

Markyate Parish Council

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

Present: Cllr. P. Bunyan, B/Cllr. H. Chapman, Cllr. R. Peterson, Cllr. S. Pilkinton, Cllr. J. Taunton, Cllr. P. Styles,
C/Cllr. T. Douris.

In attendance: Mrs D. Sells, Clerk/RFO
Five members of public

238/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Kao due to business commitments.

239/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. J. Taunton expressed a personal interest in item 244/19(9) Planning application 4/03141/18/OUT, due to a relative living in close proximity.

240/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Markyate Parish Council held on 5th February 2019, were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. Styles.

241/19 TO RECEIVE RESIGNATION OF PAUL SHERRIFF

The Parish Council noted the resignation of Cllr. Sherriff. 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.

242/19 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.40pm

Members of the public voiced their concerns regarding planning application 4/03141/18/OUT, Ver House, London Road.

There are already traffic issues in this area, making it dangerous at times; an accident occurred only very recently. Should this planning application be permitted, it would make this problem much, much worse. The building will overlook a number of surrounding houses and the security lighting is already an issue.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.05pm

243/19 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	4/02905/18/FHA	Conversion of garage to habitable use	Timbers, Cheverells Green	Grant
2	4/02221/18/FUL	Demolition of existing indoor ménage and open barn. Construction of 4 new three bedroom dwellings and introduction of new linking track for horses	Livery Stables, Puddephats Farm	Grant
3	4/03249/18/LDP	Loft conversion and insertion of two front and two rear roof lights	2 Blacksmiths Row	Grant
4	4/03219/18/FUL	New automatic bi parting sliding door and frame. New shop front, 1 new satellite dish and 4 cycle stands. Amended Scheme	Unit 1 Richmond Square	Grant

244/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider planning applications received from Dacorum Borough Council/HCC as listed and those received between 27 February 2019 and 5 March 2019

1	4/00177/19/FUL	Construction of 1 x One bedroom dwelling to the rear of 8 Parkfield. (Amended Scheme)	r/o 8 Parkfield	Objection. Over development of site. Not enough amendments; as per our previous objections.
2	4/00157/19/ADV	1 X Internally illuminated Co-op Projector. Non flashing. 1 x set of non illuminated acrylic 'Welcome To' text. 1 x internally illuminated Co-op logo. Non flashing. 1 x non illuminated wall mounted flat aluminium panel	Co-Operative Food, 1 Hicks Road	No Objections.
3	4/03094/18/RET For information only	Demolition of existing building. Construction of new 5 bedroom dwelling. Additional of new patio, acoustic fencing and realignment of car port	School House Farm, Old Watling Street	MPC support Flamstead's decision: For suspension on

				development rights, until permission be granted.
4	4/00189/19/FHA	Proposed Hip to Gable conversion and extending rear Dormer	11 Dammersey Close	No Objections.
5	4/00249/19/FHA	Single storey rear extension	56 Parkfield	No Objections.
6	4/00171/19/FUL	Change of use of existing Equestrian facilities to incorporate the construction of one three bed holiday let in existing stable yard together with a four bed dwelling in a converted barn style, replacement of existing workshop with matching construction to provide new workshop and open fronted barn/store new heritage orchard, three new wildlife ponds and enhancements to existing habitat and additional tree planting.	1 Woodend Cottages, Little Woodend.	Flamstead Parish.
7	4/00193/19/NMA	Non material amendment to planning permission 4/01954/18/FUL	Surgery, 1 Hicks Road	No Objections.
8	4/02872/18/FUL	Demolition of garage/outbuilding and construction of three 2 bedroom terraced houses with associated parking	93-95 High Street	Objection. Too many properties in one area, dangerous – too many cars, overdevelopment of site, infilling.
9	4/03141/18/OUT	Extension to block A/B to form additional offices on first and second floor above existing ground floor offices	Ver House, 55 London Road	Proposed development too big. Parking a problem, dangerous access, River Ver : danger of flooding, overdevelopment of site, delivery problems.
10	4/03125/18/FUL	3 No. new fresh air intake/extract louvre vents, new acoustic access door, new access door and plant equipment. (Amended Scheme).	Unit 1, Richmond Square, Hicks Road	No objections, however needs to be closely monitored.
11	4/03236/18/FHA	Loft Conversion with 3 roof lights and rear dormer.	12, Old Vicarage Gardens	No objections.
12	4/00191/19/FUL	Change of use from business class B1 to class C3 Residential dwelling. Single storey front extension and roof extension.	Willow Tree Farm, Pipers Lane	No objections.

