

## MARSH GIBBON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2025 AT 8PM IN MARSH GIBBON VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Lambourne (Chair), J Smith (JS), N Lyon (NL), Tom Reveler (TR), R Daniell (RD) and L Cross (LC)  
Carole Jackman (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 8pm.

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

No members of the public were present.

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

E Taylor (ET) and Unitary Cllr F Mahon

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2024**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 December 2024 were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

#### **5 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

#### **6 PLANNING**

##### **6.1 Applications**

There were no new applications to consider.

##### **6.2 Refused application**

None.

##### **6.3 Late applications**

None.

##### **6.4 Future Developments**

Cllr NL confirmed:

- There will be an open meeting with Deanfield in the village hall on 20th January between 5pm and 8pm to gauge feedback on their proposed site.
- There were no updates from Catesby.

##### **6.5 Ministry of Justice: MEGA Prison Grendon Underwood**

Clerk informed the meeting that Edgcott Parish Council is in consultation with Thames Water to get clarification of the sewage issues which are likely to effect Grendon Underwood and Marsh Gibbon sewage plants.

**Action: Clerk to copy Edgcott correspondence to Marsh Gibbon** [Note: this was approved by Edgcott Parish Council at its meeting on Monday 13 January.]

#### **7 EWELEME SITES**

##### **7.1 Swan Field**

There was nothing new to report.

##### **7.2 Berry Close**

It was noted that a tree had been planted in the verge which was now in need of cutting back as it is causing an obstruction. It was emphasised that this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council but the land owner who it is believed is Bucks Council.

**Action: Clerk to check ownership and ask for the tree to be cut back.**

##### **7.2 Meeting with Ewelme Trustees**

Cllr NL confirmed that a meeting with the Ewelme Trustees had been arranged for 7 February in Suffolk Court. It was noted that Ewelme is looking for new Trustees, possibly from Marsh Gibbon.

#### **8 CLERK'S REPORT**

##### **8.1 Finance Report**

Clerk presented the Financial Report for January 2025.

Payments totalling £182.23 as detailed in Appendix 1 were approved.

- 8.2 **2025-2026 Budget and Precept**  
It was agreed to hold a Finance Meeting at 8pm on 23 January to finalise the budget and precept.
- 9 **VILLAGE HALL**
- 9.1 **Report**  
It was noted that the minutes of the village hall meeting held on 20 November, had been revised and reissued on 1 January.  
The date of the next meeting in February is to be confirmed.
- 10 **PLAY EQUIPMENT, TEENAGE RECREATION AREA AND RECREATION GROUND**
- 10.1 **Maintenance**
- 10.1.1 There were no new maintenance issues to report.
- 10.2 **Playground upgrade (for older children)**  
Cllr NL reported that Bucks Council had released the S106 funds for the basketball area and other items.
- 10.3 **Recreation Ground: Purchase of Mower**  
Cllr NL reported that he has submitted an application to Bucks Council regarding the S106 funding towards the mower.  
Chair of Sports & Social Club (S&SC) (present for this item) reported that:
  - The S&SC now have the remaining funding for the mower.
  - Have ordered the storage unit but would need some help in manoeuvring it when it is delivered.
- 10.4 **Recreation Ground Water**  
A water meter reading will soon be required.  
**Action: Chair of S&SC and Cllr NL to liaise to get meter reading.**
- 10.5 **Dog Fouling / Walking**  
The Parish Council approved the request from the Chair of the S&SC that notices could be erected asking dog walkers not to let their dog exercise on the football pitch but to keep to the side of it. *[Note: it was explained that the dogs were 'scuffing' up the pitch, especially when it was frozen.]*  
Dog fouling was intermittent and it was noted that the dog poo bins were used.
- 11 **DEVOLVED SERVICES**
- 11.1 **Devolved Services Agreement**  
It was noted that the 2025 Devolved Services Agreement had been confirmed.
- 12 **ROADS AND PATHWAYS**
- 12.1 It was noted that condition of Heet Road is appalling.  
**Action: Clerk to report to Bucks Council and to report that all the issues raised in the recent walk about have not been addressed.**
- 13 **STREET LIGHTING**
- 13.1 **Maintenance**  
Clerk had reported to E.on that a street light outside Summerleys, Whales Lane, needs repairing.
- 14 **CEMETERY MATTERS**
- 14.1 **General Maintenance**  
There were no general maintenance issues to report.
- 14.2 **Burials, Interments, Advance booking requests and Memorial applications**
- 14.2.1 **Burials**  
It was noted that a burial will take place on Friday 17 January in B-2-6.
- 14.2.2 **Advance reservations**  
There were no advance reservations.
- 14.2.3 **Memorial applications**  
It was noted that a new memorial had been approved for grave space D-1-3.
- 14.2.4 **Plaque**  
A resident (who attended for this item) explained the reason behind wishing to install a plaque in the cemetery. Councillors approved the request and the resident will contact a monument mason to arrange its installation.
- 14.3 **Cemetery Trees**  
A second quote to fell the 2 poplars and small tree had been requested but had not been received.  
**Action: Clerk to chase for the quote.**
- 14.4 **Bench**  
It was agreed that another bench is needed in the cemetery.  
**Action: Cllr NL to investigate the installation of another bench.**
- 15 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**  
There were no environmental matters to report.

