

Minutes of meeting held on 12 May 2025 in Millennium Hall, Marsworth at 8.10 pm

- 25/05/01 Present:** Cllrs R Kennedy (Chairman), G Monks; R Brown (RB), R John (RJ), S Smith (SGS) and Clerk to Parish Caroline Smith
Apologies: C King (CK) (hol)
Others present: Cllrs Peter Brazier and Denise Cornwall
- 25/05/02 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 25/04/03 Public Participation:** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to or provide information to the Parish Council. None
- 25/05/04 Questions for – and Update from – Buckinghamshire Councillors.** The monthly opportunity for members of the public to put questions to Buckinghamshire Councillors, and for those Councillors to provide updates to the Parish Council and public, including:
- a) **Marsworth Airfield planning application** – outstanding. RK has written to Dacorum BC to urge its support in defeating this application.
 - b) **Greenfield v Brownfield** –MPC has requested that the status of the land needed to be established so that even if the Ainscough application was refused, the status would be in place for the future. Outstanding.
- 25/05/05 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 7 April 2025.** It was resolved that the draft minutes were a true and accurate record and the Chairman was duly authorised to sign them on behalf of the Council.
- 25/05/06 Clerk's Report: This section provides updates on on-going issues. Resolutions cannot be passed on items in this section.**
- a) **Garages at The Crescent** Fairhive replacing 2 of the garage doors on 21 May 25.
 - b) **Recreation Ground Flooding** – Clerk has written to Canal and River Trust and it is with probable proof of CRT ownership and it is now with CRT's legal team. Apr 25.
 - c) **Railings at Startops** – damaged around 12 March 24. Clerk to chase. **5977740 15 May 24.** Clerk wrote to Cllr Brazier 17 Jul 24. On LAT list 27 Jul 24. Chased 2 Nov 24. *Local Area Technician (LAT) reports that in view of the regularity of road traffic collisions the existing railings are being replaced so that in future it will be possible to repair individual sections as required. LAT advises that the railings will consist of posts and two rails in white which is similar to existing, while being easier to replace. LAT confirms railings will be in line with heritage. 18 Nov 24 Cllr Brazier advised railings are on order 13 Jan 25. Cllr Brazier to ascertain current status from LAT 12 May 25.*
 - d) **Asset of Community Value (ACV) – Anglers Retreat.** MPC resolved to apply for an ACV for the Anglers Retreat back in July. Clerk has now been asked to apply on behalf of MPC. Feb 25.
 - e) **Asset of Community Value (AVC) – Red Lion.** Clerk to apply for ACV for Red Lion.
 - f) **LED lighting** – still awaiting information from Community Board.
 - g) **Residents complaint.** Clerk has written to CRT as the road narrows at the Red Lion Bridge due to vegetation encroachment on road, and overhanging branches. Boundary hedges are landowners' responsibility. **Case Number: 1432376.**
 - h) **Deed of Variation for Marsworth Village Hall.** Clerk ascertaining why the 'Term' of the lease in the Deed of Variation stated from 1968 and not 1961 as in the original lease. This may alter the break-clause dates.
 - i) **College Farm Complaint.** Resident collected bagsful of rubbish lying on the bridleway close to the two yard entrances. Querying what planning permission in place as a lot of people, vehicles, caravans and different units. **Currently under investigation.** March 25 Ref NC/25/00090/OPDEV
 - j) **Resident complaint** re parking at corner of Watery Lane/Lower Icknield Way. Cllr Brazier has spoken with LAT and has put in a Parking Control request for yellow lines.
 - k) Request for **dog waste bin at layby by reservoir**, opposite Startop Farm. Clerk to contact Tring Rural Parishes. Clerk has contacted Tring Rural Parish Council's Clerk. 4 May 25.
 - l) Following correspondence from MPC to Canal and River Trust with safety suggestions to prevent another drowning in the canal, CRT request that further communications be directed to the Canal and River Trust Customer Service Line.
- 25/05/07 To note the report from the Village Hall Committee (VHC)** (if Councillors have any recommendations they would like the Council to consider, these must be clearly expressed in advance on the agenda).
- a) The **Minutes of the Village Hall Committee** held on 7 May had been read.
 - b) **Media Suite.** The Clerk and Josie Kempster from the VHC were meeting with Lifetime Installations on 13 May to confirm locations for screens, controls, etc. Anticipated installation July 2025.
- 25/05/08 a) Plans for consideration** – To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. –
25/01032/APP | 79 Lower Icknield Way Marsworth HP23 4LW Householder application for proposed demolition of existing single storey storage area, construction of two storey side extension and formation of vehicular crossover. | App 1 Apr 25. Reply 25 May 25. **MPC no objections.**
- Land Adj The Duke Of Wellington Ph Cheddington Road Marsworth
Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access and layout for the erection of 9 dwellings with associated parking and access
Appeal by: Burgundy Developments Ltd
Application Ref: 24/02222/AOP **Appeal Ref:** 25/00019/REF
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J0405/W/25/3363581



