

# Maugersbury Parish Council

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## DRAFT

### Minutes of the Maugersbury Parish Council Meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Stow Youth Centre

1. **Present:** Cllr Fisher (Chair), Cllr Webb, Cllr Totham, Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Russell, Liz Sajewicz (Clerk), 10 members of the public, County Cllr Nigel Moor (part)  
**Preliminary:** Cllr Fisher introduced new Clerk, and proposed a vote of thanks to Anna Arnell for her excellent work as Clerk over the past few years. **Action: Cllr Fisher to write to Anna on behalf of Council.**  
**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Simon Meyrick.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Bartlett and Totham declared interests in planning items on the agenda.
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16 December 2016 (copy available) were approved as a correct record by all present and signed by Cllr Fisher.
4. **Matters Arising:**  
Gigaclear: Concerns were expressed that Gigaclear contractors were laying cable in Maugersbury with no communication with residents, and apparently limited opportunity for Maugersbury residents to connect to the new cable. Cllrs Fisher and Bartlett would be meeting Gigaclear contractors this week to discuss the work and request that work areas be left tidy and verges reinstated.
5. **Councillors' Reports:**
  - a) Cllr Moor discussed the recently adopted County Council budget, noting several positive points for rural areas. From the budget of £497m, three-quarters was allocated to care of vulnerable people, leaving the balance for infrastructure. Of particular relevance: Glos Road Safety Partnership - £390,000; Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) - £100,000 (this covers the speed limit change from 40 to 30 between Stow and Maugersbury, which will be out for consultation later in the year); Highways - £9m; Lengthsman scheme - £500,000.
  - b) Cllr Moor was asked whether he knew anything about the Gigaclear situation. Cllr Moor has a contact there and undertook to seek more information and report back to Cllr Fisher.
  - c) Cllr Moor was asked about possible improvements to the Fosseyway through Stow. It was noted there were often long tailbacks in both directions. Cllr Moor advised that he has already asked officers to report on costs of a smart traffic light system – this is a system that responds to real-time traffic volumes as opposed to being programmed.
  - d) Bretton House – Cllr Moor reported that the developers are looking to provide an additional pedestrian refuge and continue the footpath on the western side. In terms of vehicle access, they are looking at allowing a left-turn only, and a speed restriction.Cllr Fisher thanked Cllr Moor for his contribution and his efforts, including the grant received this month. Further discussion with Cllr Moor is recorded under the relevant items below.
6. **Parish Clerk's report**  
Clerk reported that a handover had been completed with Anna, and training booked. The new precept is in place. The VAT refund has been applied for. Priorities are to finalise this year's meeting dates and communicate them, arrange venues, etc, and prepare for the forthcoming audit.
7. **Gypsy Gathering:**
  - a) Cllr Russell reported that the Silver Group had not met since the last report, and planned to communicate any updates by email. The field remains on the market for sale.
  - b) Date of next gathering expected to be 11 May.
  - c) A notice from the RSPCA had recently been placed on the gate suggesting an inspector has checked on the horses.

## 8. Village Environment:

- a) Cllr Bartlett reported that along Mangersbury Road there was a need to remove elders but retain/improve wildlife value of the hedgerows by replanting with appropriate species. Cllr Barlett and Cllr Totham to liaise and progress this. Highways will cut this area once a year, in early summer. Council may need to arrange additional cuts to maintain visibility.
- b) Cllr Bartlett reported that work still needed to be done along the bollards and in Arch Road. The Lengthsmen had been asked to do some of this work but had not fulfilled the commitment.
- c) Lengthsman scheme – Teams will be available four times over the next year. Cllr Moor advised that there would now be dedicated teams for each district. Action: **Cllr Bartlett to email Cllr Moor the list of work required.** Cllr Moor undertook to ensure Mangersbury has priority this year. Cllr Fisher expressed the Council's support for the Lengthsman scheme, saying Mangersbury had found it very effective.
- d) There were complaints about potholes in Mangersbury Road, including a large one opposite the gates to the Gypsy Field. Noted that anyone can report potholes irrespective of which Council area they are in. Cllr Moor advised that "patching" (resurfacing) of the road from the triangle to The Bell Inn was intended to be included in the programme for the next year. This would be after the May elections and would be a priority for Cllr Moor if re-elected.
- e) Cllr Fisher thanked volunteer litter-pickers, particularly Marilyn who collected more than a hundred bottles and cans in the village recently.

