

# Minutes of the Marske & New Forest Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 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) Graham & Steph Villiers Stephen & Pam Braithwaite Phil & Anita Simpson
	Alan Matthews Naomi Meredith Stephen Clark	

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Cllr Phillips opened the meeting at 7.10pm

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Prior to the meeting requests to speak were received from Mr A Matthews, Mrs N Meredith and Mr Phil Simpson

P Simpson – Thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak. Arising from the last meeting regarding army vehicles/buses parking in the village dropping and collecting troops which caused a great deal of congestion. Mr Simpson had taken an opportunity to speak to the Range Officer and raised the village concerns. Due to Covid 19 restrictions and the requirement for social distancing large buses were used instead of the usual mini buses. The Chair added that he had spoken to Col Holden at Wathgill Camp, regarding this issue and the safe use of Marske Edge. A convoy system will be implemented where an escort vehicle will stop traffic and allow the army vehicles to pass up or down through the wood to prevent vehicles meeting. Please contact the Chair with any feedback on either of these issues.

P Simpson also raised the point that during lockdown an increase in vehicles parking at the top of Marske, along School Terrace and down near Marske bridge were causing issues for residents parking and potentially causing an obstruction for the access of larger vehicle's. Mr Simpson asked if it would be possible to have signs 'Resident Parking Only'. The Chair thanked Mr Simpson for raising a valid point and would raise the issue with Highways.

A Matthews – thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak. He was pleased that the planning application for Marske Hall has been recommended for refusal and is due to be reviewed by the Planning Committee on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2021. He clarified that he did not want the Parish Council to retract their response to the planning application but felt that it would be appreciated if the Parish Council strongly objected to the application based on the large number of residents that had opposed it.

The Chair once again re-affirmed the Parish Council position on this matter and thanked Mr Matthews for his input.

N Meredith – Thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak but felt Mr Matthews had covered all the points.

- 1 **Apologies** – Cllr Richard Good and Cllr Yvonne Peacock Action
  
- 2 **Confirm minutes of the last meeting** – Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 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 – The guard has been made and will be fitted shortly. Cllr Wallis queried the cost of the guard, Cllr Coates to give details at the next meeting. PC
  - 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
  - Parish Clerk vacancy – no volunteer or other local Parish Clerks have applied for the role. The Parish Council cannot continue to function long term without a Clerk, costs are to be confirmed with RDC to employ a clerk. Due to the potential high % increase in the Precept contribution the Parish Council have been advised to consult with residents. A Pro-forma letter to be sent to every household with more details. NP
  - Increase to the Conservation Area – Mrs S Villiers & Mrs N Meredith agreed to lead this on the behalf of the village and it will be progressed independently from the Parish Council. Resolved
  - Warning signs for the Goats – Highways contacted and their response received that a sign is currently in place stating ‘No Through Road’ this was felt to be adequate. Only the use of authorised signs is allowed on a public highway and the Parish Council would be liable if other alternative signs were erected. Resolved
  - Cattle grid near Kexwith entrance has been replaced, thanks given to Barningham estate for their prompt action. Resolved
  - Pot holes along School Terrace – Highways to monitor NP
  
4. **Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk**
  - Setting of the Precept Fund for 2021/2022 Resolved
  
5. **Finance**

Balance at previous meeting £2159.15 No Financial update given
  
6. **Parish Council Meetings attended**

No meetings or training sessions attended

## 7. Correspondence to the Clerk

- A request for volunteers to support local food bank at Colburn, details to be found on Richmond District Council Website.
- National Parks – are exploring options for building new homes in the area and would be interested to hear from local land owners, further details can be found on NYNP website.
- Landslip above the Pack Horse Bridge has made the footpath in accessible.
- A gate on the bridleway onto the Musgrove and Cleaburn pasture, grid ref NZ08427 00281 is very difficult to open as the gate has dropped, impossible on horseback and very difficult otherwise to open. To be reported
- Clapgate is not categorised as a main route therefore is not ploughed or gritted, this may not be an issue to locals who are aware of potential dangerous road conditions but other unsuspecting road users come onto the steep hill with no prior warning of very icy conditions. Request that the road is upgraded to include gritting or signs be placed to highlight slippery road. Issue to be raised with highways.

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## 8 Planning Applications

Marske Hall & Sawmill Planning Application – Marske & New Forest Parish Council were asked to attend the planning committee hearing on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021. Or alternatively submit a brief summary no more than 300 words to be read out at the hearing. Due to work commitments the Chair is unable to attend therefore the Parish Council prepared a summary (refer Appendix 1).

Resolved

## 9 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 7pm AGM followed by ordinary meeting, via Zoom unless otherwise informed.

Please Note – If you would like to be included in the Zoom meeting please send a request to [clerk@marskeandn-f-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@marskeandn-f-pc.org.uk) or [nigel@swaledale.org](mailto:nigel@swaledale.org) 48 hours prior to the meeting. To avoid unauthorised attendance only those that have officially received a Zoom invitation will be admitted.

Any requests to speak at the meeting must be received a minimum of 3 days prior to the meeting with a brief outline of the subject to be discussed.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

..... Chairman

..... Date

## Appendix 1

### Marske Hall Planning Application.

Submitted by Marske & New Forest Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to raise our grave concerns and reservations of the proposed planning application for Marske Hall.

An in depth planning response was submitted by the PC to the YDNP planning office. This covered all the relevant points raised by the community at a pre COVID-19 public meeting.

The main points of concern are listed.

1. The scale of the proposed wedding venue for the site, the high numbers attending a function linked to the frequency of use. The Parish Council are of the opinion this is too much for the site. A very low key or non events venue the preferred option.  
These numbers and event frequency will generate potential serious noise pollution in an otherwise tranquil location. Creating an impact on the village of Marske.
2. The access and egress to the site is considered to be hazardous as located on blind corners. Risk of serious incidents with non local people not knowing the junctions.
3. Parking. Insufficient car parking spaces allocated within the site boundaries. Potential over spill onto the local roads. Parking within the village is already a major issue. The village is a popular walking location with very limited parking. Roads are at times blocked by cars inappropriately parked, additional cars can only add to problem that already exists.
4. Overall development of the site is out of proportion to the conservation village of Marske. This would have a detrimental impact on the village and farming community.
5. No consideration given to the great opportunity to include some local housing development or long term residential letting. As against very short term letting.

The Parish Council fully support the original planning use of the Sawmill building as either 1 or 2 residential properties. Again not to be used for short term holiday units or events venue.

The Parish Council would welcome development of Marske Hall taking into account the brief but not exhaustive list of concerns.

Development cannot be at the detriment of the community of Marske & New Forest.

Nigel Phillips

Chair person Marske and New Forest Parish.