

MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

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

In attendance: B/Cllr. J. Timmis and C/Cllr. T. Douris

102/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. D. Kao, no apologies received.

103/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest at this meeting.

104/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Markyate Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd July 2019, as circulated, be received as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Styles and seconded by Cllr. Pilkinton.

105/19 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

No public questions at this meeting.

106/19 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	4/01159/19/TCA	Fell Trees.	58 High Street	Raise no objection
2	4/01174/19/TCA	Fell Tree.	9 Cheverells House, Cheverells Green	Raise no objection
3	4/00906/19/FHA	Two storey rear extension.	April Cottage, Caddington Common	Refuse
4	4/00655/19/FUL	Change of use of Unit, (Class A1/A2/A3/A4 and B1) to No. 3 Residential Units, together with associated external alterations and provision of parking.	Unit 2, Richmond Square, Hicks Road	Grant
5	4/01042/19/FUL	External changes to an industrial unit, additional 3 dormers to the southern elevation, raising of the ridge, 3 new single doorways, 3 replacement rooflights on northern elevations and other alterations to fenestration.	A and B Sports, The Promotional Centre, Church End	Grant
6	4/00812/19/DRC	Details as required by condition 5 (management plan) attached to planning permission 4/01490/17/FUL (change of use from forestry workshop to 4-bedroom dwelling).	Horsa Hut, Cheverells Green	Grant
7	4/00811/19/FUL	Provision and surfacing of residential access with gravel.	Horsa Hut, Cheverells Green	Grant
8	4/01198/19/FHA	Single storey rear extension for Granny Annex	1 Cowper Rise	Grant
9	4/01040/19/DRC	Details as required by Condition 1 (phase 1 contamination report parts 1, 2 & 3) attached to planning application 4/00064/19/LPA (change of use from factory to 4 Residential Dwellings	The Factory, Church End	Grant

107/19 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BELOW

1	*4/01528/19/FHA	Conversion of Garage to Playroom	14 High View	-
2	*4/00811/19/FUL	Provision and surfacing of residential access with gravel.	Horsa Hut, Cheverells Green	-
3	4/01539/19/DRC	Details required by condition 2 (materials), 3 (hard and soft landscaping) and 7 (fire hydrants) of planning permission	Willow Tree Farm, Pipers Lane	No Objections

		4/00191/19/FUL (change of use from business class B1 to class C3 residential dwelling. Single storey front extension and roof extension).		
4	4/01647/19/LBC	Replace external door and door frame also replacement wooden casement window and removal and replacement of external light.	1 Christina Court, High Street.	No Objections

***Taken to July PCM**

108/19 TO CONSIDER PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN 31ST JULY 2019 AND 6TH AUGUST 2019

5	4/01795/19/FHA	Garage Conversion	Old Beechwood, Cheverells Green	Objection – insufficient paperwork. The Council were unable to make a decision due to lack of information.
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109/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts Schedule for July 2019, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Styles and seconded by Cllr. J. Taunton 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 July 2019

MPC Current Account	£12,504.50
HSBC [Precept Account]	£83,997.82
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£21,112.27
Petty Cash	£62.44
TOTAL	£117,677.03

110/19 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE FIRST QUARTER SPEND AGAINST BUDGET

It was noted the first quarter spend to June 30th 2019 is £15,181.00 against a budget of £73,667.00. This was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Pilkinton.

111/19 TO RECEIVE AND SIGN BANK RECONCILIATION

This was received and accepted. Proposed by Cllr. Styles and seconded by Cllr. Taunton.

112/19 UPDATE OF OFFICE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The Council was asked to agree to the update of the telephone system at the village halls as the old system was now obsolete and has become costly as British Telecom no longer support the older systems and we are now not able to get cost effective contracts. The Council have elected to stay with BT and are purchasing BT Cloud Voice as it seems to satisfy all the requirements of the council office. Proposed by Cllr. Bunyan and seconded by Cllr. Pilkinton.

Action: RP

113/19 WIFI SYSTEM AT VILLAGE AND Y2K HALLS

Having discussed the 3 options supplied by an ex-Councillor, of how best to go forward with regards to WiFi installation, an option was agreed and the ex-Councillor in question has been notified. A temporary set-up has been already installed, pending further work. Ongoing.

114/19 TRAFFIC WARDENS IN MARKYATE

Following complaints about parking on double yellow lines, B/Cllr. Chapman reported recommendations from Dacorum Borough Council were that in the first instance, notices will be put up, including MPC website and Markyate Monthly, asking members of the public to consider their actions when parking on yellow and double yellow lines. If this proves unsuccessful, Dacorum would provide monitoring the relevant areas with Traffic Wardens, risking fines and possible towing.

115/19 CRICKET CLUB DRAFT LEASE

Awaiting final signatures; should be finalised very shortly.

