

MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2020 AT 7.30PM IN THE Y2K HALL, MARKYATE, HERTS, AL3 8PS.

Present: Cllr. P. Bunyan, Cllr. R. Peterson, B/Cllr. H. Chapman, Cllr. S. Pilkinton, Cllr. J. Taunton, Cllr C. Ononye, Mrs D. Sells, Clerk/RFO.

In attendance: County Councillor Terry Douris, one member of the public.

280/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. P. Styles and Cllr. D. Kao due to work commitments.

281/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Bunyan declared a personal interest in Planning 4/01730/19/FHA, as she knows the applicant personally. At the point of discussion, Cllr. Bunyan will leave the meeting and return after this item has been discussed, agreed and closed.

282/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Markyate Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th February 2020, as circulated, be received as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Ononye and seconded by Cllr. Taunton.

283/20 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

The member of the public in attendance spoke about planning application 4/01730/19/FHA – 17, Pickford Road. He is still opposed to this application because the revised plans are not in line with Dacorum's recommendations – these being that the decking should be lowered by 440ml.

284/20 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	*4/02205/19/FUL	Retention of repositioned manège	Cotton Spring, Friendless Lane	Granted
2	*19/02804/LDE	Barn used for the storage of hay and straw in conjunction with registered pedigree flock of Black Welsh Mountain sheep and other animals (donkeys, alpacas, pigs, goats) together with the secure storage of tools and implements.	2, Woodend Cottages, Little Woodend	Granted
3	*19/02980/FHA	Installation of external grade frame to front of carport space with wooden doors and addition of interior timber partition wall.	101, High Street	Granted
4	19/02994/FUL	Demolition of garage/outbuildings and the construction of one new detached house and carport	93-95 High Street	Refused
5	19/02790/FUL	Open fronted pole barn and stable building	2 Woodend Cottages, Little Woodend	Granted

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285/20 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BELOW

1	* 4/01730/19/FHA (re-consultation)	Raised decking areas with log cabin to rear garden	17 Pickford Road	
2	20/00242/FHA	Single storey side infill extensions to domestic bungalow (home)	Newlands Windmill Road	No Objections
3	20/00260/LBC	Proposed extension and alterations	2 Woodend Cottage, Little Woodend.	Not in Markyate's parish
4	20/00259/FHA	Proposed extension and alterations	2 Woodend Cottage, Little Woodend.	Not in Markyate's parish
5	20/00372/FHA	Proposed side extension to existing garage with rom I roof void	1 Park View Drive	Unable to comment, no paperwork supplied.
6	20/00371/LDP	Single storey rear extension with roof windows over	5 Farrer Top	No Objections

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286/20 DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN 4TH FEBRUARY 2020 AND 26TH FEBRUARY 2020.

Decisions:

1	19/03137/FHA	Single storey rear extension, hip to gable roof enlargement, two front dormers	24 Dammersey Close	Granted
2	19/03179/FHA	2 Storey Extension	April Cottage, Caddington	Granted

			Common	
3	19/02803/FHA	Two storey side extension	5, London Road	Granted
4	20/00075/DRC	Details as Required by Condition 2 (Samples of Materials) Attached to Planning Permission 4/00171/19/FUL (Demolition of existing equestrian facilities and construction of one four-bedroom dwelling, one three-bedroom holiday let, one workshop/barn/carport building, with associated soft landscaping, hardstanding, and fencing.)	1, Woodend Cottages, Little Woodend	Granted

Planning Applications:

7	20/00377/FHA	Proposed single storey rear extension.	18 Cheverells Close	No Objections
8	20/00378/FHA	Construction of basement.	Beechurst, Caddington Common	No Objections
9	20/00415/FUL	Relocation of existing condenser unit to allow sufficient distance from neighbouring wall.	55, High Street	No Objections
10	20/00426/FHA	Construction of detached double garage.	Broomhill Leys, Windmill Road	No Objections
11	20/00410/FHA	First floor extension.	41, Long Meadow	Unable to comment, no paperwork supplied
12	20/00396/OUT	Extension to block a/b to form additional offices above existing ground floor office.	Ver House, 55 London Road	Unable to comment, no paperwork supplied
13	20/00465/DRC	Details as required by condition 5 (Planting Plan) of planning permission 4/00177/19/FUL (Construction of 1 x one-bedroom dwelling on the side of 8 Parkfield (amended scheme)	8, Parkfield	No Objections
14	4/01730/19/FHA	Raised decking areas, log cabin to rear garden and boundary fencing.	17, Pickford Road	The parish council cannot pass these plans as they have been advised that the plans have not been amended in accordance with the committee's recommendations.

