

Markyate Parish Council

MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE JONES ROOM, MARKYATE VILLAGE HALL, MARKYATE

Present: Councillor: B/Cllr H Chapman, Chairman, Cllr P Bunyan, Vice Chairman, Cllr I Crawford, Cllr S Deacon, Cllr C Dullea, Cllr R Peterson, Cllr S Pilkinton,
Mrs J Bissmire (Clerk)

In attendance: B/Cllr D Lloyd, PCSO Marie Taylor and PCSO Richard Barnes

In the absence of the chair and vice chair, a resolution was passed for B/Cllr Chapman to take the chair.

272/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs E King and C Bennett due to personal commitments

273/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest at this meeting.

274/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2010 as circulated, were a correct record and was signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr I Crawford and seconded by Cllr C Dullea.

B/Cllr D Lloyd arrived at 7.38pm

275/10 MINUTES OF THE HALLS COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Halls Committee meeting held on 29 January 2010 as circulated, be received and adopted.

276/10 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 68

No Public questions at this meeting.

277/10 POLICE REPORT

Not present, deferred

278/10 PLANNING DECISIONS FROM DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. 4/00048/10/FHA, 126 High Street. First Floor Rear Extension. Granted
2. 4/00032/10/FHA, 28 Farrer Top. Part garage conversion with first floor side extension. Granted

279/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 4/00293/10/FHA, Spring Cottage, Roe End Lane. Replacement detached garage and store and internal alterations to Kitchen. No objection
2. 4/00387/10/LBC, Spring Cottage, Roe End Lane. (as above but Listed Building Consent). No objection
3. 4/00304/10/RET, Field adj Broomhill Shooting Ground, Windmill Road. Replacement Gate. No objection.
4. 4/00383/10/FH, Feveralls Lodge, Roe End Lane, Garden Shed. No objection.
5. 4/00384/10/VOT, Cheverells Cottage, Cheverells Green. Variation of condition 1 (time) of Planning Permission 4/01775/05 (Single storey side and front extensions). No objection.

Action: Clerk

280/10 CLERKS REPORT

The following report was circulated at the meeting:-

1. The Internal Audit will be carried out on Wednesday 26 May 2010 in the lounge in the Y2K Hall, by Clubfinance.
2. The picnic table by the Village Hall has been returned after being reported as stolen, it has now been replaced and the police informed.
3. Service on the CCTV system will be carried out on Monday 19 April 2010
4. A 'Your Community' event was held in the village school on 29 March 2010 to promote and celebrate our community, our local Markyate community and also the wider national and international communities, involving parents and children within the school. Cllr Pilkinton prepared a presentation of the work the Parish Council undertake with tabletop information leaflets and walking maps. Only short notice was given so it was greatly appreciated the time and work put in to this project by Cllr Pilkinton, who moved her working timetable to permit attendance.
5. One of the two picnic tables in Peggy's Field has been moved with the concrete weight attached, there is some damage but is useable. This will be resited as soon as possible.

PCSO Taylor and PSCO Barnes arrived at 7.50pm.

It was proposed Agenda Item 277/10 is moved in order for a Police Report to be given.

The Crime Report for the Watling Ward during the period 11.03.10 to 06.04.10 was given as follows:-

Theft of motor vehicles: 1, theft from motor vehicles: 4, criminal damage: 3, Burglary: 8, Drink Driving: 1, Domestic: 1, Assaults: 3, Theft: 9, Fraud: 1, Drugs: 2, Firearms: 1

PCSO Taylor said this shows a decrease in crime.

The following items were reported:

1. The picnic table in Peggy's Field shows considerable damage. Agreed Neighbourhood Watch to be aware and report to police.
2. It was confirmed the Police will attend the Annual Gathering on 11 May 2010.
3. Although not on duty, PCSO Taylor will attend the May Fayre
4. Dates for the mobile police station at the fire station are available on Herts Police website. Posters to be made available.
5. Parking in High Street causing obstruction and cars parked on green verges. PC Coregan to be informed
6. Cars are parking on the fire station forecourt to visit the shops

The Parish Council thanked PCSO Taylor and welcomed her back after her absence.

281/10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the schedule for payment as attached.

It was proposed by Cllr C Dullea and seconded by Cllr I Crawford and **agreed** unanimously to approve the schedule for payment.

RESOLVED: that the schedule of payment be signed as circulated

The schedule of accounts listed the balances of the Parish Councils accounts as at today's date as follows:

MPC Current Account	£ 849.20
MPC Savings	£ 487.77
MPC Investment	£ 40,460.78
Petty Cash	£ 27.52
Luncheon Club	£ 2,021.11
TOTAL	£ 43,846.38

282/10 FINAL QUARTER SPEND AGAINST BUDGET

Budget sheets were circulated to all members. It was noted the final quarter spend to date is £26,066.00 against budget of £32,298.00.

Cllr P Bunyan arrived at 8.10pm

283/10 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

284/10 LUNCHEON CLUB

It was confirmed the Luncheon Club closed on 24 March 2010. B/Cllr Chapman attended on this day and put forward three suggestions:-

1. Meals to be served in the Village Hall from the school. This required all volunteers to have CRB checks and H&S training and is available only during term time.
2. To attend The Swan
3. To attend the Village Café

A vote was taken by members and the majority vote went to the Swan.

A proposal was put forward to consider hiring the kitchen to a professional caterer to run a business and to provide meals for a new Luncheon Club; this would also generate revenue for business rates etc. Agenda item for Halls Committee meeting on 18 May 2010.

Action: Clerk

285/10 OWNERSHIP OF PATH LEADING TO CEMETERY

An email was circulated giving the history of the path leading to the cemetery. It was noted this is not owned by the Parish Council or DBC.

