

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

To: All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place, Marcham on Wednesday 11th February, 2009, at 7.30 p.m. for the transaction of the business stated below.

Mrs. L.A. Martin
Clerk of the Council
(Tel: 01865 391833)

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A G E N D A

Prior to the commencement of formal business, Mr. John Hammond, Public Transport Officer from Oxfordshire County Council will talk about the Council's proposal to introduce premium bus routes on the X30/X31 service.

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive any declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the Agenda for this meeting. (Please refer to the notes at the end of agenda).

Members are reminded that should they have a personal interest in an item they must disclose the existence and nature of that interest to the meeting prior to the matter being debated. Where that personal interest is also a prejudicial interest then the Member must withdraw from the room in which the meeting is being held and not seek improperly to influence any decision about the matter. Council has adopted clause 12(2) of the Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils 2007 and anyone with a prejudicial interest will be permitted to address Council during the section set aside for public participation.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January, 2009
To agree the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 14th January, 2009

6 The Farthings – ivy

The Clerk has referred this to the County Council.

Accounts – Cutting Churchyard in December

The Clerk has been advised that Slade Estates Services Ltd decided themselves to cut the Churchyard in December to improve the appearance for Christmas.

Letter of thanks for grant

To note receipt of a letter of thanks from Marcham Café for the grant awarded.

5. Public Participation

An opportunity for the public to bring parish matters to the attention of the Council.

6. Planning Applications

a) Decisions on previous applications

b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

MAR/18688/1 Proposed timber decking and iron railing to first floor bedroom doorway to form flower box area

12 Anson Close

For: Mr. C. Barrett

Comments: Council had no objections

FRI/2396/21 Demolish existing car wash and jet wash and built 2 new jet wash enclosures and car wash, install new fuel tank and pumps

Frilford Service Station

For: Mr. K. Rashid

Comments: Council had no objections in principle, but expressed concern regarding safety of pedestrians crossing to the shop in the path of vehicles coming from 3 new wash enclosures. It suggested that a marked path be shown. In addition it requested no parking in front of the shop.

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

MAR/3418/7-CC Erection of single storey pitched and flat roof extension to provide new foundation stage classroom, w.c., cloakroom and storage accommodation, new lobby and covered play area. Construction of 16 space cycle shelter and other associated external work.

Marcham CE Primary School, Morland Road

For: Oxfordshire County Council

7. District Councillor's Report

To receive a report on District Council matters from Cllr. Ms. J. Hanna.

8. County Councillor's Report

To receive a report on County Council matters from Cllr. I. Brown.

9. Post Office

To note and consider advice from the Rural Community Council as to assistance a Parish Council could provide in the event of the loss of a village shop/post office.

10. Oxfordshire County Council – Premium bus Routes X30/X31
To consider points from the talk by John Hammond and comments on the proposals for submission to the County Council.
11. Vale of White Horse District Council – Future Development in the Vale – Core Strategy Preferred Options
 - a) To receive a report from the Council’s representatives who attended the meeting hosted by the Vale of White Horse District Council at Wantage Civic Centre on 22nd January.
 - b) To consider the preferred strategy options.
12. Air Quality Action Plan in Abingdon
To consider any Parish Council comments
13. Parishioner of the Year 2008
To consider the nominations received this year.
14. Grant Applications
To consider a grant application from Homestart deferred from the last meeting.
One family in Marcham is currently helped by Homestart and 3 of their volunteers live within Marcham.
15. Annual Parish Meeting
To note that the School is not available during half term week. It is available on Wednesday 6th May or Wednesday 20th May. To further discuss the annual parish meeting arrangements.
16. A415 / North Street junction - visibility
To note action taken by the Chairman. To discuss any Parish Council action.
17. Communities and Local Government - Consultation
Real people, real power : Code of recommended practice on Local Authority Publicity
This consultation paper is published on the Local Government website
www.communities.gov.uk
To consider any Parish Council comments
18. Correspondence
 - a) Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action
Funding advice surgeries in Abingdon library on 19th Feb and 19th March between 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
 - b) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – January update
 - c) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – The Playing Field magazine.
 - d) Vale Community Safety leaflet – Winter
 - e) Letter received from a parishioner regarding the poor condition of the path to the cemetery and asking when something is going to be done.
19. Accounts
 - (i) To resolved to fund the course fee - £80 plus vat - for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to attend a “chairman’s training course.
 - (ii) To note confirmation from Bank of Ireland that the Irish Government has fully protected all deposits without upper limit until 29th September 2010.
 - (iii) To approve accounts for payment

20. Matters raised by Members for information
 21. Items for MAD News
 22. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will take place on 11th March, 2009 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place.
 - (i) any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare personal interests as necessary as soon as practicable after his/her arrival even if the item in question has been considered.
 - (ii) it is not practical to offer detailed advice during the meeting on whether or not a personal interest should be declared, or whether a personal interest should also be regarded as prejudicial.
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Other Literature

Home 2 School – Oxfordshire County Council magazine
Hills in touch – Magazine of Hills Quarry Products