

# Markyate Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

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

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

### **240/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. D. Kao, due to work commitments and Cllr. L. Bugeja, due to work commitments.

### **241/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest at this meeting.

### **242/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Markyate Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017, were a correct record, (with one minor adjustment on item no. 225/17) and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. R. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. S. Pilkinton.

### **243/18 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)**

No public questions at this meeting.

### **244/18 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

1	4/02938/17/DRC	Details of position of CCTV cameras as required by condition 3 of planning permission 4/01664/17/LBC (installation of 3 CCTV cameras)	Cavendish Lodge, High Street	Grant
2	4/02726/17/LBC	Repair to ground floor front elevation damage caused by car impact	117, High Street, Markyate	Grant
3	4/02796/17/FHA	Detached log store	Land at Lower Farm End, Luton Road	Refuse
4	4/02875/17/FHA	Proposed detached building for the storage, restoration and maintenance of Heritage Post Boxes, vintage phone boxes and post office post boxes	Land at Lower Farm End	Refuse
5	4/02650/17/FUL	Demolition of existing workshop. Construction of a 3-bed dwelling	2, Cowper Road	Refuse

### **245/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To consider planning applications received from Dacorum Borough Council/HCC as listed and those received between 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

1	4/03100/17/FHA	Single storey front and rear extension, velux windows. Alterations to roof and front, side and rear dormers (amended scheme)	25, Dammersey Close, Markyate	No Objections
2	4/03057/17/FHA	Part demolition of existing building, single storey rear extension, porch extension, first floor rear extension and alterations to roof.	School House Farm, Old Watling Street	No Objections
3	PL/0888/17	Proposed application for the installation of a 4-bay modular classroom building at Markyate JMI School	Cavendish Road	No Objections
4	4/03115/17/LBC	Change ground floor kitchen window to half glazed door.	3, Cheverells House, Cheverells Green	No Objections

**Action: Clerk**

### **246/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Accounts Schedule has been deferred.

### **247/18 TO RECEIVE THIRD QUARTER SPEND TO DATE AGAINST BUDGET**

As above, deferred

### **248/18 DRAFT BUDGET/PROPOSED PRECEPT/REQUEST FROM CONCURRENT SERVICES 2018/19**

- It was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Sherriff and **RESOLVED** that the Council approves the draft budget for 2018/19. Based on the current information the Parish Rate for a Band D property is expected to be £38.06.
- It was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Sherriff and **RESOLVED** that the Council approves a Precept of £50,818.33.
- It was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Sherriff and **RESOLVED** that the Council accepts the DBC Concurrent Services Grant of £8,006.81 and Village Warden of £10,011.52 for 2018/19.

(d) The Council Tax Support is £1,751.67.

**Action: Clerk**

**249/18 INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2018**

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should continue with Clubfinance. They provide excellent service.

**Action: Clerk**

**250/18 MEMBERSHIP OF HAPTC**

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council continue membership of HAPTC. They provide informative current information relating to Parish Councils.

**Action: Clerk**

**251/18 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF LEASE FOR CRICKET CLUB**

DBC unearthed a problem with their title to the roadway, in that its ownership ends just short of the highway land. This means that either of the Councils can only grant a right of way "in so far as it is able" over the missing strip of land.

This land is required to be noted and is being dealt with. We hope to receive final paperwork in due course.

**Action: HC/Clerk**

**252/18 TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LAND, MARKYATE**

The Deed of Covenant states three Land Registry restrictions. These will need to be cleared before proceeding. Inland are dealing with this at present. Ongoing.

**Action: HC/Clerk**

**253/17 BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING IN THE VILLAGE**

Deferred.

**254/17 TOWN AND PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN**

It was agreed the Town and Parish Emergency Plan will be looked in to and presented to the Parish Council in due course.

**Action: PS/Clerk**

**255/18 BROWNFIELD LAND REGISTER CONSULTATION**

This was discussed at some length and it was decided that the Parish should certainly consider brownfield sites because this would provide a very strong argument for avoiding development on any green-belt sites. In comparison to the surrounding villages, Markyate has sustained a much greater proportion of new housing and the Parish should campaign for no more development. The response from the Parish will be sent in due course.

**Action: Clerk**

**256/18 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that all Grit Bins in the village have been filled by the Warden.

Terry Douris then explained that due to the cold spell we have experienced, a much higher amount of gritting took place and as such, it is possible that other works i.e. street lighting/pot holes etc., had to be delayed. These issues will be dealt with as soon as is feasible.

**257/18 TO AGREE ACTIONS ON LAND BETWEEN PICKFORD ROAD AND LONDON ROAD**

This is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty/Green Belt and everything possible should be done to stop the development of this land.

Due to his position and potential conflict of interest, the Borough Councillor abstained from this vote, however it was unanimously agreed by all present that we are, as a Parish, opposed to this development.

**Action: Clerk**

**258/18 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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

**259/18 MARKYATE MONTHLY INCLUSION**

Cricket Club Lease, Cemetery Land, Town and Parish Emergency Plan, Brownfield Sites, Terry Douris County Councillor, Christmas Lights, Play Equipment Peggy's Field, Defibrillator Quotes.

**260/18 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Christmas lights in the village were a great success, admired by all. Costs permitting, consideration will be given to a further extension, from Hilliers Yard, across Albert Street and up to Wesley Road, taking a feed from the Dry Cleaners. This will be considered for next year. Thanks were given for all the hard work put in to this project.

**Action: SP/Clerk**

**261/18 PLAY EQUIPMENT IN PEGGY'S FIELD**

Following last month's considerations regarding the various plans for the play equipment in Peggy's Field, the recommended tender has now been agreed by the Council, which meets the criteria of the consultation.

**Action HC/Clerk**

**262/18 TO DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE FROM A PARISHIONER REGARDING PROPOSED NEW HOMES DEVELOPMENTS IN MARKYATE**

A parishioner enquired about the disused garages to the rear of Park Close and Corner Wood. This has been looked at by Dacorum in the past and the consensus was, that due to a very narrow access, this would require widening the road before any development could be considered. A costly exercise, added to which, some residents were opposed to any development taking place. A number of garages have since been let. Our Borough Councillor has spoken directly with the parishioner in question, explaining the events that took place in more detail.

**Action: HC**

**263/18 DISCUSS THE USE OF TRAILTALE APPS FOR WALKING**

As the Parish Council could not guarantee certain items listed in the Terms and Conditions, it was agreed unanimously not to go ahead with this scheme.

**Action: Clerk**

Terry Douris left the meeting – 9.20 p.m.

**264/18 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

It was resolved 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.

**DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VILLAGE**

Three quotations were sourced and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from:

**a) British Heart Foundation** at a cost of £600

The unsuccessful prices sourced were:

**b) £1,498.80 + VAT**

**c) £975.00 + VAT**

The defibrillator will be situated outside, in the grounds of the Village Hall, which will necessitate it being placed in an external heated box for protection. Paediatric pads will also be sought, in the event of the equipment being used on a child. These items to be proposed at the next meeting in February.

**Action: PB/Clerk**

**There being no further the meeting closed at 9.30 pm**

**Next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

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

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