

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marcham Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th December, 2011 in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place, Marcham at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr. C. Bough, Mr. W. Cumber, Mr. D. Denton, Mrs. J. Fabes, Mr. M. Hillis,  
Miss R. Mander, Mrs. S. Turney, Mr. D. Walton (Chairman)  
Clerk: Mrs. L. Martin  
Cllr. J. Hanna (District Councillor)

2011/257      Apologies for Absence  
Apologies had been received from Mrs. J. Brown (family commitment) and Mrs. J. Allan (unwell).

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Hanna to the meeting and stated that he would re arrange the agenda order, to take her report earlier, as she had to leave to attend another meeting.

2011/258      Declarations of Interest  
Mr. Bough declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the agenda item relating to a letter from the Anson Trust in that he was a director of the Trust

2011/259      Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November, 2011  
These were agreed and signed as a true record of the proceedings subject to a suggested revision to minute 2011/250. The draft minute stated that the working party produce a report for consideration at the next meeting. The suggested amendment was that the Council had delegated its response to the 3 members of the working party, and not the preparation of a report. The Clerk advised that the written notes taken at the meeting referred to a report, and that the delegation to members of writing correspondence without any report was not possible. Council discussed the matter and

RESOLVED:

that the minute be amended to refer to the working party members preparing the Council's response to the Anson Trust.

2011/260      Matters arising from the meeting held on 9th November, 2011

Howard Cornish Road – parked van

Mr. Denton confirmed he had received an email from PCSO Carly Milward. She had spoken to the owner of the van which, owing to its parking position, was increasing the difficulties in vision for drivers around the curve in the road. She had offered him advice.

2011/261      District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Hanna spoke regarding the District Council's draft interim housing supply policy. This was likely to go through in some form. There was a proposed relaxation of policy for Marcham to permit 62 dwellings. Localism, however,

was very relevant in terms of housing need, commenting on planning applications and a say in the spending of s. 106 monies. These issues would need to be considered in regards to any Taylor Wimpey application. She had spoken to Taylor Wimpey and that company had advised her that they were looking at the responses to the consultation and consulting with an educational specialist regarding the s. 106 benefit for the school. The architect for any community building would be someone whose main area of specialism was non residential. The next stage of consultation with the village was planned for 2nd and 4th February. Taylor Wimpey had made an offer to her to fund any village consultation required. She stated there was a clear requirement to remain independent from any applicant, and she would not support this. The advice she had received from the Vale of White Horse District Council was that regardless of any Interim Housing Supply Policy, any construction on the recreation field and the construction of a new village hall elsewhere would require the support from the village. Members asked whether the village consultation questionnaire prepared by her group would be available to the Parish Council prior to circulation. A member commented on the Kings field site which had been submitted for screening under the draft interim housing supply policy, and suggested similarities with the Anson Trust's proposals. It was unclear whether all sites submitted under screening would be taken together, or individually on a case by case basis. Cllr. Hanna would clarify the position with District Council officers.

Cllr. Hanna left the meeting.

2011/262

Public Participation

In the absence of any members of the public, no matters were raised.

2011/263

Planning Applications

a) Decisions on previous applications

11/02275/FUL Proposed rear and side extensions. Erection of a single garage  
68 Howard Cornish Road  
Permitted 1st December, 2011

b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

No applications had been received

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

11/027714/RMC Variation of condition 7 of 10/02352/FUL to permit boundary /landscaping alterations  
Land adjacent to The Croft, Packhorse Lane  
For: Millgate Homes  
Comments: Council had no objections

11/02777/FUL Installation of photovoltaic panels in various locations (roof and ground mounted)  
Denman College, New Road

For: Denman College  
Comments: Council had no objections

11/02629/FUL Demolition of existing front porch. Erection of a two storey side annexe extension with entrance lobby  
2 Orchard Way  
For: Mrs. S. Reese  
Comments: Council had no objections

Non compliance with condition 1 of FYF/10304/6-CM to allow extension of time for completion and restoration of the site by 3rd December 2016  
Tubney Wood Sand Quarry and Landfill site  
For: Hill Quarry Products Ltd  
Comments: Council had no objections

Non compliance with condition 1 FYF/10304/10-CM to allow the use of the site as a waste transfer station and recycle facility to allow completion of the development by 2015  
Tubney Wood Sand Quarry and Landfill site  
For: Hills Quarry Products Ltd  
Comments: Council had no objections

Non compliance with condition 1 of FYF/10304/8-CM to allow an extension of time for completion and restoration of the site by December 2016  
Tubney Wood Sand Quarry and Landfill site  
For: Hills Quarry Products Ltd  
Comments: Council had no objections

d) Vale of White Horse District Council – 3 Mill Road

Council noted correspondence from the Vale of White Horse District Council confirming that a breach of planning control existed in relation to the garage converted to a separate dwelling, as no permission for this to take place had been given. The District Council was pursuing the matter.

2011/264

County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr. Brown no report was available.

2011/265

Police Matters / Police Neighbourhood Action Group

Mr. Cumber referred to matters about which he had been notified as a member of countryside watch. These included agricultural stores being broken into, and theft and attempted theft of machinery. He suggested that an article be placed in Marcham and District News asking for residents to take the details and registration number of any vehicle seen locally loading or transporting machinery.