Action: Clerk

245/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts schedules for February 2019, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. R. Peterson and **agreed** unanimously to approve the schedules or 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 28th February 2019

MPC Current Account	£10,899.36
HSBC [Precept Account]	£51,415.62
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£21,112.27
Petty Cash	£58.91
TOTAL	£83,486.16

246/19 QUARTER SPEND

This will appear in next month's Agenda.

Action: Clerk

247/19 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

248/19 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report at this meeting.

249/19 TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LAND, MARKYATE

Developer's solicitors have responded. Land Registry has been contacted. Progress is being chased. On going.

Action: JT

250/19 Y2K SECURITY MAINTENANCE

It was noted and agreed the security maintenance in the Y2K Hall has been carried out under the rolling contract by Safe & Sound. Two wireless panic alarm fobs have also been purchased and batteries replenished.

Action: Clerk

251/19 MARKYATE MAY FAYRE

Two posters have been produced – one for the May Fayre and the other for the May Fayre Queen. A Programme will be produced and delivered to every household in Markyate. Advertising is available for those who are interested. The Programme will be free of charge.

Action: SP

252/19 GRIT/SALT IN THE VILLAGE

It was reported the salt in the grit bins in the village has been used completely. It is unfortunate that much of this salt/grit is being used for personal use. It should be noted that this salt should ONLY be used for the highway. A suggestion was put forward for signs to be placed on the bins, stating that the grit is not for personal use, in the hope that this will deter misuse.

Action: Clerk

253/19 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON CRICKET CLUB LEASE

Plans are now with DBC and are being prepared for the Parish Council. On going.

Action: HC

254/19 DISCUSS AND AGREE ITEMS FOR MPC NEWSLETTER

Members were asked to consider items for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Items suggested were the May Fayre and the awarding of the Purple Star to the surgery for good services. **These items were suggested again.**

Action: RP/JT

255/19 MARKYATE MONTHLY/TWITTER INCLUSION

A report from this meeting will be prepared and approved by the Chairman prior to publication. **No inclusions discussed.**

Action: RP/Clerk

256/19 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON THE VILLAGE CLOCK

Markyate Parish Council's application for funding through the C/Cllr Locality Budget Scheme was successful and a grant of £650 was awarded. This will go towards the cost of refurbishing the village clock.

Action: Clerk

257/19 DISCUSS AND AGREE TEMPORARY CONTAINER AND POD IN VILLAGE HALLS CAR PARK DURING RE-ROOFING WORK IN CAVENDISH ROAD

B/Cllr. Chapman will be liaising directly with DBC with a view to accommodating this request with as little disruption as possible.

Action: HC/Clerk

258/19 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.

1) To receive quotations for Village Warden Contract.

It was noted 2 quotations were requested and received for the village warden to cover 52 weeks a year for 2019/20 to include full insurance, administration and vehicle.

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

a) Village Garden Services at a cost of £16.50 per hour. This company has proved itself over the last number of years, giving excellent service.

For stability, Village Garden Services suggested a 3 year contract, proposing that an increase in line with inflation would amount to a yearly average of 2.2% for 2020 and 2021. This year's rate reflects the national 5% increase to the living wage along with extra running costs, including the additional employer's pension contribution.

This was proposed by Cllr Bunyan and seconded by Cllr Pilkinton.

Unsuccessful quote:

b) £15.00 per hour.

- 2) To note staff holiday entitlement.
It was discussed and agreed to allow all staff to carry over one week only in to the next financial year.
This was agreed as a gesture of goodwill and noted it is not a legal requirement.

There being no further, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meeting: 5th March 2019

Signed: _____

Date: _____