

MARSH GIBBON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 8PM IN MARSH GIBBON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs A Lambourne (Chair), J Smith (JS), E Taylor (ET), N Lyon (NL)
Carole Jackman (Clerk)
1 member of the public

Meeting commenced at 8pm.

OPEN FORUM:

Chair welcomed the member of the public who was new to the village and had come to the meeting to observe.

1 APOLOGIES

Cllrs T Reveler, R Daniell, L Cross and Unitary Cllr Angela Macpherson.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

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

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Defibrillator Training

It was noted that it was too late to arrange defibrillator training via East West Rail. It was, however, agreed to look into some training in conjunction with the Bowls Club who have agreed to monitor the defibrillator.

4.2 Sports & Social Club

It was noted that the Sports & Social Club had advertised for women to join.

5 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

6 PLANNING

6.1 Applications

None to consider.

6.2 Approved applications

24/00457/APP: Householder application for erection of two storey front/side extension and replacement of the existing front door - College Cottage The College Marsh Gibbon Buckinghamshire OX27 OHW.

24/02319/APP: Householder application for part conversion of existing garage - Priory Villa Townsend Marsh Gibbon Buckinghamshire OX27 OEY.

6.3 Late applications

None.

6.4 Future Development

It was noted that:

- Catesby are running behind schedule and their timings, previously issued, will probably slip.
- 95% of the responses to the Catesby consultation were against the proposed development.
- Land and Partners will probably present their results from the survey in November or December.
- It is probably not feasible for the Parish Council to contribute towards a "fighting fund" as it has not been budgeted. Funding will be investigated later.

Chair reported that he had been approached by Deanfield Homes, who had built Berry Close, who are looking for support from the Parish Council for a development opposite the village hall.

In answer to a question from the member of the public regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr NL explained that it does carry some weight in the type of development that is planned but that it has to align to the Bucks Plan, currently in the pipeline, which will eventually supersede the Vale of Aylesbury Plan.

6.5 Proposed Changes to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

It was noted that Bucks Council have responded to the NPPF consultation.

7 EWELEME SITES

7.1 Swan Field

The resident present noted that the residents on the site had formed a WhatsApp group and noted that the Management Committee will be formed when the final two houses have been sold. It was noted that W.E. Black, the developer of Swan Field (Site A), had not responded to previous requests for work to be carried out on the site.

Action: Clerk to write again to W.E.Black requesting that they:

- add another lifebelt/buoy to the pond,
- maintain the public footpath,
- reinstate the hedge as per the planning condition.

7.2 Meeting with Ewelme Trustees

Cllr NL had received a response from Ewelme stating that it will be in touch to arrange a meeting after its Trustees meeting.

8 CLERK'S REPORT

8.1 Finance Report

Clerk presented the Financial Report for October 2024.

Payments totalling £2,152.87 as detailed in Appendix 1 were made.

8.2 Water Credit

It was noted that Everflow had refunded the credit of £2,471.58 they held for the recreation ground water.

8.3 Finance Meeting

It was agreed to hold a Finance Meeting on either 4 or 5 November to discuss the 2025-26 budget/precept and a 'Wish List' should any future S106 money become available.

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting.

9 VILLAGE HALL

9.1 Report

There were no updates. It was noted that the next meeting will be held on 20 November.

10 PLAY EQUIPMENT, TEENAGE RECREATION AREA AND RECREATION GROUND

10.1 Maintenance

10.1.1 There were no new maintenance issues to report.

10.1.2 Cllr RD is liaising with his 'handyman' to repair the fence and gate in the small playground.

Action: Cllr RD.

10.2 Playground upgrade (for older children)

10.3.1 The pump track has been installed and passed the post installation inspection.

10.3.2 The basketball/table tennis equipment is being installed.

Action: Cllr NL and Clerk to liaise re the S106 application and adding to the Asset Register and Insurance.

10.3 Recreation Ground: Purchase of Mower

There were no updates.

10.4 All Weather Pitch (AWP)

Cllr NL reported that he is having discussions with suppliers on the way forward for the AWP.

11 DEVOLVED SERVICES

11.1 Cllr ET noted that following her walk about with the Local Area Technician, she had not seen any evidence of the work listed below being carried out:

- Blocked drains in Charndon Road
- Street sign near Leonard Meadow
- Clements Lane edging stones uneven
- Bicester Road peeling sign
- Bicester Road condition – a 'Failed Road' sign will be erected
- Request to put up 'No Footway' signs in West Edge and Tompkins Lane – LAT suggested pedestrians could walk on the verge which councillors considered was not an option.
- The installation of a rubbish bin at the shop was discussed. *[Note: Clerk is liaising with the shop and Bucks Council.]*

11.2 Hedge Cutting

Chair confirmed that he had received permission for RTM to take a tractor into the field behind the cemetery to cut the hedge. It was hoped that the Acland Terrace hedge would be cut at the same time.

12 ROADS AND PATHWAYS

12.1 Parking in Castle Street and Station Road

Parking and exit from Berry Close were still a concern. Some drivers were finding it confusing exiting Berry Close. The PCSO had been asked to make regular visits at the school pick up time to try to encourage drivers to park sensibly.

