

## MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

To: All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, Barrow Close, for the transaction of the business stated below.



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### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of Interest in regards to agenda items
  - a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda under consideration at this meeting.
  - b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
  - c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 as a correct record of the meeting.
4. Public Participation

An opportunity for the public to bring parish matters to the attention of the Council.
5. District Councillor's report – Cllr. R. Clegg

To receive a report from Cllr. Clegg on District Council matters.
6. Oxfordshire County Councillor's report – Cllr. P. Stevens

To receive a report from Cllr. Stevens on County Council matters.
7. Planning Applications
  - a) Decisions on previous applications
  - b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

P24/V1513/HH Erection of two storey rear extension  
13 North Street  
Comments: Council had no objections in principle, but asked that all materials be in keeping with the existing, as the property was in a conservation area. As the number of bedrooms was increasing there was

the potential for more vehicles at the site. Council asked that there be adequate on site parking, and no vehicle should be left in the narrow North Street.

P24/V1598/FUL Erection of temporary sales centre with access off the A415

Land south of A415 – Bloor Homes site – erection of up to 90 dwellings

Comments: Council, whilst accepting that sales centres are the norm for new housing sites, objected to this particular layout owing to inadequate parking shown of only 2 spaces, plus 1 disabled space, as this would encourage overflow parking either on the A415 itself, or on nearby residential roads which were unsuitable. It also queried the answers to planning questions on the application which confirmed that there were no employees on site, or any new employees proposed. Council thought that probably there would be new employees who could occupy the designated parking spaces.

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

P24/V1335/FUL Erection of new dwelling  
85 Howard Cornish Road

P24/V1824/HH Demolition of existing single storey rear extensions, erection of replacement rear extension and addition of new ground floor openings on side elevations.  
8 Kings Avenue

South East Strategic Reservoir Option – Thames Water

To consider any information to be requested to be included in the Environmental Statement to be submitted with any application

d) Planning Correspondence

South East Strategic Reservoir Option

To note the comments submitted under delegated powers on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. Art Funding s. 106

To receive an update on the art project.

9. Community Facilities

a) Barrow Close access/Morland Road

To note that the road audit safety report from MJA Consulting Ltd was sent to the relevant parties, agreed at the last meeting, and that a response is awaited from the Anson Trust.

- b) Donation from Wicksteed Leisure of one Euro size 5 football  
To note that Wicksteed Leisure has donated a Euro size 5 football to the Parish Council.  
To consider donating it to a local group.
- c) Play Area
  - a) To receive the quarterly inspection report, and to note a query with the shackle on the swing chains, which has been resolved.
  - b) To receive the annual play area RoSPA report.
  - c) To receive an update report on new equipment

10. Vehicle speeds since the introduction of the 20 mph scheme

- a) To note that the speedwatch group has handed back the speed gun to the Police. The scheme can start again should there be sufficient volunteers who come forward. A request for volunteers has been placed in the September's MAD News.
- b) The County Council is arranging for the vehicle activated signs to be changed to 20 mph. The matter has been handed to a contractor, and no date has yet been given. Council is required to determine whether, it wishes the 20 mph vas on the A415 to stay at its current location on the East side of the village, or whether if it is possible, it would like it locating further East to take into account the entrance into the Bloor site.  
The vas on the western side of the village will remain in its current location.

11. A415 section from the war memorial to Church Street

To consider complaints from residents that the section of tarmac footway which went from the war memorial on the south side of the A415 to the bend opposite Church Street has been dug up and laid to grass.  
To note comments from the County Council, and to determine whether the Parish Council wishes to pursue the matter.

12. Allotments

- a) To confirm the amount of rent increase for the Parkside allotments. The increase to take effect from the quarter day September 2025.
- b) To note the permanent signage regarding rat treatment at the Cow Lane site has been erected.
- c) To note that the allotment site was broken into overnight on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August.
- d) To note available s. 106 funding from the District Council for allotments, and to confirm the sums to be claimed and the balance to be paid by the Parish Council.

13. North Street – steps leading to footpath 293/10/10 to Anson field

To note and consider comments from the rights of way officer to the proposal to apply anti-slip tape to the steps.

14. Unmade path Howard Cornish Road to Cow Lane adjacent to Longfields.

- a) To note that the wire fence between the unmade path and the tarmac path to Harding Way has been vandalised and cut, and a way broken through onto the Parish Council's land. Hedgerow growth and self set growth from the maples, has been cut back.

To consider any Parish Council action.

b) To note that the “no quad bike” sign at the northern end of the Harding Way path has been taken. This was noticed when the Council’s contractor went to replace the post and refix the sign. Council is required to determine whether it wishes the sign to be replaced or to wait and monitor the situation

15. Oxfordshire County Council – Winter Salt Bins

To note the County Council is again offering to supply salt bins and salt in readiness for Winter.

To consider the offer.

16. Accounts

a) OALC subscriptions 2025. To note and consider the correspondence from OALC regarding the proposal to increase the subscription fees for 2025.

b) To confirm whether the insurance from the renewal date of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, is to be for one year, or whether the Council wishes to enter into a 3 year agreement.

c) To approve accounts for payments as per list circulated to members.

17. Matters raised by members for information

18. Items for MAD News (October issue)

a) To consider a suggestion from a resident to the editor of MAD News that photos of the councillors, plus general information about what each does, should go into a future edition of the magazine.

b) To consider other items for inclusion.

19. Exclusion of Public

To move that in accordance with s. 1(2) Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public’s interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Legal matter – Access rights over Parish Council land.

20. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, Barrow Close.