

# Markyate Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

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

**In attendance:** C/Cllr. Terry Douris, 6 members of the public

### **315/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. P. Sherriff, due to personal reasons. No apologies received from Cllr. L. Bugeja and Cllr. Kao

### **316/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs. Peterson, Pilkinton and Bottrill declared an interest in Planning Application 4/00095/18/FUL, declaring they know the applicant personally.

### **317/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Markyate Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. R. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. L. Bottrill.

### **318/18 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)**

#### **Standing Orders were suspended.**

A member of the public spoke with regards to their collective opposition to the planning application, 4/00095/18/FUL – The Grange; stating that the revised proposal will compromise their privacy, due to the proposed windows overlooking their property. The conservation boundary, as stated in the plans, is also not correct and this is a very large development, situated right on their doorstep. In answer to this, the planning applicant stated that the new development will in fact be built 4ft. lower; there is only one window which will overlook only the opposing property's front garden. The applicant has assured and kept surrounding neighbours up to date at all times. The revised plans propose a reduce width to the proposed building, the erection of a single garage only, for the main property (The Grange) and two parking spaces. The conservation boundary is situated directly through the middle of the property and the trees in question are not in the conservation area.

Another member of the public then spoke about how difficult wheelchair access is at the entrances to Peggy's Field. A Councillor agreed, stating that she had been using a mobility scooter and had tested various routes around the village and found difficulty in getting around. She will try access to Peggy's on her scooter and also the cemetery. B/Cllr. Chapman is looking into installing sleepers in order to make access easier, which will include a hand rail.

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

#### **Standing Orders were reinstated.**

### **319/18 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

1	4/00253/18/DRC	Details of materials as required by condition 5 of planning permission 4/00995/12/FUL (reconstruction of original farmhouse, courtyard, barns and outbuildings) for the tiles, weatherboarding, timber and flint work.	Smallgrove Farm, Windmill Road	Grant
2	4/02314/16/DRC	Details as required by condition 8 (CCTV strategy, security and lighting) attached to planning permission 4/01173/11/MFA (comprehensive redevelopment to provide a range of 75 residential dwellings; new class B1, B2 and B8 accommodation (including the retention of two light industrial buildings within Sharose Court); a new surgery/health centre; 3 commercial units (for Class A1/A2/A3/A4 and B1 use), creation of a public square, associated landscaping; formation of new access roads and provision of 197 car parking space (amended scheme)	Land at Hicks Road	Grant
3	4/03009/14/DRC	Details required by conditions 10 (parking plan) and 25 (traffic signal settings) attached to planning permission 4/01173/11/MFA (comprehensive redevelopment to provide a range of 75 residential dwellings; new class B1, B2, ABD, B8 accommodation (including the retention of two light industrial buildings within Sharose Court); a new surgery/health centre; 3 commercial units (for class A1/A2/A3/A4 and B1 use), creation of a public square, associated landscaping; formation of new access roads and provision of 197 car parking spaces (amended scheme)	Land at Hicks Road	Grant
4	4/01877/16/DRC	Details required by condition 4 (landscape and management) 5	Land at Hicks	Deemed

	(landscape) and 7 (refuse storage – commercial units) attached to planning permission 4/01173/11/MFA. (Comprehensive redevelopment to provide a range of 75 residential dwellings; new class B1, B2 and B8 accommodation (including the retention of two light industrial buildings within Sharose Court); a new surgery/health centre; 3 commercial units (for class A1/A2/A3/A4 and B1 use), creation of a public square, associated landscaping; formation of new access roads and provision of 197 car parking space (amended scheme)	Road	Approval (TCA Applications only)
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### 320/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider planning applications received from Dacorum Borough Council as listed and those received between 28 February 2018 and 6 March 2018

	4/00536/18/FUL	Construction of 2 Bed Dwelling (Amended Scheme)	2 Cowper Road <b>Taken to 6<sup>th</sup> March PCM – objection, as previously.</b>	
1	4/00539/18/LBC	Single storey rear extension to replace an existing single storey rear extension built around 1975. Construct rockwool firestop wall within roof space between 1 and 2 Little Woodend Cottages	2, Woodend Cottages, Little Woodend	No Objections
2	4/00541/18/FHA	Single store rear extension	2, Woodend Cottages, Little Woodend	No Objections
3	4/00032/18/FUL	Change to use from utility land to driveway	100, Pickford Road	No Objections
4	4/00602/18/LDP	Loft conversion to create habitable space. Addition of dormer window to rear elevation and roof light added to front elevation	Mistletoe Lodge, Cardington Common	No Objections
5	4/00577/18/FUL	Demolition of existing storage buildings and construction of a four bed dwelling	Land adjoining Greenfields, Green Lane	If this land is Green Belt or an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the PC Objects. If Agricultural land, then the PC has No Objections.
6	4/00612/18/DRC	Details as required by condition 2 (materials) attached to planning permission 4/01490/17/FUL (change of use from forestry workshop to 4 bedroom dwelling)	Old Beechwood, Cheverells Green	No Objections
7	4/00095/18/FUL	Construction of a single detached dwelling (Amended)	The Grange, 8 High Street	Privacy Issue - needs clarification. If this is not an issue, PC has No Objections.
8	4/00686/18/FHA	Two storey side extension	1, Harps Hill	Objection. Over-development of site; with 2 extra bedrooms; garage being removed – where is provision for parking. Very close to footbridge, which children use to get to school; could be dangerous.
9	4/00788/18/LDP	Loft conversion with rear dormer and velux windows to the front	94, High Street	Has provision been made for parking?