287/20 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts Schedule for February 2020, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. 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 Council's accounts as follows:

As at 29th February 2020

MPC Current Account	£3,369.96
HSBC [Precept Account]	£40,570.20
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£21,281.17
Petty Cash	£39.11
TOTAL	£65,260.44

288/20 TO RECEIVE AND SIGN BANK RECONCILIATION

This was received and signed by the Chairman.

289/20 CRICKET CLUB DRAFT LEASE

It was reported, everything has now been signed and agreed. Awaiting paperwork from solicitor.

Action: HC/Clerk

290/20 TRANSFER OF NEW CEMETERY LAND

Ownership of the cemetery land has now been transferred to the Council.

Action: HC/Clerk

291/20 CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report at this meeting.

292/20 TO DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING PURCHASE OF STRIP OF LAND LEADING TO PEGGY'S

Ongoing. Recent correspondence noted, solicitor has been instructed to carry out searches.

Action: PB/RP/Clerk

293/20 SIGN INDICATING ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY BY WAR MEMORIAL AND SIGN IN ALBERT STREET

It was reported DBC will not provide a new sign, it would seem they only provide replacement signs, if they are broken. It was agreed that the Parish Council would investigate funding the two new signs.

Action: HC/Clerk/RFO

294/20 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE ESTIMATE FROM VILLAGE GARDEN SERVICES FOR SECOND YEAR OF THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR VILLAGE WARDEN

A revised cost allowing for inflation at 1.8% was received and noted.

295/20 TO NOTE STAFF HOLIDAY ENTITLEMENT AND AGREE ACTIONS

It was agreed that one week (pro-rata) could be carried over into next year.

296/20 TO NOTE ALARM AND INTERCOM MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FROM SOUND AND SAFE

This was noted at the agreed cost of £342.00 for the period 20/01/2020 – 19/01/2021.

297/20 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ANNUAL SERVICE FOR VILLAGE CLOCK

It was agreed to carry out the annual service for the village clock, at a cost of £201.00 (+ VAT).

Action: Clerk

298/20 TO AGREE THE DISBANDING OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SETTING UP A FORMAL CEMETERY COMMITTEE AND AGREE TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was agreed that the MPCCAC would be disbanded and a formal Cemetery Committee be set up, consisting of all the original members. Meeting to be arranged.

Action: Clerk

299/20 GRAPEVINE

The Council agreed that they had found the Grapevine posts very useful. It was agreed that the possibility of Markyate adopting this form of communication would be put to the public at the Annual Gathering on the 14th April.

300/20 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE ON HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Two Councillors agreed to attend this conference. Places will be reserved.

Action: Clerk

301/20 POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Following a meeting with C/Cllr. Douris, Mr. A. Trench from Herts C.C. and three Councillors, to look at the possible extension of Christmas lights, it was reported that the meeting went very well, many suggestions were made, including painting the lamp-posts. The suggested works will be put to the public at the Annual Gathering on the 14th April. Cllr. Ononye agreed to check the lamp-posts in the High Street to assess which ones require attention.

Action: SP/CO/Clerk

302/20 TO NOTE APPLICATION TO LOCALITY BUDGET FOR REMEDIAL WORKS TO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr. Douris was pleased to report that our application has been successful and a grant of £200 has been awarded from the Locality Budget.

At 9.30 C/Cllr. Terry Douris left the meeting.

303/20 TO RECEIVE THE RIVER VER – CHALK STREAM IN CRISIS AND AGREE ACTION

Cllr. Pilkinton agreed to undertake this action.

Action: SP

304/20 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE INTERNAL AUDIT FEE LETTER FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31.03.20

It was received and noted that the internal audit fee of £540.00 remains unchanged for the 2019/2020 period.

305/20 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ACTION ON VILLAGE WARDEN GARAGE

There is one garage currently available on Cowper Rise. This has been requested and now reserved for the Parish Council due to the current garage in Old Vicarage Gardens no longer being sustainable. The garages are currently being

painted, once ready, the warden will be able to transfer the contents.

306/20 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE ERECTION OF FENCE BY VILLAGE HALL

Following a letter from Dacorum regarding an unauthorised gate leading onto Council land by the Village Hall, the erection of a fence, in order to stop access onto Council land was discussed.

Action: HC/RP

307/20 MARKYATE MONTHLY/TWITTER

To be agreed.

308/20 NEWSLETTER

To be agreed.

309/20 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Clerk circulated the list of general correspondence which was duly noted.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Next meeting: 7TH April 2020

(Due to Covid-19, the arranged meeting for this date was cancelled.

Next meeting is scheduled to take place virtually on **7th July 2020**)

Signed: _____

Date: _____