

# Markyate Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MARKYATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2009 AT 7.30PM IN THE JONES ROOM, MARKYATE VILLAGE HALL, MARKYATE

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

**In attendance:** 0 member of public

The chairman proposed one extra emergency item is added to the end of the agenda, Premises Licence Variation Application for The Swan Inn, 36 High Street.

### 109/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr C Bennett due to personal commitments and Cllr S Deacon due to business commitments.

### 110/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

B/Cllr H Chapman declared a personal interest in item 112/09

Cllr S Pilkinton declared an interest in item 113/09 Business in High Street due to family connections.

Cllr R Peterson declared a personal interest in item 133/09 Albert Street, due to living in close proximity.

Cllr E King declared a personal interest in item 135/09 overgrown trees in Peggy's Field due to living in close proximity.

### 111/09 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr P Bunyan and

#### **RESOLVED:**

That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded during the item 112/09 and 113/09 of the agenda for this meeting, because it was likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or for other special reasons arising from the nature of the business or proceedings.

The chairman proposed although this is a closed session, the minutes would be placed within the public domain, a vote was taken and this was agreed unanimously.

### 112/09 REPORT FROM SOLICITOR

Copies of the report from Berrymans Lace Mawer dated 3 June 2009 were circulated to all members and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

To go forward with the recommendations made in this report from the insurance company's solicitor which involves an excess cost of £250.00.

**Action: Clerk**

### 113/09 REPORT FROM SOLICITOR

Copies of the report from Berrymans Lace Mawer dated 7 July 2009 were circulated to all members and were duly noted. It was

#### **RESOLVED**

Minute 77/09 is rescinded on the advice of the insurance company's solicitor. All correspondence regarding item 113/09 is to be dealt with via Berrymans Lace Mawer at an excess cost of £250.00

**Action: Clerk**

It was noted the action taken relating to agenda item 113/09 were under Duty of Care to all residents following incidences of Ecoli in other parts of the country and the very distressful consequences from such an outbreak.

### 114/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 June 2009, as circulated, with one minor amendment, were a correct record and was signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Cllr P Bunyan and seconded by Cllr I Crawford.

### 115/09 MINUTES OF THE HALLS COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Halls Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2009, as circulated, be received and adopted.

### 116/09 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 68

No public questions at this meeting

**117/09 PLANNING DECISIONS**

**Planning Decisions received from Dacorum Borough Council**

1. 4/00228/09/FHA, 4/00229/09/LBC, White House, Valley Lane, Rear extension, internal alterations and repairs (amended scheme). Withdrawn.

**118/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 1 4/01119/09/LDP, 8 Summer Walk, Single storey front extension, Loft conversion with rear dormer and front roof windows.

The Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:

- Not in keeping with surrounding properties
- Detrimental to street
- Overdevelopment of site
- It is considered this will set a precedent for other properties
- Shortage of parking

2. 4/01062/09/FHA, 23 Pickford Road, Single storey rear extension. No objection

**119/09 CLERKS REPORT**

It was reported Cllr C Dullea will attend the training course for planning being held in the Council Chamber at Civic Centre on Friday 25 September 2009.

**Action: CD**

**120/09 CRICKET CLUB**

On going

**Action: HC**

**121/09 EXTERNAL AUDIT**

On going.

**Action: HC**

**122/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

To approve the schedule for payment as attached.

It was proposed by Cllr J Gower and seconded by Cllr P Bunyan 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	£ 1927.15
MPC Savings	£ 44,177.78
MPC Investment	£ 50,028.51
Petty Cash	£ 53.02
Luncheon Club	£ 217.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 96,403.81</b>

**123/09 PARISH PLAN**

A reported entitled Parish Plan Update – 2 August 2009 was prepared by Cllr Pilkinton and circulated to all members prior to the meeting and a copy of the proposed Business section of the questionnaire was passed to all members for consideration.

It was

**RESOLVED**

- After numerous alterations a new draft to be forwarded to each member for confirmation prior to publication.
- It was confirmed the deadline is 28 August 2009.
- Cllr J Gower and Cllr C Dullea volunteered to deliver, complete where applicable and collect the questionnaires to all businesses.
- Printing to be carried at the Parish Office

It was noted from the Core Strategy Planning Presentation held in the Y2K Hall on 20 July 2009 many business attended and stated the communication on notice boards in the village was excellent.

**Action: ALL**

**124/09 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Clerk circulated the list of general correspondence. It was requested Item 5 the Empowerment Champions to be on agenda for 1 September 2009 meeting. Cllr Pilkinton to prepare a report for presentation prior to meeting.

**Action: SP/Clerk**

**125/09 DACORUM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

From the meeting held on 16 July 2009, the following was reported:-

- The Water Group reported there is not enough natural water
- A separate consultation on the Core Strategy will be held for Markyate
- The Green Belt is safe for now pending any government changes.

It was reported if the guidelines for new builds as directed by the government is reached, this will encroach on Green Belt. It was noted HEAP are reviewing their fuel poverty policy. The final draft will be available in August/November and a decision will be made in February/March. A preliminary report will be published to help people in fuel poverty prior to the winter.

