

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 8th April, 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 March, 2009
To agree the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 11th March, 2009

The Gap – Grit Bin

Acknowledgement received. Matter to be investigated

Dial a Ride

Door to door service for those unable or find it difficult to use public transport. It is a membership scheme (£5 to join), but the application has to be supported by the G.P. Journeys within the Vale £2 single or free for concessionary pass holders. It does not provide a service unless the criteria can be met.

Home Start

A letter of thanks received 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/61841/38 Erection of two storey boarding accommodation block and associated car parking

Cothill House School

For: The Cothill Trust

Comments: Unsympathetically close to the terraced private dwellings, some of which are grade II listed. The proposal could well be overbearing and dominant for these properties being only 5.5 metres away. Some concerns regarding the vehicular access crossing the public footpath.

Extraction of sand – Revised entrance at A338

Upwood Park

For: Hills Aggregates

Comments: Council had no objections

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

MAR/3579/2 Proposed two storey side extension

64 Howard Cornish Road

For: Mr. M. Fern

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. Marcham Churchyard – lack of light on path from Denman

To receive a report from the Churchyard working party representatives.

11. Southern Central Oxford Transport Strategy

To consider any Parish Council comments

12. Affordable Housing – Extension to properties – Exception sites

To consider letters received from Rural Housing Trust and Vale Housing Association in regard to their properties

To consider any further Parish Council action.

13. Longfields – Grass Cutting
To confirm grass cutting arrangements for the 2009 season
14. Calor – Oxfordshire Village of the year competition
To consider entering the competition this year. Deadline for entry 30th May.
15. Training Event for Chairmen – attended by Mr. Denton and Mr. Walton
To receive and note a verbal report from the Chairman.
16. Proposed Staffing Committee or similar
To consider the principle of setting up a staffing committee.
17. Projects
 - a) To resolve to implement the projects where funding was set aside in the budget.
 - Wayside Cross – repairs to steps
 - Howard Cornish Road - hardstanding for bottle banks
 - b) To receive update report on youth shelter and repairs to steps North Street
18. Correspondence
 - a) Vale of White Horse District Council – “Worried about facing redundancy” leaflet
 - b) Vale of White Horse - Parish Council newssheet
 - c) Oxfordshire County Council – Primary School Review – view of stakeholders
Meeting 28th April 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. at Larkmead School to bring to the review team’s attention the most significant and pressing issues affecting learning and delivery of services in the schools for children and families in the parish.
 - d) Oxfordshire County Council – Early Learning
Advertising material for the local children’s centre to be issued to the parish.
 - e) Vale of White Horse District Council / Wantage Breakfast Club – Business Seminar
Lains Barn 14th May 8.00 a.m.
Survival tips for small businesses
 - f) CPRE – Oxford Green Belt Way Walk and Rally – 19th April 3.00 p.m. for those interested in protecting the Green Belt
 - g) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Update
 - h) Oxfordshire County Council – Changes to X15 Bus Service
From 6th April, the X15 has a new timetable and will no longer serve Howard Cornish Road, but will stop at the war memorial along the main road.
19. Accounts

To approve accounts for payment
20. Matters raised by Members for information
21. Items for MAD News
21. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will take place on 13th May, 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