

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Marcham Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 held virtually via Zoom, under powers granted by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Present:

Cllrs Caroline Garvey (arrived at 19:35), Sandra Hill, Michael Hoath, Kieran O'Leary, Ruth Mander, James Plumb, Tanya Rosenfeld, Peter Steere, David Walton (Chairman)
Interim Clerk: Mrs. W. Quigley, one member of public
Councillors Richard Webber (County Councillor) and Catherine Webber (District Councillor).

2020/134 Apologies for Absence
None

2020/135 Declarations of Interest
Michael Hoath has been invited to be an MCG Trustee.
Sandra Hill is good friends with the current owner of 70 Howard Cornish Road.

2020/136 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June, 2020
The draft minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting, subject to correction of a typo.

In Favour	Against	Abstention
8	0	0

2020/137 Matters arising from the minutes
Handover of the new Village Hall and Recreation Ground from MPC to MCG took place on 19 June 2020. MCG will be leaseholders of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground for the next 99 years.

2020/138 Public Participation
Member of public attending to listen to the allotment item.

2020/139 Planning Matters
a) Decisions on previous planning applications
P20/V1097/LB Installation of a new central heating system into the cottage, 21 North Street Marcham Abingdon OX13 6NG.
Decision: Listed Building Consent on 24th June 2020.

P20/V0676/HH Demolition of existing single storey rear outbuilding and erection of new single storey side and rear extension, widening front porch + alterations, 5 The Gap Marcham Abingdon OX13 6NJ.
Decision: Planning Permission on 10th June 2020.

b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting
None

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- c) Applications for consideration at the meeting
P20/V1480/MPO Modification of a section 52 agreement in connection with application P89/V0804/FUL to remove clause 2 which prevents the property from being leased to a registered provider.

70 Howard Cornish Road

	In Favour	Against	Abstention
Support	1	7	1
Object	3	5	1

It was RESOLVED to comment on the planning application:

- Concerns relate to internal noise control and sound proofing of wall adjoining the neighbouring property should be a condition of planning.
- The planning condition should be suspended for the current proposal only and should be re-imposed at such a time that the proposed use ceases.

P20/V1388/O Outline planning permission for residential development of up to 90 dwellings (Use Class C3) including means of access into the site (not internal roads) and associated highway works, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved.

Land south of A415.

	In Favour	Against	Abstention
Support	0	9	0
Object	9	0	0

It was RESOLVED to object to the planning application:

- Access onto A415 deemed dangerous. A preference for the entrance to be opposite Howard Cornish Road and a roundabout to be installed at this location.
- Pre-agreement of access through the Willows must be a pre-requisite and should be a cycle path.
- The development would adversely affect the Air Quality Management Area as additional traffic would go through this area..
- There is insufficient capacity in the school. The result would be that children would need to be transported to other schools. This is not acceptable during the current climate emergency.
- The planned by-pass could alter the impact on flooding therefore a full review of flooding is required.
- Reserve matters discussed are the housing mix, solar panel, ground source heat pumps. The Council expects to be consulted in reserve matters.

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County Councillor's Report - Cllr. R. Webber

- The financial impact of the Corona virus Pandemic has impacted least on the Vale within the County as they are not heavily invested in shopping Centres. The County Council is expected to be £20m in debt this year as a result of Covid-19 and up to £40m next year.
- The government has decided to go for a change in the way local government is run across the whole of England. This will culminate in a white paper in September likely to involve the establishment of a single Unitary Oxfordshire Council and a combined authority along the Arc, up to Cambridge, which will have a mayor. This will have an impact on elections – the 2020 elections

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have already been postponed to 2021. If the change is going to happen, it is likely that they will look to postpone council elections by a further year meaning an extension to the term of office by two years. This will give rise to complaints about democratic accountability where the term has been increased from four years to six years.

2020/141

District Councillor's Report - Cllr. Mrs. C. Webber

- Cllr Webber is on the Sub-Committee of Oxplan 2050 looking at how to deal with Oxfordshire and how to make our end of the Arc work for us. This is a Spatial framework – visionary document planning for 30 years. When it comes to examination stage it will not pass as that requires evidence. A change in the planning laws is required to allow for this.
- Planning; virtual meetings are commencing with public able to be involved.
- Community Hub is still available although shielding has now been relaxed while maintaining social distancing. Help can be obtained on 01235 422600 email communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk for those that require support.
- There are 30 play areas in the Vale. Abbey Meadows play area in Abingdon has been opened: rules which have been imposed are: wash hands before and after use, come back when less busy and maintain social distancing
- Further grants are being made available: www.svbs.co.uk

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Cllr Richard Webber and Cllr Catherine Webber left the meeting 20:35.