**Action: Clerk**

At 8.25 p.m. member of public left.

### 321/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts schedules for March 2018, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. R. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. L. Bottrill 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 at today's date as follows:

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

MPC Current Account	£6,344.81
HSBC [Precept Account]	£40,192.15
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£20,861.95
Petty Cash	£16.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£67,415.09</b>

**322/18 TO RECEIVE FINAL QUARTER SPEND TO DATE AGAINST BUDGET**  
Deferred.

**323/18 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON MAY FAYRE 2018**  
All arrangements are underway and going well for this event.  
**Action: SP**

**324/18 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF LEASE FOR CRICKET CLUB**  
Ongoing. Due to lack of contact from the cricket club solicitor, this is on going. He has been contacted by the Parish Council's solicitor and the cricket club have called personally but still no contact has been made.  
**Action: HC/Clerk**

**325/18 TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LAND, MARKYATE**  
Still awaiting the final signature. Inland have contractors ready to start work on the land. Once this has been completed it should be a relatively quick handover. When the Cemetery has been transferred to the Parish Council, access to the cemetery will have to be managed. The gates will need to be locked at all times and opened only for funerals. Signage should be considered to avoid confusion regarding parking etc.  
**Action: HC/Clerk**

**326/18 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE PROJECTS THROUGH P3 FUNDING**  
It was agreed that the available funding should be spent on MOT on two areas of footpath 13.  
**Action: All/Clerk**

**327/18 TOWN AND PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN**  
Deferred.  
**Action: PS/Clerk**

**328/18 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT**  
It was reported the proportionate amount required from Markyate Parish Council for maintenance and administration of the Aley Green Cemetery for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 is £2,207. This takes in to account inflation and any increases in housing stock in the Parish.  
**Action: Clerk**

**329/18 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
The Clerk circulated the list of correspondence for information only which was duly noted.

**330/18 MARKYATE MONTHLY INCLUSION**  
Planning Applications/decisions, new play equipment in Peggy's Field, report on the John Collings-Wells unveiling and memorial Service.  
**Action: LB/PB/Clerk**

**331/18 PLAY EQUIPMENT IN PEGGY'S FIELD**  
The play equipment should arrive on site on the 16<sup>th</sup> April. Work will commence shortly after and the aim is for completion in time for the summer holidays.  
**Action HC/Clerk**

**332/18 INFORMATION PACK ABOUT VILLAGE LIFE TO NEW RESIDENTS**  
Deferred.  
**Action: SP**

**333/18 REPORT REGARDING INSTALLATION OF RAIL TO CEMETERY AND PEGGY'S FIELD**  
The contractors have visited the site and we are now waiting for their quote.  
**Action: HC/Clerk**

**334/18 TO RECEIVE REQUEST AND AGREE ACTION FROM A UK WEATHER SERVICE, INFORMING VISITORS TO MPC WEBSITE OF MAJOR WEATHER EVENTS**

There were no objections to this request, however there were a couple of points that need clarifying: Will there be advertising of any sort with this service? How easy is it to remove the service, should we decide it's not for us?

**Action: Clerk**

**325/18 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON JOHN COLLINGS-WELLS UNVEILING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Despite the weather, the unveiling was an outstanding success with a very good turnout, including the British Legion, the Royal Anglian Regiment and a very moving Last Post and Reveille from our bugler.

The Parish Council agreed to provide refreshments at the Village Hall following the service, which many people attended. An in-depth write-up and photographs can be found on the Dacorum Digest, MPC website and Markyate Monthly. Thanks and praise were given to Cllr. Pilkinton for all her hard work and dedication to this event.

C/Cllr. Douris gave his apologies for being unable to attend the J.C-Wells unveiling, due to work commitments.

He then went on to speak about the Right of Way application on Green Lane, Markyate. There is a question mark over the process and as such, all interested parties have been informed by the Rights of Way Officer at Herts County Council that they have until the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to put any reviews forward to this application.

At 9.15 C/Cllr. Douris left.

**There being no further the meeting closed at 9.20 pm**

**Next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

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

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