- 16 STREET FURNITURE**  
Nothing to report.
- 17 EAST WEST RAIL (EWR)**  
No updates were available.
- 18 JUBILEE PLANTATION**  
The Jubilee Plantation continues to be enjoyed by the children who use it.  
Cllr NL reported that he is looking into getting some free trees (whips) for planting from HS2.  
**Action: Cllr NL to order the trees.**
- 19 CHRISTMAS TREE**  
The Christmas Tree had been taken down.  
Following a query from Cllr LC, It was noted that the Scouts used to erect the tree but that the Parish Council took it over when the cost to the Scouts became excessive.
- 20 SPEEDWATCH**  
Cllr TR reported that he still is trying to get volunteers to carry out the speedwatch.  
New Motor Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) would not be introduced as funding is not currently available.
- 21 .gov.uk Emails**  
Work is progressing for all councillors to have .gov.uk emails.
- 22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 22.1 **Thames Water**  
Cllr RT reported that Thames Water had not been able to mend a water leak in Moat Lane and asked for the PC to put pressure on Thames Water to get the problem solved. He explained that the road became extremely icy and dangerous during the really cold spell. Clerk agreed to write to Thames Water.
- 22.2 **Cllr LC's History Report** included details of:
- the completion of new sewage plant in 1957 at a cost of £34,000 and
  - Raymond Lees who broke into the Plough and stole cigarettes/wine and the Christmas stocking.
- 23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
The next meetings will be held at 8pm on Thursday 23 January 2025 (Finance Meeting) and Tuesday 11 February in the committee room of Marsh Gibbon Village Hall.  
Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

## MARSH GIBBON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Financial Report  
14-Jan-25

## COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

Bank Statement Balance at 30 November 2024	£34,702.39
- Total Out:	-£39,725.50
- Total In:	£38,030.00
Following December incoming payments are included in the "Total In" figure	
Haven Memorials: Additional inscription D-2-1	£30.00
DL Hancock: Memorial: D-2-5	480.00
DL Hancock: Additional Inscription: C-5-4	70.00
DL Hancock: Additional Inscription: D-1-9	30.00
Transfer from Earmarked reserve account	30.00
Bucks Council: S106	£27,390.00

**Balance of Community Account at 30 December 2024** **£33,006.89**

Cheque No	Payee	Amount	OUT
<b>Payments for approval at January meeting</b>			
DD21	Hugo Fox	Inv 112104: Monthly website fee	£23.99
103506	Marsh Gibbon Village Hall	Inv: 211797 hall hire 10 Dec 24	£18.00
103507	Buckinghamshire Council	Inv 2209022410: Cemetery waste December	£21.30
103508	SLCC	Membership Fee 2025	£95.00
DD22	Everflow	Inv 3913371: Recreation ground water 8 Feb to 7 March 2025	£23.94
			£0.00
			£182.23
Outstanding cheques			
	103481	K Pullen	100.00
	103499	E.on	1,226.59
	103505	E.on	33.60
			£0.00
			<b>£1,360.19</b>
		<b>Anticipated balance</b>	<b>£31,464.47</b>
			£31,464.47

<b>EARMARKED RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	01-Apr-24	£32,153.68
	Total In	£126,975.65
	Total Out	-£117,492.85
<b>Balance of Earmarked Reserve at 14 January 2024</b>		<b>£41,636.48</b>

Bank Reconciliation 10 December 2024  
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

CASH BOOK	Notes
<b>Balance at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>£21,981.67</b>
Total payments to 13 January 2025	-£117,492.85
Add total receipts to 13 January 2025	£126,975.65
	<b>£31,464.47</b>
<b>Cash book balance at 13 January 2025</b>	<b>£31,464.47</b>

## EARMARKED RESERVE ACCOUNT

<b>Balance of Earmarked Reserve A/C as at 1 April 2024</b>	£32,153.68
Less total payments to 13 January 2025	-£20,000.00
Add Total Receipts to 13 January 2025	£311.08
<b>Balance at 13 January 2025</b>	<b>£12,464.76</b>

**NB: the balance in the Earmarked Reserve Account is made up of:**

Replacement / Refurbishment of the synthetic carpet at the 5-a-side	£21,874.00
Maintenance of play equipment	£0.00
Ware Pond cleaning	£2,080.00
Repairs and New Street Lamps	£1,696.00
Election Expenses	£775.00
Fencing Repairs at 5-a-side	£0.00
Defibrillator	£50.00
Cemetery road repairs	£5,211.00
Interest	£778.76
Transfer to CA to cover playground equipment (to be reimbursed by S106)	-£20,000.00
	£12,464.76

<b>TOTALS at 13 January 2025</b>	Community Account	£31,464.47
	Earmarked Reserve Account	£12,464.76
		<b>£43,929.23</b>