

# Minutes of the Marske & New Forest Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 7pm via Video Conference

Present	Parish Councillors	Mr Nigel Phillips (NP) Mr Peter Coates (PC) Mr Martin Wallis (MW) Mr Raymond Ridley (RR) Mr E Jarvis (EJ) Alan & Alison Matthews Naomi Meredith David & Lynne Wallis Stephen Clark
		Graham & Steph Villiers
		Dave & Pam McGuckin
		Phil, Anita Simpson & Suzanne Kershaw

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Cllr Phillips opened the meeting at 7.00pm

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr E Jarvis for joining the meeting

Action

from his holiday

Prior to the meeting requests to speak were received from Mr A Matthews and Mrs N

Meredith

Mr A Matthews – kindly gave an update on the planning application for Marske Hall and Saw Mill. The original planning application received 61 objections and 3 letters of support. The amended planning application submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> July received 30 objections and 1 letter of support.

Main points which are unresolved are discrepancies in quantity of parking spaces, levels of employment to be created and noise pollution. A noise survey has been performed by residents, the Environmental Health Officer although could not recognise as an official test did agree with the findings.

The developer has stated that the project is not viable without the development of the Saw Mill & Dog Kennels into an events venue; as a retired Chartered Surveyor Mr Matthews has challenged this statement.

Concerns have been raised for the Extension of Use regarding the use of a marquee as the available events space does not have the capacity for an events venue.

Mr Matthews requested that the Parish Council withdraw their response to the Planning Application and clearly state if they support or object the application.

N Meredith – Thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak – Fully supported all the points Mr Matthews made.

Also felt that the Parish Council had not had time to consider the amended application prior to the last meeting.

The Chair thanked both residents for their input into the meeting

1 **Apologies** – Cllr Richard Good and Cllr Yvonne Peacock

2 **Confirm minutes of the last meeting** – Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 had been distributed and checked to be correct. No amendments were received. Cllr Coates proposed and Cllr Wallis seconded that the minutes were a true and correct record. Cllr Phillips signed the minutes.

3. **Matters arising from previous minutes –**

- Ornate tree guard to be purchased for Wild Cherry Gem in the village – No progress PC
- On Line Banking – Application Form has been returned and requires further amendments. This item is on hold until the position of the clerk has been resolved. On Hold
- Waste bin near telephone box – base to be concreted into place Resolved
- Repair to public footpath steps & gate near Pillimire Bridge – Public Rights of Way contacted and a maintenance ref for the repair to steps given Ref 20.43/15/1. Follow up required on progress and clarification of responsibilities. NP
- Pillimire Bridge also requires attention and a hinge is broken/missing from the footpath gate further along. Public Rights of Way to be informed. NP
- Damage to green lane, Skelton to Helwith by trail bikes. Local police and Highways have been informed regarding implementing a speed limit or warning signs. The police have increased spot checks in the area to discourage excessive speed and catch any illegal vehicles. NP/RR
- Parish Clerk vacancy – various options have been explored, including contacting neighbouring Parish Clerks and advertising the role. Neither of these options were successful. The Chair also raised the point that if a volunteer clerk could not be found there would potentially have to be an increase in the Precept for the coming year to cover a wage. NP

4. **Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk**

- Increasing the conservation area to include the whole of the village of Marske & Clints – The Chair felt that this could be explored more effectively outside the restraints of a Parish Council meeting. An expert guest speaker could be found and information circulated to all residents, where the pro's & cons could be fully considered.
- Update on Marske Hall Planning Application – The Chair thanked Mr Matthews once again for his update. Cllr Phillips attended 2 webinars on how Parish Councils should respond to planning applications and used his own resource to obtain advice from an independent Planning expert to audit how Marske & New Forest Parish Council responded to the Marske Hall Planning Application. The main feedback was:
  - Parish Council concentrated on negatives and should balance with positives
  - Fully acted within their role
  - As the Parish Council are a statutory body they would have to justify any decisions or comments made, which individuals do not have to.
  - Responded based on the Material Consideration which is correct
  - Encouraged residents to submit their own responses to the planning application.
  - Parish Council do not have the authority to challenge any technical document.
  - Correspondence received from individual residents inferring that the Parish Council were 'frightened' to support the majority. This was deemed to be inaccurate and offensive.

- A Parish Council has to give full justification to withdraw their submitted return from planning.
- Parish Councillors are encouraged to meet the developer but this can give mixed messages
- Developer can use National Policy to override local policy at appeals

Based on the independent advice and knowledge gained during the webinars the Parish Council will not be withdrawing their response to the planning application.

- The Parish Council were asked to raise awareness of the what3words app. This is used being used increasingly by emergency services. Every 3 meter square in the world has been given a unique combination of 3 words. The mobile phone app can be used to identify your location via these 3 words. Resolved
- Damage to the 30mph speed sign – Highways have been notified and the damaged sign replaced. An email will be sent to Highways thanking them for their prompt response. NP
- Damage to the cattle grid near Kexwith entrance – photos have been sent to Highways as the cattle grid is a potential hazard to vehicles and cyclists and requires immediate repairs. NP
- Potholes along School Terrace – Highways to be informed NP
- Large army vehicles using Marske Edge to travel to Cordilleras Ranges – The road is single track, poor visibility with minimal passing places and is unsuitable for large vehicles. Damage has been caused to walls and fences due to inexperienced drivers and has been repaired at land owner's expense. Traffic congestion is also to be reported in the village of Marske due to large buses waiting to collect soldiers. The Camp commander to be informed and a request for an escort vehicle or an alternative route taken directly from Feldom. NP
- On Line request submitted to retain the phone box in Marske due to lack of mobile phone coverage for all the parish Resolved
- Warning signs 'No through road or unsuitable for vehicles' to be requested from highways for the road down to 'The Goats'. Delivery drivers following their 'Sat Navs' have become stuck and required assistance to be pulled out. NP

## 5. Finance

Balance at previous meeting	£2377.53
10/08 Cheque 100044 Vision ICT	-£54.00
18/09 Cheque 100045 2 x gardener	-£110.00
14/10 Cheque 100046	-£37.50
28/10 Cheque 100047	-£22.50
 Balance	 £2153.53

## 6. Parish Council Meetings attended

Cllr Phillips attended 2 webinars on The role of Parish Councils in responding to Planning Applications and broadening knowledge on the Planning System

## 7. Correspondence to the Clerk

Correspondence to the Chair have all been responded to and any matters discussed within the meeting

## 8 Planning Applications

None received

Cllr Wallis highlighted the point regarding the conservation area to ensure that all residents and landowners were included in consultation.

Cllr Jarvis specifically mentioned Home Farm as this property has recently been sold and the new owners would not be aware.

## 9 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 7pm via Zoom unless otherwise informed

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm.



..... Chairman

8.3.21..... Date