

MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2022 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. D. Kao,
Cllr. C. Ononye, Cllr. P. Styles
Mrs D. Sells, Deputy Clerk/RFO

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

299/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

300/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.
Cllr. Bunyan : Planning application 22/00233/FUL
Cllr. Styles : Planning application 22/00371/MFA
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests
None.
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
None.

301/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Markyate Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st February 2022 as circulated, be received as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr. Pilkinton and seconded by Cllr. Styles.

302/22 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 (c to j)

One member of the public made comments regarding planning application 22/00233/FUL – previous issues are still there; no parking facility and this is a conservation area.

Two other members of the public addressed C/Cllr. Douris regarding speeding on Cowper Road, especially during drop-off and pick-up at the school. Could a 20mph zone be installed? C/Cllr. Douris commented that he thought this was already in place, however the police can enforce this with their presence, whenever possible. The police are able to provide speed devices to residents, who can then monitor speed; however, this needs volunteers and people are not willing or able to do this.

P.C. Onyon wished to remind everyone that on the 12th March, outside the fire station between 11am and 1pm, he will be present and would welcome members of the public to come along and discuss any issues they feel the police should be focusing on. Watling Ward crimes are relatively low this month.

303/22 TO RECEIVE REPORT AND UPDATES FROM C/CLLR. TERRY DOURIS

Footpath on the side of the A5183 is being fixed at the moment. Secondary School allocations in Markyate have not, unfortunately, done very well. A 'continuing interest list' will be offered with more spaces being made available. Various works are due to take place shortly. There is also potential to expand the 20mph zone along Pickford and Buckwood Road.

Cllr. Douris then spoke about the plans for the Queens Jubilee and requested that any bids for an allocation of funds from the Locality Budget, should be made in due course.

At this point in the meeting, C/Cllr. Douris and P.C. Onyon, left the meeting.

304/22 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1	21/04561/LDP	Proposed rear dormer.	15, The Coppins	Granted
2	21/04592/RPB	Change of use of existing building from Class E to Residential.	100A, High Street	Prior Approval Not Required.
3	22/00265/TCA	Fell trees.	3, Cleveland Road	Raise No Objection

305/22 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BELOW

1	22/00201/FHA	Single storey extension adapting existing out rigger structure.	37, Cavendish Road	No Objections.
2	22/00215/LBC	Re-rendering and repointing to external walls, digging of a small trench, installation of a new log burner.	The Homestead, 11, Church End	No Objections.
3	22/00233/FUL	Proposed construction of detached dwelling following the Demolition of garage on land to rear of 55 High Street.	55 High Street	Cllr. Bunyan left the room. Objection. Insufficient parking and overdevelopment of site.
4	22/00256/LDP	Proposed front garage conversion to habitable accommodation, alteration to rear Kitchen window.	20 Cheverells Close	No Objections.
5	22/00371/MFA	Demolition of former residential care home (C1) 2 detached dwelling houses (C3) and construction of 4 x 2 storey buildings forming 34 flats (12 affordable dwellings) with associated hard and soft landscaping, parking, bin store and main entrance gateway.	Caddington Hall, Luton Road	Objection. Very concerned about access onto Luton Rd, as expressed previously. Bats and birds' habitats should not be destroyed. Too many trees taken down. Green Belt.
6	22/00334/LDP	Side Extension.	Lower Farm, Luton Road	No Objections.

306/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the signing of cheques for payment and the signing of the Accounts Schedules for February 2022, as circulated.

Resolved, proposed by Cllr. Ononye, seconded by Cllr. Peterson, unanimously agreed to approve the schedule for payments.

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

As at 28th February 2022

MPC Current Account	£14,556.97
HSBC [Precept Account]	£80,641.66
MPC Investment [NS&I]	£21,436.52
Petty Cash	£53.63
TOTAL	£116,688.78

Schedule of Monthly Payments – please see document attached to these Minutes.

307/22 TO RECEIVE AND SIGN BANK RECONCILIATION

This was received and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved, proposed by Cllr P. Styles, seconded by Cllr. S. Pilkinton, unanimously agreed.

308/22 CHURCH END UNDERPASS – INSTALLATION OF CAMERA

Being looked into at present. Ongoing.

