

# Markyate Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

**Present:** Cllr P Bunyan, Chairman, Cllr I Crawford, Vice Chairman, Cllr D Coasby, Cllr P Sherriff, Cllr S Pilkinton, Mrs J Bissmire, Clerk/RFO

**In attendance:** No members of public at this meeting.

### 73/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from B/Cllr H Chapman, Cllr G Baldwin, Cllr R Langley, Cllr R Peterson, due to personal commitments.

### 74/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest at this meeting.

### 75/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Markyate Parish Council held on 7 June 2016, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr I Crawford and seconded by Cllr D Coasby.

### 76/16 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

No public questions at this meeting.

### 77/16 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	13.06.16	4/01542/16/LDP	Hip to Gable conversion with new rear dormer	13 Dammersey Close	
2	13.06.16	4/01055/16/DRC	Details required by Condition 3 hard and soft landscaping, attached to planning permission 4/00109/14/FUL change of use from Class A4 to Class C3 residential of the existing public house including partial demolition and minor internal alterations and the construction of three dwellings with associated carport, parking and driveway	The Sun inn, 101 High Street	Grant
3	14.06.16	4/01118/16/DRC	Details of the protection strategy required by Condition 10 of planning permission, change of use from Class A4 to Class C3 residential of the existing public house including partial demolition and minor internal alterations and the construction of three dwellings with associated carport, parking and driveway.	The Sun Inn, 101 High Street	Grant
4	4/01523/16/DRL	4/01523/16/DRL	Details of landscape and nature management plan required by Section 106 Agreement	Land at Manor Farm	Grant

### 78/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider planning applications listed below and those received between 29 June and 5 July 2016

1	06.06.16	4/01486/16/LDP	Single storey rear extension	8 Cowper For information only	No comment.
2	06.06.16	4/01249/16/FUL	Change of use from B1, B2 and B8 to D2 Leisure and Health Centre	Unit 7, Lantern Commercial Park, London Road, Markyate.	No comment Listed in the Parish of Flamstead.
3	15.06.16	4/01542/16/LDP	Hip to Gable conversion with new rear dormer	13 Dammersey Close	No comment
4	15.06.16	4/01612/16/FUL	Erection of 3 stables, with hay store, tack and saddle stores, with hardstanding area	Land at The Ridings.	No objection
5	22.06.16	4/03533/15/FHA	Single storey side and rear extension Porch	2 Cornerwood	No objection
6	23.06.16	4/01603/16/LBC	Replace boiler and replacement flue to rear of building. Replace existing render to rear extension with lime render. Re plaster lower half of two internal walls in rear lounge/dining room with lime plaster. Partial re pointing to front of property	47 High Street.	No objection

**Action: Clerk**

### 79/16 APPEAL 1 CHEVERELS CLOSE

The Parish Council considered the appeal for 1 Cheverells Close, Markyate, AL3 8RJ, retention of amenity land as residential garden.

It was agreed to strongly object as follows:-

Not acceptable for a resident to clear the area of small trees, bushes, shrubs and erected a high perimeter fence around what is public land, without asking or gaining any permission is unacceptable.

Open spaces are an integral part of rural communities and can be seen in any village. Irrespective of whether they are overgrown, woodland, grass areas, used or unused they all add to the character and make-up of the village the action taken is unacceptable.

The boundary fence recently erected must be removed and reconstructed at the original boundary to the property, as shown on their deeds.

This is common land and should not be fenced in.

**Action: Clerk**

### 80/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the schedule for payment as attached. It was noted the figures are correct at today's date but may change slightly due to unforeseen invoices before the end of the financial year. It was proposed by Cllr D Coasby and seconded by Cllr P Sherriff 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 Councils accounts as at today's date as follows:

MPC Current Account	£ 3331.20
HSBC [Precept Account]	£ 60523.07
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£ 20737.35
Petty Cash	£ 34.66
HSBC Investment Bond	£ 30775.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 115401.68</b>

### 81/16 FIRST QUARTER SPEND

It was noted the first quarter spend to 30 June 2016 is **£33311.00** against a budget of **£108078.00**. This was proposed by Cllr I Crawford and seconded by Cllr P Sherriff.

### 82/16 VILLAGER SURVEY

A spreadsheet of survey results was circulated at the meeting. The purpose of the survey will enable discussion as to where funds can be allocated when the next MPC budget is set. The items marked in yellow are the responsibility of HCC, copy to be forwarded to Cllr David Lloyd. It was noted tennis courts should be listed on the Wish List.

**Action: All**

### 83/16 CRICKET CLUB LEASE

It was noted the draft lease has been returned to DBC and will be forwarded to the Parish Council for signature as soon as possible.

