

Markyate Parish Council

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

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

In attendance: No members of the public at this meeting

176/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. Kao, Cllr. Sherriff, due to work commitments and B/Cllr. Chapman due to Borough Councillor duties.

177/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest at this meeting.

178/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Markyate Parish Council held on 6th November 2018, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Styles and seconded by Cllr. Pilkinton.

179/18 TO RECEIVE RESIGNATION OF LUC BUGEJA

The Parish Council noted the resignation of Cllr Bugeja. A Vacancy for Councillor Notice has been placed on notice boards and the Returning Officer at DBC has been informed.

A letter to be sent to formally accept his resignation and to thank him for the time spent as a Parish councillor.

Action: Clerk

180/18 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

No public questions at this meeting.

181/18 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	4/01909/18/FHA	Two storey side and rear extension and single storey front extension	85 Buckwood Road	Grant
2	4/02178/18/ADV	Installation of 1 x internally illuminated Co-op projector, 1 x set of non illuminated acrylic 'Welcome to' sign, 1 x internally illuminated Co-Op logo. 1 x non illuminated wall mounted flat aluminium panel	Co-Operative Food, Hicks Road	Withdrawn
3	4/01516/18/DRC	Details as required by Conditions 3 (Materials attached to planning permission 4/02803/16/FUL (change of use of land to equestrian use and provision of American style stables for private personal use	Land at Cotton Spring Farm, Friendless lane	Grant
4	4/02247/18/TPO	Works to trees and removal of trees	9 Cheverells House, Cheverells Green	Grant
5	4/02631/18/LDP	Addition of Juliet balcony	84 Pickford Road	Grant

182/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider planning applications received from Dacorum Borough Council/HCC as listed and those received between 28th November 2018 and 4th December 2018

	4/01954/18/FUL	Single storey side extension, two storey side extension and associated works. Taken to the 6/11/18 PCM	Surgery, 1 Hicks Road	Granted
1	4/02727/18/ROC	Removal of Condition 7 (Obscure Glazing) from planning permission 4/00536/18/FUL, construction of 2 bed dwelling (Amended Scheme)	2 Cowper Road	No objections
2	4/01278/18/FUL	Change of use of unit 1 (Class D1 surgery/health centre use) to Class A1 convenience food-store, together with change of use of unit 2 (Class A1/A2/A3/A4 and B1) to three residential units (one 1-bed and two 2-bed flats), together with associated external alterations, landscaping, amendment to Richmond Square and provision of parking.	Units 1 and 2, Richmond Square, Hicks Road.	Comments previously submitted. Councillors are disappointed that it came to the planning being passed without waiting for the end of the consultation period. Still opposed to this application.
3	4/02777/18/FHA	Single storey side extension to garage and replacement of existing doors	Dammersey House, 12A Dammersey Close	No objections

Action: Clerk

183/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts schedules for November 2018, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. Styles 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 follows:

As at 30th November 2018

MPC Current Account	£3,623.70
HSBC [Precept Account]	£75,812.75
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£20,960.26
Petty Cash	£67.67
TOTAL	£100,464.38

184/18 DRAFT BUDGET/PROPOSED PRECEPT/REQUEST FROM CONCURRENT SERVICES 2019/20

- It was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Pilkinton and **RESOLVED** that the Council approves the draft budget for 2019/20. Based on the current information the Parish Rate for a Band D property is expected to be **£1,340.40**.
- It was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Styles and **RESOLVED** that the Council approves a Precept of **£57,471.00**.
- It was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Pilkinton and **RESOLVED** that the Council accepts the DBC Concurrent Services Grant of **£16,196.00** and Village Warden of **£10,568.00** for 2019/20.
- The Council Tax Support is **£1,752.00**.

Action: Clerk

185/18 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

186/18 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report at this meeting.

187/18 MARKYATE MONTHLY INCLUSION

Action: ALL

188/18 NEWSLETTER INCLUSION

The newsletter has been well received and positive comments were made.

189/18 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON CRICKET CLUB LEASE

Deferred.

190/18 TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LAND, MARKYATE

Deferred

191/18 HICKS ROAD AND A5183 ROAD JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council would rather see the available money spent on the London Road junction. By a narrow majority, it was felt that the bridge should stay, but that an up-to-date light controlled crossing may prove an acceptable alternative. If the bridge were to be kept, it would need to be kept to an acceptable standard, which would entail more cost.

No action

192/18 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION 2020/21

The Parish Council received and noted this consultation but did not comment on this due to the consultation being out of the Markyate area.

No action

193/18 HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL BUDGET SURVEY

The general consensus was that there are services which people would like, but are unable to afford to pay the extra charges this would entail. The Parish Council agreed to urge the County Council to review critically the amount of money that is spent.

Action: Clerk

194/18 PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

It was agreed that the Parish Office would be open until 3.30 p.m. on Friday 21st December until 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday 8th January.

195/18 MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

This item was requested to consider meeting dates from June 2019 to May 2020 which is presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council but was deferred until next year.

Action: Clerk

196/18 UPDATE ON TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE

One Councillor attended this conference and found that the networking was far more useful (in some cases), than the actual meetings. Each category was discussed briefly, noting that the Planning session proved very useful.

No action

197/18

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960. That under S 4 (A) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the Press and Public be excluded during the items in Part II of the agenda for this meeting, because it is likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or for other special reasons stated in the resolution, arising from the nature of the business or proceedings.

It was noted 3 quotations were requested and received.

1. To receive quotations for IT Support.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from:

a) Jam Crackers at a cost of £375.00 + VAT for hours purchased in advance of support.

Unsuccessful quotes:

b) £349.00 per month

c) £872.80

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2. To receive quotations for CCTV to Rear of Halls

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from:

a) MJ Security at a cost of £502.11 + VAT for two cameras, fixings and installation.

Unsuccessful quotes:

b) £430.00 + VAT

c) £1,375.00 + VAT

Action: Clerk/SP

There being no further, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting: 8 January 2019

Signed: _____

Date: _____