Action: HC

309/22 FUTURE LUTON, LUTON RISING CONSULTATION

Markyate Monthly has listed all the venues where the public can go to view and ask questions. HAPTC also have a specialist looking into this.

310/22 CLERK'S REPORT

'West Herts Re-Development Programme' – invitation to an open Zoom presentation on 10th March, for those wishing to attend.

311/22 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

312/22 SURFACE WORK TO PATH LEADING TO PEGGY'S FIELD

An 'expert' is being sought by Cllr. Chapman, in order to give advice as to the best way forward.

Action: All

313/22 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE FOR THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY
Cllr. Pilkinton suggested what she considered to be the ideal tree for planting, the Wild Cherry. It is decorative all year round, produces blossom and does not grow too big. A decision needs to be made where the trees will be planted – the public have been consulted for their suggestions. Proposals included: new cemetery, by the Scout hut, on the field by the village halls, Markyate School, Peggy's and Sebright Road - by the kissing gate.

314/22 TO RECEIVE UPDATE AND AGREE ACTIONS ON COVID-19 IN LINE WITH NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

No more restrictions on Covid-19.

315/22 ITEMS FOR MARKYATE MONTHLY.

To be agreed.

Action: All

316/22 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE CONTRIBUTION TO MARKYATE MAY FAYRE

Lots going on with the May Fayre. The Mayor of Dacorum will be attending. Many stalls are being set up to include food, sweets, arts and crafts and much, much more. The Fairground will be in attendance with new rides, 4 shows will be held, children's activities including face painting and jewellery making, country dancing, the boxing gym, the list goes on.

317/22 CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Plans are underway.

Action: All

318/22 TREE INSPECTION AT PEGGY'S FIELD

The report has been received and is currently being read. It is a very long and detailed report that will take some time to get through.

319/22 RECONFIGURATION OF CAR PARK AT VILLAGE HALL

Unfortunately, there is not much that can be done, due to lack of space.

Action: HC

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Next meeting: 5th April 2022

Signed: _____

Date: _____

**Markyate Parish Council
Bank Ledger
As of 28 February 2022**

HSBC - Precept Account
Total HSBC - Precept Account
MPC Current a/c

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Deposit	01/02/2022			Deposit	3,308.50
Deposit	01/02/2022			Deposit	120.00
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	01/02/2022	106004	Dacorum Borough Council	Freighter Feb	-463.50
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	03/02/2022	Debit	Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Desktop Support Feb	-46.80
s Cheque	05/02/2022	DDebit	Dacorum Borough Council	Garage Rental Feb	-63.12
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	08/02/2022	Debit	BT plc	Phone/Broadband Jan-Mar	-572.72
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	08/02/2022	Debit	Castle Water Ltd	Water Halls Adjustment from melt	-27.92
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	08/02/2022	Debit	HSBC UK	Bank Charges 2/12-1/1	-34.22
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	08/02/2022	Debit	Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Online Support Feb	-25.20
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	08/02/2022	Debit	Jam Crackers Ltd	It support & Subscriptions	-61.86
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	25/02/2022	BACS	Herfordshire County Council	cleaning materials	-44.46
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	25/02/2022	BACS	HMCTS	Attachment of earnings	-11.27
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	25/02/2022	BACS	Staff	Pay top up	-3,455.85
s Cheque	28/02/2022	106007	Cash	replenish petty cash	-50.00
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	28/02/2022	106008	SparkX Ltd	Christmas Lights	-1,545.60
s Bill Pmt -Cheque	28/02/2022	106009	Village Garden Services	Warden Jan	-1,048.32
Deposit	28/02/2022			Deposit	7,574.95
					<u>3,552.61</u>

Total MPC Current a/c
MPC NS & I Investment a/c
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MPC Petty cash

Cheque	03/02/2022	409	Post Office	signed for letter	-2.06
Cheque	25/02/2022	410	The Herfordshire Garden Centre	Plants for Planters	-19.94
Cheque	28/02/2022	106007	Cash	Replenish Petty cash	50.00
					<u>28.00</u>
					<u><u>3,580.61</u></u>

Total MPC Petty cash