

Markyate Parish Council

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th JULY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

Present: Cllr. P. Bunyan, Cllr. R. Peterson, Cllr. P. Sherriff, Cllr. L. Bugeja
Mrs D Sells, Clerk/RFO

In attendance: 1 member of the public

81/17 CO-OPTION OF LUC BUGEJA

Following the appropriate Notice of Vacancy notices and procedures followed, the chairman Cllr. Bunyan welcomed and declared Luc Bugeja duly elected as a co-opted member onto the Parish Council to serve the remaining term. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed at the meeting.

82/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from B/Cllr. Chapman due to Borough Councillor duties, Cllr. S. Pilkinton due to personal commitments and Cllr. D. Kao due to family issues.

83/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest at this meeting.

84/17 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman asked for nominations for the Office of Vice Chairman and nominated Cllr. R. Peterson, which was seconded by Cllr. Sherriff.

It was RESOLVED

That Cllr. R. Peterson be appointed Vice Chairman for the year 2017/18

Cllr. Peterson read and signed the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office and agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct.

85/17 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

The resignation of Councillor R. Langley was received and accepted with immediate effect. The Parish Council asked for a letter of thanks to be sent for her time spent as a Parish Councillor.

Action: Clerk

86/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Markyate Parish Council held on 6th June 2017, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. R. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. P. Sherriff.

87/17 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

Standing Orders were suspended.

A parishioner enquired again about the cemetery – has it been handed over to the Parish yet? It is very overgrown and is affecting his garden, he is upset and frustrated. He questioned how much longer this would be going on for because the current owners are not maintaining the land; undoubtedly because they are waiting for the transfer of land which is being dealt with by the Parish Council's solicitor.

Parishioner left at 7.45 p.m.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

88/17 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	4/00735/17/DRC	Details as required by Conditions 2 (Barn timbers), 4 (Written scheme of investigation) of listed building consent 4/01307/16/LBC (change of use from D1 non-residential institutions to C3 residential dwelling single storey rear extension).	The Granary Cheverells Green	Grant
2	4/00991/17/FHA	Proposed single storey front extension	78, Pickford Road	Grant

89/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider planning applications listed below and those received between 28th June 2017 and 4th July 2017

1	4/01169/17/FUL	Change of use of a small piece of land from agricultural to building a ménage.	Ashtons, Green Lane	No Objections
2	4/01342/17/NMA	Non material amendment to planning permission 4/03320/16/FHA (side gable and dormer)	13, Dammersey Close	For Information Only

3	4/01339/17/FHA	Single storey front and rear extensions. Alterations to roof. Velux windows, front and rear dormers	25 Dammersey Close	Objection. Overdevelopment of site. Out of Keeping. No site plan.
4	4/01438/17/FHA	Proposed single storey rear extension and garage conversion	65 Buckwood Road	No Objections
5	4/01490/17/FUL	Change of use from forestry workshop to 4 bedroom dwelling Noted, one email noting concerns relating to this application.	Old Beechwood, Cheveralls Green	Objection. Area of outstanding beauty. Not in keeping with area. change of use.

Action: Clerk

90/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the schedule for payment as attached. It was proposed by Cllr P. Sherriff and seconded by Cllr R. Peterson 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	£2,934.06
HSBC [Precept Account]	£90,179.29
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£20,861.95
Petty Cash	£68.53
TOTAL	£114,043.83

91/17 FIRST QUARTER SPEND

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the first quarter spend has been deferred until the 1 August 2017 Parish Council Meeting.

Action: Clerk

92/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECTS FROM CIL RECEIPTS

Deferred until next meeting.

Action: HC/Clerk

93/17 LUTON LOCAL PLAN

Deferred until next meeting.

Action: SP

94/17 TO AGREE ON DBC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR NEW LOCAL PLAN

Report was read by Councillors and no comments were forthcoming, therefore it was agreed that this can now be submitted.

Action: Clerk

95/17 PLANTERS IN VILLAGE AND HANGING BASKETS OUTSIDE VILLAGE AND Y2K HALLS

It was agreed that thoughts should be considered as to exactly what planters are required.

Hanging Baskets – it was agreed this should consider next year. The flowers could be purchased at the Plant Sale in the village, which would also benefit the charity in question.

Action: All/PB/Clerk

96/17 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF DRAFT LEASE FOR CRICKET CLUB

Ongoing.

Action: HC/Clerk

97/17 TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LAND, MARKYATE

Ongoing.

Action: HC/Clerk

98/17 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3) 2017

It was agreed that the funding be used for 2 benches to be situated along the new path by the side of the halls, on the cricket pitch side.

Action: Clerk

99/17 ACTION PLANS AND BUSINESS PLANS WORKSHOP

Deferred until next meeting.

Action: SP

100/17 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

No report at this meeting.

101/17 FESTOON LIGHTING

It was unanimously agreed that the quote received from the present contractor, LITE, is too expensive. Suggestions about local sponsorship were put forward, in addition to possibly finding a local company that could carry out the works at a cheaper cost. The quotation will not be accepted until further investigations have been made.

On going.

Action: SP

102/17 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

103/17 TO REVIEW AND NOTE STATEMENT OF INTENT AS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

The Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement Policy was reviewed and it was **RESOLVED** to make no amendments.

Action: All

104/17 MARKYATE MONTHLY INCLUSION

New councillor, new cemetery site, planning applications/decision, Luton Local Plan, New Local Plan, P3 funding, hanging baskets and planters and Christmas Lights

Action: RP

There being no further the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Next meeting: 1st August 2017

Signed: _____

Date: _____