

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 March, 2009, at 7.30 p.m. for the transaction of the business stated below.

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Clerk of the Council
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A G E N D A

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 11th February, 2009

To agree the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 11th February, 2009

Annual Parish Meeting

The Vale of White Horse District Council has agreed to attend the annual parish meeting and give a presentation on the Vale's core strategy and the implications for Marcham.

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/5011/6 Retrospective application for the erection of a 1.8 m high close boarded fence to the boundary of plot 2. (93 Howard Cornish Road)

Cotsdale, Abingdon Road

For: Cranbourne Homes Ltd.

Comments: Council objected, the original approval showed the re-use of stone from the barn to construct the boundary enclosure. No attempt had been made to use this. The wooden fence was out of keeping with the stone wall on plot 3 which was already on the Cotsdale site.

MAR/6253/5 Proposed riding arena, with fencing in of paddock.

Brushwood, Oxford Road

For: Mrs. R. Kitto

Comments: Council had no objections.

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

Two storey extension

8 Longfields

For: Mr and Mrs. M. Cousins

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 the current position in regard to the Post Office/Shop. To consider any Parish Council assistance.
10. Oxfordshire County Council – Premium bus Routes X30/X31
To note and consider points from the public following the article in MAD News.
To agree comments to be submitted to Oxfordshire County Council.
11. Grit Bins
To note these can be provided by Oxfordshire County Council if there is a funder e.g. Parish Council or other body. Approximate cost is £200. The County Council has to agree the location on the highway. County Council will keep it topped up with grit.
To consider any further Parish Council action.
12. Telegraph Pole – junction of A415/North Street – lack of vision
The Clerk sent the photograph to Scottish Southern Electric and has received confirmation that following a visit to the site they do not consider that there are any vision problems. They will therefore not fund any relocation. They are prepared to provide a quotation for the Parish Council to fund any removal and relocation of the bracket street light affixed should it wish to do so. (Statutory powers to undertake such work would have to be checked).
To consider whether the Parish Council wishes to take this issue further.

13. Thames Water – Response to consultation on draft water resources management plan.
To receive a report from Mr. Denton and Mr. Hutchinson who attended a meeting hosted by Thames Water on 5th March.
14. Oxfordshire County Council – Street Lighting
The County Council in June 2007 launched its Carbon Action Plan to try and reduce carbon emissions. Street lighting produces 19% of the Council’s carbon emissions. The County Council is currently considering changing its policy of keeping street lighting on all night in rural areas and instead switching off some lighting from 12.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m.
To consider comments to the County Council as to the Parish Council’s preferences.
15. Oxfordshire County Council – Contingency Planning – Diversion Routes A420
To consider comments on the signs and plans for the diversion routes should the A420 be closed.
16. Correspondence
- a) Jenks, Oxford – Arboricultural Contractors
An Oxford company looking for sites to take woodchips.
 - b) Vale of White Horse District Council – Summons and Agenda 25th February
 - c) Oxfordshire Waste Partnership – “Oxfordshire Spring Clean” – a tidy up in March.
 - d) Oxford Green Belt Networks – An invitation to subscribe to the network
 - e) Standards Board – Town and Parish Standard
 - f) Vale of White Horse District Council – Core Strategy – Preferred Options Sustainability Appraisal
 - g) Oxfordshire County Council – Dial a Ride
Dial a-Ride bus service will be funded until March 2012 with an option for a 2 year extension.
 - h) Oxfordshire NHS – Health News
 - i) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – February update
17. Accounts
To approve accounts for payment
18. Matters raised by Members for information
19. Items for MAD News
20. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will take place on 8th April, 2009 in the residents’ lounge at Duffield Place.

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- (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