**Action: HC/Clerk**

### 84/16 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The following was noted:-

- New connection point at The Sun [Ringway]
- Sort out the connection at 58 where permission has been given, for the connection to be on property No. 60. [Ringway]
- Outstanding work to paint the feeder pillars to match the property, white in both cases. [Ringway]
- As the new larger pillars were installed at the discretion of HCC, these remain in their ownership.
- DBC Heritage are looking at all properties as to where fixing points should be. [SP to contact Heritage]
- Cllrs Pilkinton and Coasby to work together on this project.

**Action: SP/DC/Clerk**

### 85/16 LONDON LUTON AIRPORT CAR PARK

It was noted with concern the amount of vehicles parking in Markyate and taking a taxi to Luton Airport, clearly a cheaper version than long stay car parking charges at the airport.

It was **agreed** this is something to monitor and consider for actions to prevent this annoyance and misuse of parking in the village.

**Action: All**

### 86/16 OUTSIDE GYM AT PEGGY'S FIELD

It was reported all flights which sway away from the flight path are fined by London Luton Airport. This fund is available for use within the community where the overflight took place.

It was suggested this may be a way of funding the Outside Gym at Peggy's Field.

Also as substantial funds have been collected from the developments at Manor Farm and Hicks Road, Section 106 may cover such equipment and other improvements within the village.

The resurfacing of the safety surface in the play area and Netball surface at Peggy's Field are also possibilities.

On going.

**Action: HC/Clerk**

### 87/16 ACCESS TO CRICKET CLUB RECREATION ROUND

Following the recent disturbance at the recreation ground, Hertfordshire Police have advised the following precautions should be considered:-

- Mounds are placed on the front of the recreation ground with a lockable knock down bollard to the side of the club house.
- CCTV by Automatic Gates on path leading to Halls.
- CCTV to cover the patio doors at the Village Hall.

Councillors to assess the area but in principle it was felt 6 bollards to be set to the left of the Cricket Club at the far edge of the tarmac area, just before the grass. 5 of this need to be of the reinforced concrete or steel type, set in concrete (not the bolt onto a metal plate type). The 6th bollard to be a lockable and removable type. Again, set in concrete.

Also to the right of the Cricket Club a long ditch and mound the entire length up to footpath 13. Where this ditch/mound passes by the blue shelter there to be a narrow pedestrian walkway so anyone can walk from the car park to the shelter or onto the playing field (or they can use footpath 13).

The clerk was asked to speak with the steward at the cricket club as it is considered this is a joint venture.

Agenda item for August meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **88/16 FENCED OFF AREA AT HALLS**

Having discussed this item previously [minute 65/16] it was proposed by Cllr P Bunyan and agreed unanimously for the fenced off area to the rear of the Village and Y2K Halls to be installed through S106/CIL funding, the Parish Council agreed this will be an added asset to the Halls.

With an all-weather surface and safe area, this will be available for all hall hirers.

**Action: HC/Clerk**

#### **89/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**

The following was agreed:-

- Cllrs Bunyan, Pilkinton and Sherriff to represent Markyate.
- Meetings are held quarterly.
- A new title, Watling Ward Parish Liaison was suggested.
- A request was made for the meetings to commence at 8:00pm

**Action: SP/Clerk**

#### **90/16 CLERKS REPORT**

It was noted the new plants in the Planters had suffered from slug infestation. The clerk suggested when new Planters are introduced later/early next year, thought is given to maintenance of the planters, i.e./ sponsorship etc.

#### **91/16 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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

#### **92/16 STREET PARTY**

The Notes from the 8 June 2016 final meeting had been circulated and a Thank You meeting was held on 4 July to thank all those who helped make the day so special.

Thank you letters will be sent as soon as possible.

**Action: SP/Clerk**

#### **93/16 ITEMS FOR MARKYATE MONTHLY**

Planning applications, Quarterly Budget, Christmas Lights, is Markyate becoming an extension of Luton Airport's car park, Outdoor Gym for Peggy's field, unauthorised occupation of the recreation ground by the Village Hall, fenced off area to the rear of the Village/Y2K Halls, Neighbourhood Action Group, Planters in Village.

#### **94/16 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

##### **1. Quotations for Iron Railings by Automatic Gates.**

At the request of the Parish Council, three further quotations were presented to the Parish Council for consideration. [minute72/16]

This item is deferred as the clerk did not have enough information to hand at that time.

**Action: Clerk**

##### **2. Staff Update**

It was noted applications for the post of clerk and caretaker had been received and interviews will be held shortly.

**There being no further the meeting closed at 8.50 pm**

**Next meeting: 2 August 2016**

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

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