

## **MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020 AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** Cllr. P. Bunyan, B/Cllr. H. Chapman, Cllr. S. Pilkinton, Cllr. D. Kao.

Mrs D. Sells, Clerk/RFO, Jennifer Bissmire, Clerk/RFO

**In attendance:** C/Cllr. Terry Douris

**Before starting the meeting, a 1-minute silence was held in respect of Cllr. Julian Taunton, who sadly passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The Chairman gave reference to his selfless passion and commitment in serving the community over many years. He will be greatly missed by everyone at the Parish Council.**

The meeting commenced at 7.55 p.m.

#### **64/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. P. Styles, Cllr. R. Peterson and Cllr C. Ononye, due to personal reasons.

#### **65/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Pilkinton declared an interest in planning application 20/02098/FUL (6), due to being a member of the Patient Participation Group. Cllr. Bunyan declared an interest in planning application 20/02067/FUL (5), due to living behind this property.

#### **66 /20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Markyate Parish Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020, as circulated, be received as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by B/Cllr. Chapman.

#### **67/20 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)**

No public comments and questions at this meeting.

#### **68/20 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE, LUTON ROAD**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow C/Cllr Douris to report on this item.

He explained that the current speed indicator device on Luton Road is old and has the facility of displaying your current speed, which unfortunately, encourages some drivers to see how fast they can go. He informed the Parish Council that the cost of buying a new S.I.D. will be £3,000, but would kindly contribute £2,000 towards this sum from his Locality Budget, leaving the Parish Council to make up the remaining £1,000.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

This was proposed by Cllr. P. Bunyan and seconded by Cllr. S. Pilkinton and

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Parish Council contribute £1000 towards the S.I.D.

The Council thanked C/Cllr. Douris.

#### **69/20 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

1	20/01412/DRC	Details required by condition 3 (Sound Test Report) attached to planning permission 20/00415/FUL (Relocation of existing rear condenser unit to road side and partly raise side boundary wall by 225mm).	55 High Street	Granted
2	20/01349/FHA	Proposed demolition of existing brick shed and construction of a new timber shed.	117, High Street	Granted
3	20/01350/LBC	Proposed demolition of existing brick shed and construction of a new timber shed.	117, High Street	Granted
4	20/00737/FHA	Demolition of existing extension and garage outbuilding. Proposed single storey rear extension and new annex building.	Valley Cottage, Valley Lane	Granted
5	20/00738/LBC	Demolition of existing extension and garage outbuilding. Proposed single storey rear extension and new annex building.	Valley Cottage, Valley Lane	Granted
6	20/00835/LBC	Replacement kitchen window.	Hill Farm, Little Woodend	Granted
7	20/01246/LBC	Proposed re roofing works	The Grange, 8 High Street	Granted

8	20/01245/FUL	Proposed re roofing works	The Grange, 8 High Street	Granted
9	20/01561/FHA	Single storey rear extension	28 George Street	Granted
10	20/01346/LBC	Restoration and relocation of milestone	Highway Verge to Southwest Side of Watling Street	Granted
11	20/01504/CON	New 9m wooden pole installed for Broadband communications	Hicks Road	Raise no Objection

## 70/20 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BELOW

1	*20/01741/FHA	Removal of existing porch and construction of single storey side extension.	Little Cheverells Cheverells Green	
2	*20/01408/LBC	Removal of existing porch and construction of single storey side extension.	Little Cheverells Cheverells Green	
3	*20/00396/OUT	Extension to block a/b to form additional offices above existing ground floor office.	Ver House 55 London Road	
4	20/01843/FUL	Demolition of Garage/Outbuildings and construction of a detached house and carport	93-95 High Street Markyate St Albans Hertfordshire AL3 8JG	Objection. Parking issues, overbearing – too high and out of proportion with other buildings.
5	20/02067/FUL	Construction of two new bungalows and garden boundary wall.	64 High Street	Objection. Extra traffic at a critical point in the road. Overdevelopment.
6	20/02098/FUL	To install a temporary Portakabin for 52 weeks to allow the surgery to continue functioning during development to the existing surgery	Surgery, 1 Hicks Road	No Objections.

\*Taken to July PCM

## 71/20 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts Schedule for 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by B/Cllr. Chapman and **agreed** unanimously to approve the schedule for payment outside of meeting. **RESOLVED:** that the schedule of payment be signed as circulated, noting that cheques have been signed as and when required by approved signatories, during the coronavirus pandemic lockdown.

The schedule of accounts listed the balances of the Parish Council's accounts as follows:

As at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

MPC Current Account	£11,560.14
HSBC [Precept Account]	£117,989.50
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£21,281.17
Petty Cash	£44.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£150,875.00</b>

## 72/20 BANK RECONCILIATION

This was to be received and signed by the Chairman, outside of meeting.

**Action: Clerk/RFO**

## 73/20 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE FIRST QUARTER SPEND

It was noted the first quarter spend to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 is £14,194 against a budget of £59,481. This was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. Bunyan.

**Action: Clerk**

## 74/20 MARKYATE FOOTBALL AND CRICKET CLUB

It was reported the lease for the Cricket Club has finally been completed and accepted by both parties. Thanks were given to all those involved in the process over the years, namely B/Cllr. Chapman and Parish Clerk. Storage of the lease will be kept in the fire-proof cabinet at the Parish Offices.

**Action: Clerk**

## 75/20 INSTALLATION OF FENCE BY PLAY AREA IN CAVENDISH ROAD

Dacorum is still looking into this at present. The PC will support Dacorum's investigations.

**Action: Clerk/HC**

**76/20 NALC UPDATED DEVOLUTION REPORT**

This report was received and noted but no response received.

**77/20 CLERKS REPORT**

Nothing to report at this meeting.

**78/20 BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, HALLS COMMITTEE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by B/Cllr. Chapman that Cllr. Kao will now sit on the Budget and Finance Committee.

**Action: Clerk**

**79/20 VILLAGE CLOCK**

The clock is unreliable and really needs an electronic mechanism to be installed. It is due a service, but the Council will hold-off on this, until works to the clock have been completed. Quotes for repair/update will be sought.

**Action: Clerk/SP**

**80/20 CCTV AT VILLAGE/Y2K HALLS**

This item was originally presented at the Budget & Finance Meeting, minute F22/19. It was agreed at that meeting for this to go out to tender, but unfortunately Covid-19 arrived and lock down. For security and safety reasons it was felt the CCTV should be working correctly at the Village Halls. Consequently, as an emergency item this work was carried out bearing the cost of the one original tender @ £790.00.

**Action: Clerk**

**81/20 PROTOCOL FOR PARTICIPATION AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

This document was reviewed, and it was **RESOLVED** to make no amendments.

**Action: Clerk**

**82/20 APPEAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE AGAINST THE COUNCIL'S REFUSAL TO PLANNING PERMISSION AT CADDINGTON HALL**

The Council are standing by their original objections to this development. It is hoped that the Secretary of State will take the Council's objections into consideration when making a decision.

**No action**

**83/20 TREE POLICY**

The Markyate Parish Council Tree Policy was reviewed, and it was **RESOLVED** to make no amendments.

**Action: Clerk**

**84/20 TO DISCUSS AND FORMULATE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN MARKYATE MONTHLY**

Speed sign – Luton Road, Cricket Club lease, Village Clock Maintenance, Surgery Support regarding portacabin, More Councillors needed, Cllr. Taunton's passing.

**85/20 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 9.02 pm

**Next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

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

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