

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 8th February, 2012 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 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 January, 2012
To agree the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 11th January, 2012

Grants awarded – Marcham Community Shop

To note receipt of a letter of thanks for the grant awarded.

The Croft, Packhorse Lane – Felled Trees

To note from checks made, it appears that none of the trees identified to be retained has been felled.

A415 – Crossing / Pedestrian Guardrail at Baptist Church

The Chairman and Clerk met with a principal traffic technician from the County Council. The location of the guardrail at the Baptist Church was agreed. The Church has been informed, and it too agrees the location. The County Council has placed an order for this to be installed at no cost to the Parish Council. A possible crossing over the A415 in the vicinity of the The Crown PH / garage was discussed. It appeared

possible in principle, but would be subject to detailed traffic speed checks, sight lines, and further investigations.

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

12/00196 Extension of time limit for erection of two storey side extension
(09/00325/FUL)

8 Longfields

For: Mr and Mrs M. Cousins

12/00188/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of new two storey
annexe, and single storey store room

15 North Street

For: Mr. M. Allen

7. County Councillor's Report

To receive a report on County Council matters from Cllr. I. Brown.

8. District Councillor's Report

a) To receive a report on District Council matters from Cllr. J. Hanna.

b) To receive a report on the work of the consultation working party

c) To note the draft questionnaire for village consultation on the Anson Trust's/Taylor Wimpey proposals.

d) To note that Council has set aside a total of £1000 in the current and next year's budget for village consultation and to resolve to permit the spending of part of this in preparation for consultation.

9. Police Matters / Police Neighbourhood Action Group

To note any comments/report from the NAG group.

10. Localism Act 2011

To note that in November 2011 the Localism Act received royal assent. This gives new freedom and flexibilities for government, abolishes the Standards Board and requires Parish Councils to display members' registers of interest on the Parish Council's website, requires the adoption of a new Code of Conduct, gives new rights and powers for communities, including bidding for community assets, reforms the planning system, changes the way decisions about housing are made. The coming into force of various sections of the Act has been delayed. The Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils is preparing training packages in the legislation, and the National Association of Local

Councils and the Local Government Association are in talks with Government over the new Code of Conduct. Members may be interested, in the interim, in reading The Plain English Guide to the Localism Act 2011, available on the Local Government and Communities website, and to begin to consider the issues contained therein.

11. Vale of White Horse District Council – Interim Housing Supply Policy
 - a) To note that submissions for screening have been made under the IHSP and to consider any Parish Council reaction to the proposed enlargement of the village.
 - b) To consider a request from one applicant to meet with the Council.
12. Taylor Wimpey – exhibition - housing/community facilities
 - a) To consider any issues arising from the Taylor Wimpey exhibition
 - b) To note the fact that as part of any planning process, Taylor Wimpey will be required to contribute funding under s. 106 T & C P Act 1990. To consider a request from Taylor Wimpey to nominate local schemes and projects.
13. Community Led Plan
 - a) To receive an update report from Council’s representatives on the Community Plan Group.
 - b) To consider a request from the Community Plan Group for a grant for £89.71 to register and host the domain name www.marchamforward.org to build a community plan website.
14. Local Government Boundary Commission

To note the report from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Oxfordshire County Council. The final recommendations are, as far as Marcham is concerned, the same as the draft proposal – a Sutton Courtenay/Marcham division. Minor changes have been made to ensure that St. Helen Without as a parish is not split between divisions. A draft Order will go before Parliament and new electoral arrangements will be implemented at the 2013 elections.
15. Toucan Crossing – A415 at Eastern end of village

To consider the suggestion that the lights at the crossing be permanently on red, turning to green when traffic approached.
16. Oxfordshire County Council – Draft Equality Policy 2012 - 2017

To consider the County Council’s draft equality policy and any Parish Council comments.
17. Howard Cornish Road – Textile and Recycling Banks

Council resolved a year ago to review the recycling area/textile bank in Howard Cornish and to assess the use and whether they were still required.
18. Annual Meeting for Electors

To consider arrangements for the annual meeting of electors, and possible guest speakers.
19. Correspondence
 - a) CPRE/NALC – Guide to Neighbourhood Planning

- b) OALC Training events – Guide to Data Transparency Tuesday 15th May 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 a.m. (for medium to large councils) cost £35 plus vat
How Councils fit into the planning system and how to respond to planning applications Wednesday 11th July, 2012 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. cost £35 plus vat
- c) OALC- Update January
- d) Vale of White Horse District Council – Review of District Council numbers briefing session.
The Chairman and Clerk or two other members have been invited to attend a briefing session on the forthcoming review of the district councillor numbers.
Wednesday 29th February at Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot at either 3.00 p.m. or 6.30 p.m.

20. Accounts

- a) To receive a report from the working party on a meeting to review the effectiveness of the internal audit.
- b) To approve the audit plan
- c) To approve the terms of reference for the internal auditor
- d) To appoint RJS (IA) Ltd as the auditor for the next financial year.
- e) To approve accounts for payment as per list circulated to members

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 Wednesday 14th March, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the residents' lounge, 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

Hills Aggregates – magazine “In Touch”