

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 14th October, 2009 at 7.30 p.m. for the transaction of the business stated below.

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Clerk of the Council
(Tel: 01865 391833)

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A G E N D A

Prior to the commencement of formal business Ms. Wendy Robinson from the MacIntyre Charity will speak to the Council regarding the role of the charity and in particular to outline the possibility of supporting a village shop.

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Casual Vacancies
To co-opt two new members to fill the casual vacancies which have occurred.
3. Declaration of Acceptance
The making of and signing of the declarations of acceptance by the new members.
4. 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.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September, 2009
To agree the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
6. Matters arising from the meeting held on 9th September, 2009

Matter raised by parishioner – demolition of wall

The demolition of a wall, unless in a conservation area or is listed does not require planning permission. Widening a driveway will require consent from the County Council and also planning permission where it opens onto a classified road.

Morland Road - Pothole

This has now been repaired

Best Kept Garden Competition

Letter of thanks received from Cllr. A. Rooke, Chairman of Vale of White Horse District Council

Letter of thanks received from Mr and Mrs. Field, a winner who was unable to attend the presentation.

7. Public Participation

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

8. Village Shop – Proposal put forward by Ms. Robinson from the MacIntyre Charity

To discuss the issues raised from the presentation to Council.

9. Planning Applications

a) Decisions on previous applications

b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

MAR/294/10 and MAR/2947-LB 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. Access to the Church had to be maintained at all times services, funerals etc.

MAR/2394/9 and MAR/2394/9-LB Proposed reinstatement of the former roof form to the dovecote

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c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

MAR/10588/2 Erection of two storey side extension, alterations to property

Erection of garage

Dove Cottage, Abingdon Road

For: Mr and Mrs. N. Lawrie

MAR/3793/5 Demolition of existing kitchen and conservatory. Internal alterations.

Extension to provide new dining area, kitchen, conservatory, bedroom and shower room

Cothill Farm House, Blackhorse Lane

For: Mr. J. Hoek

MAR/20996 Extension to existing house and erection of new detached house with associated fencing and driveways
7 Anson Close
For: Mr. Mark Dearing

10. County Councillor's Report
To receive a report on County Council matters from Cllr. I. Brown
11. District Councillor's Report
To receive a report on District Council matters from Cllr. Ms. J. Hanna.
12. Anson Trust – proposals for new village facilities – article in October MAD News regarding public meeting on 16th October
To note the article by the Anson Trust and its statement that it had been collaborating with the Parish Council via Jane Hanna's working party. To resolve to:
 - a) strongly refute that statement
 - b) place in the public domain via MAD News an article explaining the independence of Parish Council and the legal status and position of the Council.
 - c) To consider the position of the Council in regard to the public meeting on 16th October.
13. Recreation
Longfields play area
 - a) To consider the purchase of a litter bin as discussed at the last meeting.
 - b) To note the estimate for the cost of replacing the fencing.
14. Vale of White Horse District Council – Gambling Act 2005
Consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy
To consider any Parish Council comments on the policy
15. Oxfordshire County Council – National Highways and Transport Network questionnaire
The County Council is taking part in the National highway and Transport Survey. Comparing the results of Oxfordshire with other counties helps identify best practice and ideas for improvement. The Council has been asked to find time at its meeting to produce a collective response to the questionnaire.
16. Oxfordshire County Council – Bus Routes 31 and X30 – Formal Bus Stop Markings – Consultation
To consider any Parish Council comments on the proposals to install raised kerbs and bus stop markings at the stops within the village.
17. Sustainable Communities Act
To consider a letter from "Local Works" regarding the Sustainable Communities legislation
To consider any Parish Council action.
18. North Street – opposite New Road – Complaint regarding overhanging flowers and narrow path

To consider the comment raised at the last meeting regarding difficulties using the path in North Street opposite New Road owing to overhanging flowers one side and proximity of parked cars the others.

To consider any Parish Council action

19. Correspondence

a) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – Annual General Meeting 21st October 2009 at Islip Village Hall

b) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Oxfordshire Briefing

Following a legal challenge to the South East Plan the Secretary of State of conceded that insufficient consideration had been given to alternatives to the proposed extension in the green belt of Grenoble Road.

c) Thames Water Utilities Ltd – draft water resources management plan revised plan is available at www.thameswater.co.uk/wrmp

d) Oxfordshire County Council – Use of Road Safety Team’s Mobile Information Unit
The Road Safety Team has a mobile exhibition unit which can be used for fetes, roadside events with the police and generally in areas where they seek to engage with the public.

20. Accounts

a) To approve accounts for payment as per list circulated to members.

b) To receive report from external auditor BDO Stoy Hayward for 2008/09 accounts.

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 11th November, 2009 in the residents’ lounge at Duffield Place.

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Exclusion of the Press and Public
The Chairman to move that in accordance with s. 1(2) the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the press and public be excluded from the meeting.
Remainder of meeting – Staff employment

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 (i) Local Council Review magazine (ii) Hills Aggregates magazine (iii) Health News