13 STREET LIGHTING

13.1 Maintenance

13.1.1 Cllr ET reported that the street light between the Greyhound and Pear Tree Farm was not working.

Action: Clerk to report to E.on.

13.1.2 A quotation of £753.15 + VAT had been received for the repair of the street light at the junction of Swan Lane and Castle Street. Cllr ET agreed to meet an E.On representative to discuss the costs of upgrading outstanding lights to LED.

Action: Clerk to liaise with E.On and Cllr ET regarding quotation and site visit.

13.2 Street Lighting electricity supply

Clerk is chasing suppliers for quotes for the unmetered supply. It was noted that SSE have a huge backlog and currently only offer 6 month contracts. The Council's current contract expires on 31 November 2024.

14 CEMETERY MATTERS

14.1 General Maintenance

See 11.2 above.

14.2 Burials, Interments, Advance booking requests and Memorial applications

14.2.1 Burials

There were no burials.

14.2.2 Advance reservations

There were no advance reservations.

14.2.3 Memorial applications

There were no memorial applications.

14.3 Cemetery Road

Cllr RD is waiting for his 'handyman' to get back to him.

14.4 Cemetery Seating

It was suggested that a new seat is bought for the gazebo.

15 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

15.1 The daffodil bulbs had not yet been planted. Although the Council had approved a spend of £100, only £45 had been spent as Tesco had a special offer.

15.2 Councillors thanked the Peter Ferens and his helpers for the work carried out at Ware Pond.

15.3 It was noted that Bucks Council are not cutting the grass verges.

16 STREET FURNITURE

Nothing to report.

17 COMMUNITY BOARD

No updates were available.

18 JUBILEE PLANTATION

No updates were available on any future work. It was noted that the school children still enjoy their visits to the plantation.

19 CHRISTMAS TREE

Chair reported that he had:

- Ordered the Christmas Tree (same cost as last year),
- Arranged the light electrical check,
- Organising helpers.

It was agreed that the tree would be erected on Saturday 30 November.

19 SPEEDWATCH

No updates were available.

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 November 2024 in the committee room of Marsh Gibbon Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Clerk's Financial Report
08-Oct-24

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

09-Sep-24		£10,340.55
Outstanding Cheques and cheques approved on 9 Sept 2024		-£3,032.07
chq no.103455 L Cross Maintenance repairs / Parish Notice Board and Cableway		50.00
Income:		
Banbury Memorials: B-6-13		£70.00
Refund: Everflow Recreation Ground Water		£2,471.58
Bucks Council 2nd Precept Payment		£14,000.00

Balance of Community Account at 27 Sept 2024 **£23,900.06**

Cheque No	Payee	Amount	
Cheques to approve on 8 October 2024			
DD13	HugoFox	Inv 8942: Monthly website fee	£23.99
103478	Marsh Gibbon Village Hall	Inv 211740: vh hire 3 Sept & 10 Sept	£25.50
103479	Bucks Council	Inv 2209018712: Cemetery waste Sept 2024	£21.30
103480	RTM	Inv 4940: Grass cutting	£1,271.70
103481	K Pullen	Voice of the village: Inv 19 Sept 24: contribution to printing costs	£100.00
103482	North Bucks Parishes Plann	Inv 17 Sept: NBPPC Membership year ending 31 March 2025	£20.00
103483	E.on	Inv 125728: Street light maintenance qt ending 30 September 2024	£322.80
103484	C Jackman	renewal/daffodil bulbs	£193.27
103485	N Lyon	Philips Print Inv 1103: Housing survey forms	£174.31
		£2,152.87	
Totals yet to be deducted from balance of Community Account			
	L Cross	£50.00	
		<u>£50.00</u>	£50.00
		Total	£2,202.87
Total to be added to the Community Account			
		0.00	0.00
		Anticipated balance	£21,697.19
			£21,627.19

EARMARKED RESERVE ACCOUNT	01-Apr-24	£32,153.68
	Total In	£227.38
	Total Out	-£10,000.00
Balance of Earmarked Reserve at 27Sept 2024		£22,381.06

Bank Reconciliation 8 October 2024
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

CASH BOOK	Notes
Balance at 1 April 2024	£21,981.67
Total payments to 8 October 2024	-£50,981.29
Add total receipts to 8 October 2024	£50,696.81
	£21,697.19
Cash book balance at 8 October 2024	£21,627.19

EARMARKED RESERVE ACCOUNT	
Balance of Earmarked Reserve A/C as at 1 April 2024	£32,153.68
Less total payments to 9 Sept 2024	-£10,000.00
Add Total Receipts to 9 Sept 2024	£227.38
Balance at 9 Sept 2024	£22,381.06
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	£695.06
Transfer to CA to cover 1st installment of playground equipment (to be reimbursed by S106)	-£10,000.00
	£22,381.06
TOTALS at 8 Oct 2024	
Community Account	£21,697.19
Earmarked Reserve Account	£22,381.06
	£44,078.25