Action: HC/PB/RP/Clerk

116/19 TRANSFER OF NEW CEMETERY LAND

Cllr. Chapman reported that we are very close to signing the paperwork for the transfer of this land. It was agreed that the Clerk will attend a Cemetery Management Course due to various important issues that need to be taken into consideration in the management. The future running of the cemetery will be discussed at a later date.

A vote was taken to decide if the Council should establish running costs before signing, however the majority voted against this due to the importance of a new cemetery for the village.

Action: HC

117/19 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported back on two items:

Information regarding planning application 4/00095/18/FUL (February 2018) – Report on a lengthy decision.

Public liability on Village Clock - £10m.

118/19 ROADS TO BE GRITTED IN THE VILLAGE

A plan was devised and presented to the meeting, giving an indication as to which roads would benefit from gritting, not currently covered by Highways. Quotes for gritting these areas will be sought and once costs have been established and considered, it may prove to be too expensive, therefore not viable.

Action: RP/JT

119/19 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

120/19 VILLAGE CLOCK

Ongoing.

Action: PS/Clerk

121/19 UPDATE ON WORKS THROUGH PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3)

A new signpost on the footpath on Dammersey was declined by the Paths Officer.

Remedial work has been approved on Footpath 23 between Farrer Top and private land. Awaiting quote.

Action: Clerk

122/19 DRAFT PARKING STANDARDS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (PARKING STANDARDS SPD)

It was agreed by all that this should be opposed; a response will be drafted.

Action: All

123/19 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2019

Application will be submitted by the end of August, the same as last year.

Action: SP

124/19 MAINTENANCE WORK IN PEGGY'S FIELD

Brambles encroaching on the path in Peggy's Field and overgrown trees need cutting back. A survey of the area will be carried out in due course with a view to having this work carried out, once costs have been established and agreed.

A letter to be sent to the owner of the path leading to Peggy's, with regards to the condition. The path is in a poor state and as a duty of care, it must be made safe.

Action: RP/Clerk

125/19 MISSING MILESTONE

The ancient milestone that has been retrieved from the ditch along the A5183 may now be planted on the other side of the highway so the arrow to London will be pointing in the right direction on the verge near to the entrance to Manor Farm, if agreement can be obtained and there are no objections. Letters will be sent to neighbouring properties.

Action: SP/Clerk

126/19 LONDON LUTON AIRPORT

Report from C/Cllr. Jane Timmis

There are several consultations going on at the moment relating to the run up to Luton Airport's next planned major expansion.

Currently running is their application to Luton Borough Council (LBC) to vary Condition 10 of their original 2013 permitted expansion, which set noise contours for night flights. It has been in breach of these contours for over 2 years and is now seeking the contours increased to suit them. This has drawn over 400 comments from Councils and those affected, almost entirely objecting, including Dacorum Borough Council (DBC). Herts County Council has produced a robust report against the variation of Condition 10 and in defence of reducing the impact of the Airport in Hertfordshire. The renewed consultation is on the LBC website and has been extended to mid-September.

At the same time, they are gearing up for another consultation with those who may be affected by the proposed and ongoing expansion of the airport itself. The Parish Council has received a letter but The Airport (London Luton Airport Ltd, LLAL) will be obliged to get in touch anyway even if the Council does not respond in this instance. Cllr. Timmis had a meeting with James Doe and Stephen Mendham about DBC's response to the various consultations to urge that they use more assertive language in opposing further expansion of the airport without reducing current levels of noise and air pollution suffered by Markyate and Flamstead.

There is also an ongoing investigation going on looking at the 'Airspace' changes. It involves the National Air Traffic Control and includes other airports such as Heathrow, Stansted and Northolt. This relates to reorganising where aircraft can be stacked, their flight paths and ensuring safety in an area which is heavily congested in the air. This is a major operation and it is to be hoped that our residents might benefit from changing current stacking areas for Heathrow that impede our aircraft from getting higher more quickly.

Local Herts Councils are getting together and presenting a better more proactive front to the threat of a huge expansion of the Airport leading to a doubling of the number of passengers from 18 million presently to 36 million by 2050. This will incur heavier traffic in the area and of course increased noise and environmental pollution.

Action: SP

127/19 HEDGE ON FOOTPATH LEADING TO CEMETERY

The Council are in correspondence with the Church in order to establish a way forward. The church has previously cut this hedge back but as this is 'common land', they may refuse to cut it again. Ongoing.

Action: Clerk

128/19 SERVICE ON ALARM SYSTEM AT Y2K HALL

Maintenance service carried out under the rolling contract on 19th July 2019 at a cost of £290.00. Noted by all.

129/19 ICO CONSULTATION ON DRAFT DATA SHARING CODE OF PRACTICE

Deferred.

Action: All

130/19 MARKYATE MONTHLY/TWITTER

Items to be agreed.

Action: RP/Clerk

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Next meeting: 3rd September 2019

Signed: _____

Date: _____