

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

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
Letter of thanks received for grant awarded

Oxfordshire Association for the Blind
Letter received commenting how saddened and disappointed the Association was that the Council was unable to support them financially.

Vale of White Horse District Council – Consultation on referral of planning applications to committee

Numerous Parish Councils have lodged objections to the proposals to change the way planning applications are decided. It is understood that at the meeting for parish councils held on 18th November it was agreed that the procedure will be reviewed again.

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. County Councillor's Report
To receive a report on County Council matters from Cllr. I. Brown
8. District Councillor's Report
To receive a report on District Council matters from Cllr. Ms. J. Hanna.
9. Anson Trust – Proposals for new village facilities
To receive comments from members who attended a meeting with the Anson Trustees, following the public meeting.
To consider how the Parish Council should proceed.
10. Grant Applications
 - a) To consider a grant application from the Independent Advice Centre, Wantage
 - b) To consider a grant application from the Oxfordshire Woodland Project
11. Marcham Charity Big Event 2010
To receive a report from Mrs. Evans who attended a meeting on 27th November regarding a proposed village charity event in 2010.
12. Oxfordshire County Council – Formal Bus Stop Markings – X15, A415
To consider proposed bus stop improvements at the Frilford Road stop.
13. Vale Community Safety Partnership Forum – 1st December
To receive a report from Mr. Denton who represented the Council at this meeting.
14. A415 – Newbridge – proposals for new bridge
 - a) To note comments received.
 - b) To discuss matters arising from the exhibition and agree Parish Council comments for submission to Oxfordshire County Council
15. Local Transport Plan Consultation 3
To consider Parish Council comments on the list of schemes and to make suggestions for other items to be included.

16. Risk Assessment

As part of the accounting and audit process the Council is required to carry out an assessment of the risk facing the Council and its assets and take appropriate steps to manage those risks.

The failure to manage risks effectively can be expensive in terms of litigation, reputation and council tax bills.

Members are required to:

- a) take steps to identify and update key risks facing the Council
- b) evaluate the potential consequences to the Council if an event identified as a risk takes place.
- c) decide upon appropriate measures to avoid, reduce or control the risk or its consequence.

A draft document is attached for consideration.

17. Correspondence

a) Vale of White Horse District Council – Register of Interests

A reminder that property in which you have an interest, including your home address, should be recorded on the register of Members' interests.

b) Vale of White Horse District Council – Planning evening for Parish Councils

Slides from presentation received along with list of material planning considerations.

c) Vale of White Horse District Council – Chairman's Community Awards Lunch 2010

This will take place on 6th March 2010. The theme is unsung heroes of the Vale.

Nominations are invited for those who should be recognised for their achievements in the local community.

d) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – Annual Report 2008 – 2009

e) Crimestoppers – General Information and contact telephone no. 0800 555 111.

f) Vale of White Horse District Council – Summons and Agenda 9th December 2009

18. Accounts

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

19. Matters raised by Members for information

20. Items for MAD News

21. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will take place on 13th January, 2010 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.