An appeal has been lodged with the Secretary of State against the Council's decision in respect of the above site.

The **start date** for this appeal is 11 April 2025. Comments to be submitted within 5 weeks of this date.

MPC has repeated its objections and highlighted the threatening anonymous letters received.

5 May 25.

b) Decisions awaited:

21/00383/APP - Former White Lion PH Startups End Lower Icknield Way, Marsworth, HP23 4LJ

Conversion of former public house into two dwellings. **Awaiting SAC determination. App Feb 24.**

Appropriate Assessment of 9 May 24 issued by Buckinghamshire Council in relation to VALP and SAC. .

Reply from Council: *As part of the assessment (and in readiness for the when the mitigation is agreed) the Council is required to ensure the 'appropriate assessment' is completed and that this is sent over to Natural England (NE) as a statutory consultee*

21/04688/AOP - Church Hill Farm | Church Hill Farmhouse Station Road Cheddington LU7 0SG Outline application (all matters reserved except means of access) for residential development of up to 91 dwellings including the creation of new vehicular access, public open space, landscape planting, surface water attenuation and associated infrastructure following demolition of the existing property. **App 7 Dec 21.**

Awaiting decision. SAC mitigation required 2 Jul 24. **Ward Councillors have asked that if this application be approved it should be called in as unsustainable. 19 Jan 25.**

23/01594/AOP Buckinghamshire and 23/01254/OUT Dacorum - Marsworth Airfield South Site, Long Marston Road, Marsworth

Outline Planning permission for demolition of existing buildings, structures and hardstanding to enable the erection of up to 320 residential (Use Class C3), New vehicular and pedestrian access off Long Marston Road. **App 24 May 23.** RK has written to Councillor Sally Symington of Dacorum asking her to confirm Buckinghamshire Council will not be permitted by Dacorum to be the sole determinant on this application. RK has written similarly to other local MPs. Mr Gagan, MP, had confirmed he has written to Dacorum urging them to work with Buckinghamshire Council. 29 Nov 23. RK has written to Dacorum to ask for its support in objecting to the application. **Jan 25.**

24/00885/APP | Change of use of an existing outbuilding from a garage to a 1-bedroom short-term holiday rental accommodation and external alterations to existing outbuilding | The Old Manor Church Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LX **App 18 Mar. Reply 13 Apr 24.** Residents have written to MPC to express their concerns. **MPC made various comments on the planning application. Natural England agree with the conclusion of the HRA that as it stands the development would have an adverse impact on the integrity of the Chilterns Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation. 4 Oct 24**

19/B0140/DIS | 19/00140/ALB | British Waterways Repair Yard Bulbourne Road Marsworth

Application for approval of details subject to part condition 6 (proposed windows) of listed building consent Change of windows from metal to timber. **Oct 24. MPC no comments.**

24/03322/AEL | Manor House Farm Stud Lower Icknield Way Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4LN Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009UK Power Networks are proposing to divert part of the high voltage overhead electricity network at the above location. **App 30 Oct 24. MPC No comments.**

24/03567/ALB - Manor Farm Ship Lane Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 4NA

Listed building application for insertion of insulation between the interior reinstated plastering, exterior infill's and above the existing ceilings in the roof space **App 6 Dec 24. Reply by 3 Jan 24. MPC no objection.**

25/00383/CPL | Ainscough App for Certificate of lawfulness for proposed traffic management works to manage the vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the Grand Union Canal Bridge 130 | Grand Union Canal Bridge 130 Between Vicarage Road (to The South Of The Grand Union Canal Bridge 130) And Long Marston (to The North Of The Grand Union Canal Bridge 130). **App 6 Feb 25 MPC has objected as considered unsafe.**