## 9. Planning:

- a) **To consider current planning applications:**  
17/00570/FUL: Green Cottage, The Crescent, Mangersbury. (Cllr Totham declared an interest.) Cllr Fisher described the proposal to demolish and replace with a house with the same footprint and ridge height, and a single storey garage with flat sedum roof not much higher than the wall. The proposal would result in a more attractive building. It was agreed to support this application.
- b) **Decisions have been received for the following planning applications:**  
Noted that the following applications have been permitted:  
16/02414/FUL: Crescent Hill, Mangersbury  
16/04489/LBC & 16/04489/FUL: Mangersbury Manor, Mangersbury (incl 2.2m wall at front).  
17/00387/FUL: Cackleberry Farm Wyck Hill (opp No 4). Cllr Totham reported this was for a new agricultural dwelling on a chicken farm. MPC objected because of the location of the dwelling at the back of the site, saying it should be sited close to the other buildings. Interestingly, CDC officers used the proximity of chicken sheds (temporary structures) to justify the siting of this permanent structure.
- c) **To discuss the traffic management at Tall Trees:**  
Cllr Fisher reported that the surgery was unable to give a start date for the project, but that a statement is anticipated in April. Cllr Moor said Mangersbury Road was in the TRO (see item 5(a) above). Concerns were raised about worsening of the bottleneck by The Bell. Cllr Moor advised that he had objected but had been unable to persuade the officers to revise their view. Mangersbury Residents Association advised that they had approached Mrs Scarsbrook about access but had been refused a meeting.
- d) **Planning appeal from McCarthy & Stone**  
Cllr Totham reported that the development was in two parts, with the dementia unit currently being built, and the second part refused permission and being appealed. The biggest concern is inadequate parking provision. Action: **Cllr Totham to liaise with CDC to find out how MPC can best support CDC in the appeal process.**

**e) Bretton House**

Cllr Totham reported they have outline permission and will be applying for reserved matters at some point. Issues are inadequate parking provision, lack of staff accommodation, and over-provision of services on site that would discourage residents from supporting businesses and facilities in Stow. Also road access as discussed above. Cllr Totham encouraged all residents who have concerns to voice them. It is easy to do via the CDC website, and will carry more weight than one comment from MPC. It was agreed that MPC should respond to the current consultation by the developer. **Action: Cllr Totham to draft response in conjunction with Stow Town Council.**

- 10. Defibrillator:** Cllr Webb reported that the defibrillator was ticking over. Annual training has been requested and is anticipated to take place in May. Cllr Webb will circulate dates when they are available.
- 11. Finance (Cllr Webb):**
- a) Payments were approved as per the payment schedule (copy available).
  - b) The change of bank account to Lloyds in Stow was noted and approved. Cllr Webb advised it would proceed once the current batch of cheques had cleared, and she would then contact Councillors for their signatures.
  - c) It was noted the grant arranged by Cllr Moor had been received but the amount included VAT. **Action: Cllr Webb to contact the payer and find out how they want to handle the overpayment.**
- 12. Village Fund:** There was a suggestion that the telephone box be adopted and used as a book exchange as has been done in some other villages. **Action: Clerk to make enquiries about adopting telephone box.**
- 13. Correspondence for information:**
- a) Invitation to launch of Police and Crime Commissioner's plan (copy available).
  - b) Request from Mangersbury Residents Association to consider a new shared website for MPC, MRA and M21 discussed. Agreed first step: Clerk to research options and costs and report back. Cllr Totham and Ron Warmington volunteered to be on the website team.
  - c) Police report: Cllr Bartlett reported that recent reports in the area were phone scams, door sellers, suspicious vehicle, and a spate of burglaries but with two arrests being made in relation to the burglaries.
- 14. Date of next meetings:** The following dates for Parish Council meetings for the year were proposed:  
Monday 5 June 2017  
Monday 4 September 2017  
Monday 4 December 2017  
Monday 5 March 2018  
Councillors were asked to confirm their availability prior to confirmation of dates.

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

Signed

On behalf of Mangersbury Parish Council

Date: