

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 9th September, 2009 at 7.30 p.m. for the transaction of the business stated below.

Mrs. L.A. Martin
Clerk of the Council
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A G E N D A

Prior to the commencement of formal business Cllr. A. Rooke, Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council will present the prizes for the best kept garden competition.

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

Devolved Budget – Oxfordshire County Council weed spraying
Notification received that an agreement between Oxfordshire County Council and Marcham Parish Council is in the course of preparation.

Flood Working Party

To note that W. Cumber & Son (Theale) Ltd has agreed to store the agreed flood items. These are now being acquired.

The Anson Field – open space area

To note a response from the Anson Trust that it would welcome the involvement of the Parish Council in regards to the management of remaining open space should proposals for development of part of the field proceed.

5. Resignations

To note that Ian Charles resigned from the Parish Council with effect from 17th August, A casual vacancy has been declared. To note that David Hutchinson too will resign with effect from 10th September, 2009. A casual vacancy will be declared.

To consider appointments to the outside committee/working groups on which they served

Anson Field Management Committee

Planning

Jane Hanna Working Group

6. Public Participation

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

7. Planning Applications

a) Decisions on previous applications

b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

MAR/20916 Change of use of open space to garden.

Land between 18-20 Howard Cornish Road

For: Mrs. W. Didcock

Comments: Council had no objections

MAR/294/5 Proposed rebuilding of the former gables to the now roofless Tithe

Barn at Tithe House and to reinstate roof.

Tithe House, 15 Church Street

For: Mr. J. Duffield

Comments: Council had no objections, but asked that trees be protected if access was required from the Churchyard

MAR/2394/6 Proposed reinstatement of the former roof form to the dovecote

Tithe House, 15 Church Street

For: Mr. J. Duffield

Comments: Council had no objections, but asked that trees be protected if access was required from the Churchyard.

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

No applications have been received

d) Report from Mr. Hutchinson on Development Control Meeting 2nd September

To receive a report from Mr. Hutchinson on the Vale of White Horse District Council's Development Control meeting held on 2nd September, in particular the decision on the planning application relating to Cothill School

8. District Councillor's Report
To receive a report on District Council matters from Cllr. Ms. J. Hanna.
9. County Councillor's Report
To receive a report on County Council matters from Cllr. I. Brown
10. Recreation
Longfields play area
 - a) To consider any play equipment for this site, and change of use planning application required (deferred from last meeting)
 - b) If agreed to support play equipment at the site, to consider applications for grant funding
 - c) To note the RoSPA safety inspection report.
Anson Field play area
To note and consider the RoSPA safety inspection report
11. Direct Information Service
To consider whether to subscribe to this National Association of Local Councils publication.
12. Consultation on Consolidation of Council Tax – Demand notice regulations including efficiency information
To note the National Association of Local Council's briefing on this item.
To consider the proposed change to the layout of council tax bills and any Parish Council comments.
13. Thames Water – Water Resources Management Plan
 - a) To note that the Secretary of State has called for a public inquiry into the Plan.
 - b) To note a press release by the Vale of White Horse District Council welcoming the call for a reservoir inquiry.
 - c) To consider any further part of the Parish Council in the inquiry.
14. War Memorial
 - a) To note the existence of the War Memorials Trust, which inter alia, is a grant making body.
 - b) To review the planned repair works to the war memorial and to consider lodging a grant application.
15. Neighbourhood Action Group – Report
To receive a report from the Council's representative on the Neighbourhood Action Group
16. Cow Lane Allotments – Water charge
To fix the water charge for the 2009/10 year.
(Based on cost of water 2008/09)
17. Grant Request
To consider whether to accept a grant application outside of the usual November meeting, given that the purpose for which the grant is required needs to be done in the near future. If agreed:
then to consider an application from the residents of Duffield Place to help maintain the common areas of Duffield Place.

18. Staff Working Party
a) To receive a report from the staff working party
b) To set the terms of reference for the staff working party
19. Correspondence
a) Oxfordshire County Council – Countryside Service Annual Report 2009
b) Oxfordshire County Council – Highways Annual Report 2009
c) Oxford Green Belt Network – Newsletter August 2009
d) Vale of White Horse District Council – Parish Information Sheet
e) Abingdon and District Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Report 2008/09
f) Oxfordshire County Council – Local Transport Plan (LTP3) Timetable of the Plan objectives
g) OALC – update
h) Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum – Local Environment Groups Conference Sat. 26th September, Wootton by Woodstock 9.15 a.m.
20. Accounts
a) To approve accounts for payment as per list circulated to members.
b) To note a grant of £125 towards additional parish cleansing has been awarded by the Vale of White Horse District Council.
21. Matters raised by Members for information
22. Items for MAD News
23. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will take place on 14th October, 2009 in the residents’ lounge at Duffield Place.
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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
The Playing Field – Magazine of the Oxfordshire Playing Fields
Association