

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 13th May, 2009 at 7.30 p.m. for the transaction of the business stated below.

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A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman
2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman
3. Election of Vice-Chairman
4. Appointment of Planning Working Group (2)
5. Appointment of Representative to attend the meeting of the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (1)
6. Appointment of Public Transport Representative (1)
7. Appointment of Representative to Hills Aggregates Liaison Committee (1)
8. Appointment of Representatives to the Anson Field Management Committee (2)
9. Appointment of Representatives to the Churchyard Working Party (2)
10. Appointment of Representative for the Reservoir Affected Parishes Group (1)
11. Appointment of MAD News Correspondent (1)
12. Appointment of members to a working party to "review the effectiveness of internal audit".
13. Appointment of members to a working party established by Cllr. J. Hanna to discuss village consultation should a planning application in regard to the Anson Trust's proposals for new community facilities be lodged.
14. To consider the setting up of a working party to co-ordinate the parishioner of the year award
15. To consider the setting up of a working party to co-ordinate the village garden competition
16. To consider the setting up of a working party or committee to consider issues relating to staff. Deferred from last meeting
17. Apologies for Absence
18. 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.

19. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April, 2009
To agree the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
20. Matters arising from the meeting held on 8th April, 2009

Tarmacing of recycling bank area – Howard Cornish Road

The District Council and the Salvation Army have confirmed that they, when next emptying the recycling banks, will temporarily relocate them further down Howard Cornish Road to allow the tarmacing to go ahead.

Bulb planting by Brownies – Howard Cornish Road/North Street/Sheepstead road junction

The Vale of White Horse District Council has no objection to planting in land in their ownership provided they are informed of the location of the bulbs for their records. The Vale Housing Association has no objection to planting to land in its ownership. The County Council, however, would require a Licence to be obtained and legislation relating to highway works followed should planting take place on its land. Mrs. Allan, who raised this issue on behalf of the brownies, has been advised of the responses from the land owners.

X15 Bus Service around village

Correspondence has been received from the County Council that the decision to withdraw the service from Howard Cornish Road/North Street was a commercial one, and the County Council has no influence where the operator is not under contract to the County Council.

21. Public Participation
An opportunity for the public to bring parish matters to the attention of the Council.
22. Planning Applications
 - a) Decisions on previous applications
 - b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

MAR/15176/1 Erection of 2 storey rear extension, insertion of two front elevation pitched roof dormers, together with internal refurbishment
3 Mill Road
For: Mr. S. Middleton
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MAR/20825 Erection of 2 storey side extension
8 Longfields
For: Mr and Mrs Cousins
Comments: Council's view expressing concern about the long term affordability of properties on this rural exception site, as set out at the March meeting of this Council, were reiterated.

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

Appropriate Assessment undertaken by Oxfordshire County Council,
requested by Natural England on the impact of sand extraction on Cothill Fen
Upwood Park
For: Hill Aggregates

This planning application will go to the County Council's planning and
regulation committee on 18th May.

23. District Councillor's Report
To receive a report on District Council matters from Cllr. Ms. J. Hanna.
24. County Councillor's Report
To receive a report on County Council matters from Cllr. I. Brown.
25. Post Office
To note the current position in regard to the Post Office.
26. Grant Request
To consider whether to accept grant applications outside of the usual November meeting. If agreed:
then to consider an application from The Youth and children's Minister for a grant towards the cost of funding an activity trip to Viney Hill in the Forest of Dean for village children.
27. A420 – Contingency Planning Review Meeting
The County Council is hosting a meeting at The Bell Hotel, Faringdon on 20th July at 10.30 a.m. to demonstrate and review the progress of the County Council's A420 contingency plan. To nominate a representative to attend.
28. Cow Lane Allotments
 - a) To consider a request for the re-opening of the pedestrian access off Sheepstead Road to enable allotment holders particularly from Kings Avenue and The Farthings who walk to the site, to have access without having to walk too far without a footway.
 - b) To consider complaints that allotments holders in Cow Lane are dumping grass cuttings in the hedgerow between Cow Lane and the allotments.
 - c) To consider two separate requests to allow some allotment plots to be used by both youths undertaking training courses, and by adults with learning difficulties.
29. Longfields – Play Area
 - a) To consider a quotation from Falcon signs, for the manufacture of a sign indicating where to report problems with the site, no dogs permitted etc. This could be erected on a lamppost subject to complying with the regulations of the County Council.
 - b) To note that the handyman has re-fixed the loose chain link fencing at the front of the site, together with the wooden half rounds.
30. Centenary of North Berks Football League 1909 – 2009
To consider a request from the league to mark this significant anniversary in local football and to recognise the service to the community that the league has provided. Marcham Football Club has played in the league between 1920 – 1922, 1926-28, 1946-2009. Suggested ways of participating include tree planting, erecting a plaque, purchasing tickets to attend a celebration dinner, write to the League to congratulate them on the centenary.

31. Environment Agency – Application for environmental permit
Energy from Waste incinerator – Sutton Courtenay
To consider any Parish Council comments on the permit application.
32. Correspondence
 - a) Vale of White Horse District Council – Standards Committee agenda 28th April.
 - b) Equality and Human Rights Commission – Public Sector Equality Duties.
 - c) The Playing Field magazine – Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association.
 - d) Vale of White Horse District Council – Assisted travel schemes information
 - e) Letter from parishioner regarding the removal of flowers in North Street.
 - f) Training course entitled “Granting, exercising and transferring rights of burial – A grave matter”. Thursday 25th June. £40 per delegate
33. Accounts
 - a) To consider placing a schedule of payments onto the part of the agenda automatically disclosed to the public. (Council instructed the Clerk to place this item on the agenda at the last meeting).
 - b) To approve accounts for payment
34. Matters raised by Members for information
35. Items for MAD News
36. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will take place on 10th June, 2009 in the residents’ lounge at Duffield Place.

Notes on Declaration of Interest

- (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