

MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr. P. Bunyan, B/Cllr. H. Chapman, Cllr. S. Pilkinton, Cllr. R. Peterson.
Dee Sells, Clerk/RFO

In attendance: C/Cllr. Terry Douris, 3 members of the public

133/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Kao due to business commitments, Cllr. P. Styles and Cllr. C. Ononye due to personal commitments.

134/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest at this meeting.

135/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Markyate Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th October 2020 as circulated, be received as a true record with one an addition to minute 125/20. This being, for Remembrance Day 2020, the Parish Council have commissioned a poster which is displayed in the village, naming all the fallen. This was proposed by Cllr. R. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. S. Pilkinton.

136/20 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j) Standing Orders were suspended

With regards to Ver House, 3 members of the public were in attendance to further voice their concerns with regards to the proposed planning application. Explained by one of the attendees, the application is now moving onto the next process. Most of the objections submitted by residents are not displayed on Dacorum's planning website. Also, the concerns raised regarding traffic issues; no response has been forthcoming from Highways. The attendee stated that they feel very much 'left out of the loop'. He has recorded 6 separate videos, showing big trucks reversing down the narrow road.

Another attendee then spoke and reiterated that her feelings were exactly as stated above. The objections of house numbers, 57, 59 and 61 are on-line, the rest are not. The attendees are worried that their objections will not be seen by the responsible Committee members. In addition, environmental objections have also not been acknowledged.

All were thanked for attending the meeting.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.56 pm.

137/20 TO RECEIVE REPORT AND UPDATES FROM C/CLLR. TERRY DOURIS

Cllr. Douris reported that the works on the A5183 continue to proceed; an inconvenience for many, but it will be worthwhile when finished. Further up the A5183, by the truck stop; further works have been delayed due to a 4" cable found in the road, whilst digging. This is an arterial cable for the County and has to be handled with care.

As we await details on parliamentary debates regarding Covid-19, the government remains resolute in schools staying open during the forthcoming lockdown.

A message was passed on from Revered Tom Sander regarding no spaces left at the cemetery; the Parish Council need to activate the new cemetery without delay. In response, Cllr. Chapman stated that after a meeting with the cemetery manager, some new areas at the current cemetery could potentially be cleared, therefore releasing an extra 8 spaces. Another meeting will be arranged in order to confirm these potential spaces. Some work will need to be carried out at the new cemetery before it can be commissioned for use; quotes are being sought.

138/20 AGREE RESPONSE OR COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE TO TWO PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEING DISCUSSED AT THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MEETING ON 26TH NOVEMBER – PROPOSED CARE HOME AND VER HOUSE

It was reported that the proposed meeting on the 26th November could be delayed until early December, due to the workload of officers. Issues regarding the development of Ver House, all residents' comments will be included in the negotiations and published. The applicant has been notified that all environmental issues will need to be resolved before

going forward. All issues will go to committee. Members of the public will be able to attend and voice their concerns. Some Councillors will also attend this meeting.

Cllr. Pilkinton reported that it had been announced that the Caddington Hall proposed development has been rejected. Cllr. Bunyan commended Cllr. Pilkinton for all her hard work and efforts in expressing parishioners concerns regarding this development.

139/20 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	20/02539/FHA	Proposed rear ground floor extension.	7B Pickford Road	Granted
2	20/02683/FUL	Replacement of the timber cladding and tile hanging with cedar fibre cement board.	6 - 9A Sebright Road	Granted
3	20/02570/TCA	Works to trees	9, Cheverells House, Cheverells Green	Raise No Objection
4	20/02869/TCA	Works to trees	The Old Forge, 45 High Street	Raise No Objection

140/20 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BELOW

1	20/02983/FHA	Single storey rear extension. (sent out after publication Oct agenda)	Fir Mount Caddington Common Markyate	No Objections
2	20/02884/LBC	Removal of internal pub benches	The Sun Inn, 101 High Street	No Objections
3	20/02917/HPA	Single storey side extension, new window and doors. Minor landscaping	19 Wesley Road	No Objections
4	20/02897/RET	Construction of Summer house/studio, with an adjoining store-room.	83 High Street	No Objections
5	20/03111/LBC	Replacement of front and garden doors.	Starlings, 13 Albert Street	No Objections
6	20/03119/OPA	Proposed Conversion of offices to two one-bedroom flats	32F High Street	No Objections
7	20/03165/TPO	Works to trees.	The Granary, Cheverells Green	No Objections

141/20

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts Schedule as of 31st October 2020, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. R. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. S. Pilkinton and **agreed** unanimously to approve the schedule for payment outside of meeting. **RESOLVED:** that the schedule of payment be signed as circulated, noting that cheques have been signed as and when required by approved signatories, during the coronavirus pandemic lockdown.

The schedule of accounts listed the balances of the Parish Council's accounts as follows:

As at 31st October 2020

MPC Current Account	£10,034.76
HSBC [Precept Account]	£87,992.38
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£21,281.17
Petty Cash	£57.88
TOTAL	£119,366.19

142/20 BANK RECONCILIATION

This was received, noted and proposed by Cllr. S. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. R. Peterson.

Action: Clerk/RFO

143/20 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE SECOND QUARTER SPEND

It was noted the second quarter spend to 30th September 2020 is £32,001 against a budget of £59,481. This was proposed by Cllr. R. Peterson and seconded by Cllr. S. Pilkinton.

Action: Clerk/RFO

144/20 NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT FROM EXTERNAL AUDITOR YEAR ENDED 31.03.2020

The Notice of Conclusion of Audit from External Auditor for year ended 31st March 2020 was approved and accepted. The period for the 'Notice' to be published was noted.

145/20 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE REDUCTION OF INTEREST TO THE NS&I ACCOUNT

Received and noted that the interest on the NS&I Investment account will be reduced from 0.80% to 0.1% from the 24th November 2020.

146/20 TO PROPOSE MEMBERS TO SIT ON HALLS COMMITTEE

Prior to meeting, it was previously agreed that Cllr. C. Ononye will now sit on the Halls Committee. This was proposed by Cllr. S. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. P. Bunyan.

Action: Clerk

147/20 TO RECEIVE NEW DRAFT TAXI LICENSING POLICY

It was felt by all present that this policy did not apply to the Parish, therefore it was noted with no comments.

148/20 CILCA UPDATE

The Clerk updated all present that all but one CILCA modules have been passed. This has now been submitted; awaiting results. It is hoped that by the next meeting, the CILCA qualification will be awarded.

Action: Clerk

149/20 DISCUSS AND AGREE ACTIONS REGARDING RULES ABOUT DOGS IN RECREATION GROUNDS

Dacorum Borough Council has produced a leaflet regarding the rules about dogs in recreation grounds. This leaflet is available on-line on Dacorum's web-site, otherwise a copy can be obtained from the Parish Council Offices. Please note that this will not be possible in the current climate. Notices relating to the rules will be displayed in our recreational grounds.

Action: Clerk

150/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PROPORTION PAYMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – 1ST APRIL – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

No levies received in Markyate for this period.

151/20 TO NOTE THAT THE JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE PUT BACK DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD

Noted. Meeting will be held on 12th January 2021.

Action: All

152/20 CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report at this meeting.

153/20 TO DISCUSS AND FORMULATE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN MARKYATE MONTHLY

Christmas Lights – Licence Part 1, received. Christmas Lights switch-on – first Wednesday of December, other items, to be agreed.

154/20 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 8.50 pm

Next meeting: 1st December 2020

Signed: _____

Date: _____