

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 10th June, 2009 at 7.30 p.m. for the transaction of the business stated below.

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A G E N D A

Prior to the commencement of formal business, Mrs. L. Scaplehorn and Ms. H. Richardson from the Housing Department, Vale of White Horse District Council will give a talk on the topic of the District Council's housing register, choice based lettings and how properties are allocated.

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 13th May, 2009
To agree the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 13th May, 2009

Longfield Play Area sign – this has been manufactured and will be installed shortly.

Letter of thanks from Parochial Church Council for grant to send village children on activity weekend.

Letter of thanks from Eddie and Pamela Shirras for the Parishioners of the Year Certificate

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
None received
 - c) Applications for consideration at the meeting
None received
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.
That the Post Office will re-open from Monday 15th June on Monday-Friday mornings between 9.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.
10. Annual Meeting for Electors
To consider matters arising from the annual meeting of electors as per Clerk's note.
11. Buses
X15 – RH Transport
 - a) To note the response from RH Transport that it was a rare occasion when anyone boarded the X15 around the village. A commercial decision was made to run the service along the main road only. It will not revert to going round the village in the future.
 - b) To consider a request for Parish Council support from a parishioner that the stop near Hyde Farm Nurseries be reinstated. If agreed to resolve to write to Oxfordshire County Council regarding this.
30 – Stagecoach
 - c) To receive a report from D. Walton who attended a meeting regarding changes to this timetable.
 - d) To note the Clerk wrote to Stagecoach on behalf of the Parish Council objecting to the proposed reduced timetable. To ratify this action, and to note the reply received.
 - e) Letter from Oxfordshire County Council – Bus Subsidy
Stagecoach is proposing to reduce the bus service to hourly in the day and 2 hourly in the evening. This is a commercial decision. For a temporary period until December the County Council has agreed to support an hourly service in the evening and will be subsidising the

route. It will be reviewed in December. Council has been asked to consider what is the case for retention of through service to Wantage and/or Monday to Thursday evening service from Wantage to Abingdon, given the existence of frequent services from Abingdon to Oxford and apparent lack of demand on Abingdon to Wantage section?
Is a two hourly service acceptable on these days?

12. Grant Request

To consider whether to accept grant applications outside of the usual November meeting. If agreed:

Anson Trust

To consider a request from the Anson Trust for grant funding in the sum of £3,000 for a sports wall on the Anson Field.

13. Best Kept Garden Competition

To discuss the arrangements for the competition

14. Village Green

To consider complaints from parishioners regarding the condition of the edge of the village green.

15. Vale of White Horse District Council – Community Safety tri-signs

To note that the District Council will provide signs free of charge for vehicle areas/car parks. To consider whether there is a need for such signs in the parish.

16. Street Lighting

In 2007 the County Council launched its Carbon Action Plan in order to reduce its carbon emissions by 18% by 2011/2012. During 2005/06 street lights produced 19% of the Council's carbon emissions which totalled 63,000 tonnes. The County Council is considering changing its policy of keeping street lighting on all night in rural areas and instead, switching off lighting from approximately 12.30 a.m. to around 5.30 a.m. This will reduce carbon emissions by 35% for each light switched off. A County Council funded scheme for switching off all or some of the lights is proposed.

Parish Council's comments have been invited on this proposal. To consider whether to switch off some or all of the parish's lights between 12.30 a.m. – 5.30 a.m.

17. Bench Seat

To consider a request from a parishioner to give a donation to the Parish Council so that a bench seat can be erected in memory of a family member.

18. Correspondence

a) Thames Valley Police Open Day – Police Training Centre, Sulhamstead, Reading 8th Aug

b) Vale of White Horse District Council – Survive and Thrive magazine

c) Oxfordshire County Council – Home 2 school newsletter

d) South East Plan – Regional Spatial Strategy – Secretary of State has completed her consideration of representations. The document is available at www.gos.gov.uk/gose

e) OALC – May newsletter

f) Vale Community Safety - newsletter

g) Invitation from South Oxfordshire District Council to attend the launch of the Leader Project. Denman College, Tuesday 16th June, 2009 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council have obtained £1.89 million from the Rural Development Programme for England through a scheme called Leader to support capital projects, training, business and rural communities.

19. Accounts

- a) To receive receipts and payments accounts for year 2008/2009
- b) To receive report from internal auditor for accounts 2008/2009
- c) To approve the annual return and to provide a statement of assurance to the external auditor.
- d) To approve accounts for payment as per list circulated to members.
- e) To approve grant of £100 to Marcham Parochial Church Council as the organisation nominated by the recipients of the Parishioner of the Year Award

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 8th July, 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.

Other Literature

- 1. Farmoor Pontoon Project Newsletter
- 2. Hills Quarry Products – “In touch” magazine
- 3. Oxfordshire County Council – Home 2 School - newsletter
- 4. NHS Health News