The Parish Council asked for a letter to be sent to the PCC advising this and pointing out it is up to the church historically as to who is responsible for the path.

Action: Clerk

286/10 ANNUAL GATHERING 11 MAY 2010

It was confirmed Hertfordshire Police will give a presentation together with DBC on issues surrounding the Watling Neighbourhood Action Group.

287/10 PARISH PATH PARTNERSHIP (P3) FOR 2010/11

Following a meeting with Countryside Management Services and Cllr King, footpath 13 was looked at with the possibility to remove the gate and a section of fence on footpath 13 (between the two sections of the playing field) and to undertake a short section of crushed concrete surfacing.

After the meeting it was felt the fence should be removed as it is considered the property of DBC and should not be there anyway as, in law, it is unauthorisable.

After discussion it was **agreed** to take a vote by show of hands, as follows:-

For: 6

Against: 1

Therefore the majority rule was for the work to be carried out through P3 funding for 2010/11.

Action: Clerk

288/10 CHRISTINA MOSAIC PLAQUE

It was confirmed the Mosaic is now complete. Cllr Peterson **agreed** to purchase wood for the plinth and then install this as per the Petition for Faculty issued by the Diocese of St Albans.

Action: RP

289/10 NEW PROPOSED PRE SCHOOL UNIT

A meeting was held on 15.03.10 at the school to discuss the new unit within the school grounds.

The Parish Council's concerns are:-

1. Access to new unit through gap in fence off path leading to halls. (Now changed: vehicles through school entrance)
2. Fuel tankers to service oil in school using main path leading to halls.
3. The application states parking spaces for staff, the Parish Council queries why they require parking at the halls.
4. The path leading to the halls can not be used by a continual flow of parents which would add to considerable maintenance costs.

The following has been requested:-

1. 6 parking spaces in halls car park to be rented for pre school unit staff use only, which can not be used as a throughway.
2. Possible adoption of path leading to halls as part of planning application

This project is being funded through Surestart, planning applications will have to go through HertsCC. The existing plans show 6/8 parking spaces.

A further meeting is being held with the architect and clarification of the above is required.

On going.

290/10 FUTURE PROJECT FOR VILLAGE

It was **agreed** this item will be on the agenda for the Annual Gathering for 11 May 2010

Action: Clerk

291/10 COUNTY COUNCILLOR LLOYD'S LOCALITY BUDGET

It was confirmed the new DBC litter bins have now been installed as follows:-

1. Fire Station
2. Footpath in Cavendish Road
3. Red Lion Public House
4. Peggy's Field
5. Village Hall/Y2K Hall

At a cost of £1,799.99 including VAT. The funds were supplied from County and the litter bins installed by DBC.

It was **agreed** a letter of thanks to be sent to B/Cllr Lloyd.

Complete

Action: Clerk

292/10 PARISH PLAN

The following was reported:

1. Results of the Youth Survey and surgery area have been published. It is hoped a meeting will be held with the PPG
2. There is difficulty in combining two formats, the questions intersperse.

Actions:

1. This must be published as soon as possible in order to recoup costs by the selling of the Plan
2. Provisional dates for a meeting to be forwarded to Cllrs P Bunyan, C Dullea, S Deacon and R Peterson in order for a plan of action to be prepared as soon as possible to conclude this matter and publish the Plan.

Action: SP

293/10 LAY BY ON A5

The Highways Agency have confirmed the lay-by on the A5 will not be closed as these are provided on lay-bys on strategic road networks as convenient places for any vehicle to stop for a number of reasons, should this one be removed, a

replacement would have to be made. In the longer term, this section of the A5 is planned to be detrunked subsequent to the completion of the A5-M1 Link Road. Responsibility for the road and lay by will then transfer to DBC. This is planned for approximately 2013-14.

It was **agreed** a letter is sent to Highways asking what criteria was used when the lay-by on the A5 was closed outside the Hertfordshire boundary in Bedfordshire.

Action: HC

294/10 SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Doctors Surgery (SP)
- Local Sports Forum (SP)
- Small Business Accord (SP)

Action: Clerk

295/10 ITEMS FOR MARKYATE MONTHLY

1. Picnic Tables
2. Service of CCTV
3. Welcome back PCSO Taylor
4. Crime figures decreased
5. Closure of Luncheon Club, thank you to staff
6. Markyate May Fayre, PC support
7. 5 New bins, tku

Action: Clerk

296/10 REPORTS

Finance Committee. No report

HAPTC. All councillors were asked to read the newsletters from HAPTC which contain important legal information and new legislation details.

School Governors. No meeting.

Watling Neighbourhood Action. Secretarial help has now been withdrawn by DBC.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

The chairman declared the meeting closed and B/Cllr D Lloyd made the following report:-

1. Having visited a resident in the High Street, there is concern regarding parking and antisocial behaviour. There is the possibility this could be a 20mph zone. We need to confirm the average speed. Strips were down last year which is helpful. The Police Plan was launched last week, keying cars seems to be a concern.
2. Hicks Road. We have received the first draft from the developers and there are some interesting thoughts within it. We have to reflect the requirements of the village, there is a need for an industrial area and the site needs to be cleaned up. Most workshops can not be moved due to the expense in moving heavy plant in cement.
3. There is no likelihood of HCC adopting the path leading to the Village Hall.
4. Locality working is being launched in September 2010. This is being done through electronic mail, not meetings.
5. B/Cllr Lloyd confirmed he will attend the Annual Gathering on 11 May 2010

The Parish Council thanked B/Cllr Lloyd for his report.

Next meeting: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 4 May 2010

Signed: _____

Date: _____