2011/266

Marcham Community Group

Miss Mander gave a report on a meeting of the group on 24th November which she attended as Council's observer. An update on the position of the Marcham Community Group had been given. The group had been invited to comment by

the Anson Trust on the requirements within a new community building. It had been thought that if it did not contribute, then any new facilities could be designed by an outside architect without any input from the community. The group was meeting with the Anson Trust but without prejudicing its own position. She had also attended an interactive family afternoon meeting, which too had focused on the requirements of a new building.

At the meeting on 24th November a resident had raised a query regarding the new development at The Croft and the lack of a footpath to the rear of that development. The Clerk had confirmed with the developer that the path, as shown on the drawings would be included.

Mr. Bough left the room

- 2011/267 Letter from Anson Trust inviting the Parish Council to join in consultation on new community facilities  
Council considered the letter prepared by the 3 members on the working party

RESOLVED:

that the letter as drafted be submitted to the Anson Trust as the view of the Council

Mr. Bough rejoined the meeting.

- 2011/268 Vale of White Horse District Council – Interim Housing Supply Policy  
Council noted receipt of correspondence that Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire had lodged the Anson field site off Morland Road as a site for screening under the draft IHSP, and also correspondence from Carter Jonas that the site north of King Avenue too had been lodged for screening. One or more developments would need appropriate infrastructure and would impact on the primary school. Members felt that they would like to discuss the matter with the county councillor. The clerk was asked to try and arrange for Cllr. Brown to attend the next meeting.

- 2011/269 Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire  
Council considered an offer from Taylor Wimpey to provide a presentation to members of the detailed drawings for housing on the Anson field and community facilities in advance of any public consultation. This was considered a good idea.

RESOLVED:

that the clerk arrange a presentation for members

- 2011/270 Development of The Croft, Packhorse Lane - numbering  
Council considered the naming and numbering of the new development at the site of the house known as The Croft in Packhorse Lane. The developer, Millgate Homes, had suggested 1-9 The Croft. Council agreed this was appropriate.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the suggestion put forward by Millgate

- Homes be accepted
- (ii) that the Vale of White Horse District Council be advised that the new development be named and numbered 1 – 9 The Croft.

2011/271 Budget 2012/2013

Council considered repairs to the surfacing in the play area as identified in the RoSPA report, and noted quotations from Wicksteed Leisure for replacing safety surfacing under the slide unit and swings with wet pour rubber, or a new ecoscape surface. A quotation had also been obtained from MRH Services for making good the existing base, relaying any tiles and infilling gaps. Temporary repairs were expected to last about 2-3 years. Whilst regular checks were made on the play area, Council considered arranging “service” inspections on play equipment. It also considered a recommendation that “key links” between the swing chain and shackle be replaced.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the quotation from MRH Services in the sum of £817.94 for a temporary repair be accepted
- (ii) that the “key links” at the top of the swings be replaced at a cost of £96.60
- (iii) that MRH Services undertake a quarterly “service” inspection at a cost of £154 per annum.
- (iv) that S.T. Grounds Maintenance continue with its regular play equipment/safety surfacing checks.

The duration of the meeting had been two hours, and during discussion of the budget Council suspended standing order no. 1a to allow business to continue.

Council considered arrangements for grass cutting for the next season and considered 3 quotations obtained. A query was raised with regard to the cost of cutting the arboretum area.

RESOLVED:

that subject to satisfactory answers to the query, Slade Estate Services Ltd be appointed grass cutting contractor

Council carefully considered the current balances, the likely balances at the year end and the budget for 2012/2013.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the budget as shown on the forms annexed to these minutes be approved.
- (ii) that a precept of £37,000 be set for the year 2012/2013

2011/272 Vale of White Horse District Council – Budget Consultation

Council considered the budget of the Vale of White Horse District Council that was available for public consultation.

RESOLVED:

that no comments be made to the District Council

2011/273

Correspondence

a) High Sheriff of Oxford - Awards

Notification received of the Award Scheme for 2012. Nominations were invited for the categories of care for the elderly, bravery, helpfulness in the neighbourhood and long and/or meritorious service.

b) OALC – Update November

c) Crimestoppers – Winter Nights Burglary Postcards

Council considered the postcards which advised residents on how to protect their homes.

RESOLVED:

that 600 postcards be purchased under s. 137 LGA '72. at a cost of £25 per 100 plus postage and packaging.

2011/274

Accounts

Council noted that a further training course for new councillors was being arranged by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Fabes had expressed an interest in attending.

RESOLVED:

that the training fee of £80 plus vat for Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Fabes to attend the new members training course be paid.

Council noted the list of cheques numbered 2297 – 2311 to be signed and authorised payments totalling £5723.69 in respect of administration costs, grass cutting, grants, cemetery maintenance contribution and play area inspection /maintenance.

2011/275

Matters Raised by members for information

There were no matters raised.

2011/276

Items for MAD News

Council noted the items for inclusion in the next edition of MAD News.

2011/277

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 11th January, 2012 in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Signed..... Date .....