Notice of Submission for the Dacorum Local Plan to 2041 to the Secretary of State. Notice is hereby given that Dacorum Borough Council has submitted the Dacorum Local Plan to 2041 for independent examination to the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Submitted on 11 **Mar 25**

(c) Permission Approved/refused:

24/01570/APP | Folly Bridge House Bulbourne Road Marsworth Buckinghamshire HP23 5QG

Change of use from vacant care home (C2) to a single residential dwelling (C3). **App 23 May 24. MPC supportive. Approved May 25.**

24/00063/FTHA The Ship, Ship Lane, Marsworth. **Appeal Decision: Dismissed**

25/05/09 **Police report March & April** not received.

25/05/10 **Streets, Footpaths and Recreation Ground**

- a) **Recreation Ground: Equipment inspection** SGS & RB confirmed that all equipment in working order and SGS had tidied the nets. CK to report at June meeting.
- b) MPC alerted to young men riding **motorbikes** around the recreation ground. Clerk contacted TVP. Appears to be just the one weekend.
- c) **Marsworth Steam Rally** – Insurance certificate received. RK to provide Risk Assessment.

25/05/11 **Items for Information/Discussion**

- a) **Resignation of Denise Cornwall** from Marsworth Parish Council
- b) **Co-option** – notice of vacancy to be put in Marsworth News. Deadline 7 July 2025.
- c) **Marsworth Charity** - Completion of registration for Title Deed for Gravel Pit Meadow received. Registered Proprietor is The Official Custodian for Charities on behalf of the trustees of the Marsworth Charity.

- d) A subscription to Scribe for Accounts – low monthly cost of £31 and automatic reconciliation and population of AGAR would be approved if there was no obligation to continue for a certain period of time, ie a trial.
- e) Installation of the **heating system at Marsworth Millennium Hall** has taken place without approval from the Landlord, MPC. Mike Frost room and the accessible downstairs meeting room have been excluded. No National Lottery funding applied for. Agreement to be reviewed with VHC in July.
- f) Cll Sally Symington is inviting residents to let her know how they feel about having to pay **for car parking by the shops at Tring** that was previously free of charge for the first half an hour and MPC agreed to write to express their concern that the removal of this free parking was detrimental to the High Street shops.

25/05/12 Items to Consider for Resolution

- a) None

25/05/13

- a) **Zurich Insurance** This is the last of our 5-year fixed term contract. Cost £1379.32 reduced from £1709.99 last year because of review of Asset Register. Renewal of fixed term contact 1 June 2026.
- b) **SSE** contract ends 31 March 2026.
- c) **VAT** return 1 June 25 to 31 March 2025. VAT claimed £1228.38. Ref **HSVH-XIJN-UF30**
- d) **PWLB** The Public Works Loan Board loan has been paid in full as at 31 March 2025.
- e) **AGAR** is currently with internal auditor, Bridget Knight. AGAR will be circulated to MPC prior to the meeting on 9 June.
- f) **Finance:** Monthly Finance Statement as at 30 April 2025

Cheques			
Cheque 1987	Mrs C A Smith Apr +Annual Parish refreshments + Land Registry (wages £331.68 plus land registry £28 & Annual parish refreshments 45 residents £75.50	£435.18	
Cheque 1988	HMRC Apr	£80.40	
Cheque 1989	DWD Apr	£240	
Cheque 1990	SLCC	£110	
Cheque 1991	BMALC	£143.44	
Cheque 1992	Zurich Insurance 1 Jun 25 to 31 May 26	£1379.32	
Direct Debit payments:	Ionos Outlook Mar	£8.40	
	Ionos website	£32.40	
	SSE 16 Apr for March	£122.39	
Receipts	Precept for six months to 30 Sep 25		£13,000
Current a/c:			£0.00
Business Reserve a/c:	(includes accrual of £10,200 for proposed LED lighting)		£43,815.31

25/05/14 Agenda items for next meeting from Public Participation, Clerk's Report and Requested by Councillors

25/05/15 Date of next Meeting:

Monday 9 June at 8.00 pm in the Marsworth Millennium Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