2020/143

Children's Play Area

The Government advice is that playgrounds can be opened from 4th July. RoSPA will undertake an inspection of the play area in July. A risk assessment must be conducted prior to opening and is a requirement of the Insurance Company. There is a budget for minor repairs, should the RoSPA report indicate further repairs are required, these will need to be considered by the Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to re-open the play area dependent on RoSPA's report following their July inspection and subject to the completion of a risk assessment. M Hoath and K O'Leary to meet with W Quigley to carry out risk assessment.

In Favour	Against	Abstention
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It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk in consultation with Chairman, to progress, and for Council to fund, any urgent repair works should items be identified.

In Favour	Against	Abstention
9	0	0

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Chestnut tree on the Village Green

To note that the VoWHDC has raised no objections to the Parish Council's proposal to carry out works to the trees on the village green, including the possible felling of the chestnut tree planted for the coronation of George VI if found necessary. Any works are required to be carried out within two years. The contractor will commence on 27th July 2020.

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Contractor to do remedial works and if necessary will remove tree.
Neighbouring residents are to be advised of this (Miss R Mander to liaise with W Quigley).

2020/145 Allotments

- a) The request from a parishioner to transfer her husband's tenancy of a Cow Lane allotment to her name following the sad death of her husband was considered. It was felt that this situation had arisen due to the tenancies of allotments being in a sole name and that such requests should be reviewed on a case by case basis. It was **RESOLVED** that the tenancy will transfer to her name in October.

In Favour	Against	Abstention
9	0	0

- b) The proposal from a parishioner that a committee of allotment holders might run the allotments was considered.

It was **RESOLVED** to set up a working party to review the operation of the allotment management.

In Favour	Against	Abstention
9	0	0

The working party is to be headed up by R Mander together with C Garvey and S Hill.

2020/146 Business Plan for new Community Facilities

The Business Plan for the new Community Facilities that has been prepared by Marcham Community Group was **NOTED**.

2020/147 Correspondence

- a) Oxfordshire County Council–Road Closure of Sheepstead Road for resurfacing works starting 1 September 2020. The anticipated completion date is 3 September 2020 (full closure 24hrs each day).

2020/148 Accounts

- a) The Internal Auditor's report for 2019/2020 was **RECEIVED**. It was **AGREED** that the P Steere join M Hoath on the “Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit Working Party” and would review the internal audit process.

- b) Further to receipt of the Internal Audit Report, it was **RESOLVED** to approve section 1 the Annual Governance And Accountability (AGAR) statement for the year ended 31st March 2020

In Favour	Against	Abstention
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- c) Further to receipt of the Internal Audit Report, it was **RESOLVED** to approve section 2 the Annual Governance And Accountability (AGAR) statement for the year ended 31st March 2020

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In Favour	Against	Abstention
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- d) It was **RESOLVED** to vire sufficient additional funds from reserves to meet the costs of consultants.

In Favour	Against	Abstention
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- e) It was **RESOLVED** to approve accounts for payment as per list circulated to members.

In Favour	Against	Abstention
9	0	0

- f) It was **RESOLVED** to change the signatories of the Council's bank accounts. The signatories are to be Miss R Mander, Mr K O'Leary, Mr M Hoath and Mrs S Hill.

In Favour	Against	Abstention
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- g) The budget monitoring report for the quarter ending 30 June 2020 was **NOTED**.

2020/149 The duration of the meeting had been 2 hours and Council resolved to suspend standing order no. 1a in order to allow business to be continued.

2020/150 Matters raised by members for information
 Quote received for Tree and hedge works in Old and New sections of Cemetery, Marcham. This is to be put on the September agenda of the Joint Burial Committee.
 Issue with weeds coming through the patio paving at the new Village Hall. MCG to liaise with Thomas Homes – the issue is on the snagging list.

2020/151 Items for MAD News
 Mr D Walton & W Quigley to do item for August and September.

2020/152 Date of Next Meeting:
 The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom unless owing to the Covid-19 virus, arrangements changed.

The meeting closed at 21:40

Signed

Date