Demolition of existing equestrian facilities and construction of one four-bedroom dwelling, one three-bedroom holiday let, one workshop/barn/carport building, with associated soft landscaping, hardstanding, and fencing.)	1, Woodend Cottages, Little Woodend, Flamstead	Not in our Parish.

**Taken to January PCM*

265/20 DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN 29TH JANUARY 2020 AND 4TH FEBRUARY 2020.

Planning Decisions:

1	4/02205/19/FUL	Retention of repositioned manege	Cotton Spring, Friendless Lane	Granted
2	19/02804/LDE	Barn used for the storage of hay and straw in conjunction with registered pedigree flock of Black Welsh Mountain sheep and other animals (donkeys, alpacas, pigs, goats) together with the secure storage of tools and implements.	2, Woodend Cottages, Little Woodend	Granted
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	Granted

Planning Applications:

5	4/01730/19/FHA	Raised decking areas with log cabin to rear garden – amended	17, Pickford Road	"Objection. This is totally inappropriate in this area. The development is on the top of a steeply sloping garden and overlooks the neighbouring properties, overlooking their gardens".
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266/20 TO CONSIDER PREVIOUS OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION 19/02803/FHA

The Parish Council were asked to re-consider a previous objection to the planning application above. The unanimous decision was to once again object, comments given were as follows:

"Since approval was given in 2016, the character of the village has changed owing to planning permission for a multitude of dwellings, which has exacerbated the parking situation. This makes it imperative that a new development should provide its own parking space".

Action: Clerk

267/20 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts Schedule for January 2020, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Taunton 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 31st January 2020

MPC Current Account	£10,306.77
HSBC [Precept Account]	£40,570.20
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£21,281.17
Petty Cash	£11.11
TOTAL	£72,169.25

268/20 TO RECEIVE AND SIGN BANK RECONCILIATION

This was received and signed by the Chairman.

269/20 CRICKET CLUB DRAFT LEASE

It was reported, everything has now been signed and agreed. The lease is now with the solicitor for completion.

Action: HC/Clerk

270/20 TRANSFER OF NEW CEMETERY LAND

It was reported the transfer deed has been signed by all parties.

Not related to the cemetery, there is an outstanding item regarding the maintenance of a path.

It would appear that this lies with the management company who own the estate.

The Parish Council agreed to set up a formal Cemetery Committee with delegated powers, this will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

Training will be needed for staff and some Councillors in order to run the cemetery efficiently.

This will be investigated.

Action: HC/Clerk

271/20 CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report at this meeting.

272/20 TO DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING PURCHASE OF STRIP OF LAND LEADING TO PEGGY'S

ID of two Councillors has been received and accepted by the solicitors. Ongoing, with no real issues at present.

Action: PB/RP/Clerk

273/20 SIGN INDICATING ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY

It was reported DBC will not provide a new sign, it would seem they only provide replacement signs, if they are broken.

B/Cllr. Chapman will speak with C/Cllr. Douris to establish the possibility of obtaining a sign from budget funds.

Action: HC/Clerk/RFO

274/20 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR 2019/20

The following Risk Assessments were circulated to all members prior to the meeting: -

(1) Financial Management, (2) Financial Risk Assessment & Management (Pt 2), (3) Village and Y2K Halls, (4) Picnic Tables, (5) Parish Office, (6) Risk Assessment Works Programme.

It was **RESOLVED**

to note and accept the Risk Assessments.

Action: Clerk

275/20 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE SUPPLY OF MANNED FREIGHTERS 2020

It was noted the dates for the freighter in Hicks Road are as follows: 8th February 2020, 6th June 2020, 3rd October 2020. At a cost of £450.00 per freighter.

It was proposed by Cllr Bunyan, agreed unanimously and **RESOLVED** to continue with this valuable service for the Village.

Action: Clerk

276/20 TO RECEIVE MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE UPGRADE TO CONFORM TO WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS

All public sector bodies must meet the 2018 requirements, unless they are exempt. As Herts.com host the Parish Council website, it was agreed they should rebuild onto new code base, migrate all data from old site to the new.

Estimated project duration from start to finish 2 to 3 weeks at a cost of £450.00.

It was proposed by Cllr Bunyan and seconded by Cllr Pilkinton to accept this quotation and arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

Action: Clerk

277/20 MARKYATE MONTHLY/TWITTER

To be agreed.

Action: RP

278/20 NEWSLETTER

To be agreed.

279/20 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 8.35 pm

Next meeting: 3rd March 2020

Signed: _____

Date: _____