Cllr Dullea was thanked for attending the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

**126/09 EMERGING CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The Parish Council considered the document entitled Emerging Core Strategy. Comments on the consultation were invited by 29 August 2009.

The consultation sought views from the Spatial Strategy for the village of Markyate and Spatial Strategy for the Countryside.

The consultation document contained a number of questions for which responses were invited.

It was

**RESOLVED**

To submit the questionnaire response as attached to these minutes.

Cllr Crawford was thanked for outlining this document in order to complete the questionnaire

Action: Clerk

**127/09 EMERGING CORE STRATEGY FOR DACORUM AND EAST HEMEL HEMPSTEAD AREA ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION**

The Parish Council considered the précis presented to the meeting on the Emerging Core Strategy for Dacorum and East Hemel Hempstead Area Action Plan Consultation which sits just below the Core Strategy.

The stance taken was that this document did not relate to Markyate therefore it would be difficult to complete, however, on consideration as there were questions which ultimately will affect Markyate, the questionnaire was completed.

It was

**RESOLVED**

To submit the response as attached to these minutes.

Cllr Crawford was thanked for preparing a précis and his time in this matter.

Cllr J Gower left the meeting at 9.55pm

**128/09 NEWSLETTER**

It was reported a few items had been received for the newsletter but not enough to submit a draft. Copies to be forwarded to Cllr Peterson as soon as possible.

Action: ALL

**129/09 MEETINGS ON BUS SERVICES IN MARKYATE**

A full report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. It was noted Centrebus are considering issuing bus passes to school children.

Cllr Pilkinton was thanked for attending the meeting.

**130/09 POST OFFICE IN MARKYATE**

It was reported the Post Office are seeking tenants to manage the business on a lock up basis. The importance of the continuation of this service is essential and it was considered relevant to be presented at this meeting.

**131/09 MEALS ON WHEELS AND LUNCHEON CLUB IN MARKYATE**

Following a meeting with Dacorum Borough Council it was confirmed there will be no disruption to this service until the end of this financial year, March 2010. On going.

**132/09 CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION**

In view of the deadline date of 2 October 2009, this item is deferred to the 1 September 2009 meeting.

Action: SD/Clerk

**133/09 CONDITION OF ALBERT STREET**

It was proposed this item is deferred to the next meeting with the addition of Wesley Road.

Action: RP/Clerk

**134/09 REGISTRATION OF PEGGY'S FIELD**

It was reported DBC have confirmed in their letter dated 27 July 2009 that they have no interest in the land known as Peggy's Field to the rear of Pickford Road and therefore have no objection to the land being recorded as a Village Green. It was agreed this is forwarded together with completed Form CA9 Application for the Registration of a Town or Village Green to Hertfordshire CC in order for this matter to be concluded.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **135/09 TREES IN PEGGY'S FIELD**

The Parish Council agreed to give further consideration to the lopping of trees at Peggy's Field. Following advice given this will change the structure of the natural contour of the trees and therefore require annual lopping.

It was

#### **RESOLVED**

To write to the 4 specialist who submitted quotations thanking them for their time and advising the Parish Council are giving further thought to this matter.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **136/09 REPORTS**

**Finance Committee.** Next Meeting 20 October 2009

**HAPTC.** No report

**School Governors.** No report.

**Youth Management.** No report

**Watling Neighbourhood Action.** Minutes to be circulated.

#### **137/09 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Mosaic of Christina of Markyate
- The purchase of an industrial shredder
- Empowerment Champions

#### **138/09 ITEMS FOR MARKYATE MONTHLY**

- Response to Core Strategy/Core Planning Presentation well attended
- Busses
- Luncheon Club
- Blood Donor Clinic
- Road Works, temporary closing of Beechwood Lane and Markyate Street Lane
- Parish Plan

#### **139/09 MARKYATE MAY FAYRE 2010**

A letter was presented to the Parish Council from The Markyate May Fayre 2010 asking for consideration to be given for the use of the Village Hall for the Annual Markyate May Fayre being held on 3 May 2010.

It was

#### **RESOLVED**

To waive the hire charge for the Village Hall on Monday 3 May 2010 as this is a community event.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **EMERGENCY ITEM**

#### **140/09 LICENSING ACT 2003: APPLICATION**

An application for a Premises Licence Variation Application Premises: The Swan Inn, 36 High Street, Markyate has been received.

This application was received by email on 29 July 2009 after publication of the agenda. The application is to extend the current hours for sale of alcohol, indoor sporting events, live and recorded music, and entertainment of a similar description, playing of music, dancing and entertainment similar, to 2:00am Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays, and to midnight on Sundays.

Members were informed of this application and advised if they live near the premises and wish to make their own representations they may do so. Also if members of the public approach the Parish Council about the application, the Parish Council may make representations on their behalf only and not from the Parish Council. DBC will be informed of the members of the public making comments.

**Action: ALL**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.07pm

**Next meeting: 1 September 2009**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_