

Maugersbury Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 13 March 2023 at 6.30pm

At Stow Youth Centre, Fosseyway, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1DW

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs R Boyens (Chairman), M Lutman, A Root and H Totham

In attendance: Ms E Sajewicz (Clerk), Ward District Cllr D Neill and 9 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R Warmington.
County Cllr M MacKenzie-Charrington, Mr & Mrs R Fisher and Mr S Meyrick.
2. **Declarations of interest:** Members were reminded to declare any or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the meeting at the relevant time.)
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
Item deferred because the meeting was inquorate to approve the minutes of the 19 December 2022 meeting.
4. **Elections:** To note elections timetable and key dates, and encourage residents to consider becoming parish councillors. The window for nominations is 20 March–4 April, with elections on 4 May. The Chairman said MPC was probably going to lose two existing councillors in May. He encouraged residents to stand. It was noted that any vacancies after the 4 May elections would be filled by co-option which was a less formal process.
5. **County Councillor's report (Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington)**
Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington had given his apologies. His report had been circulated to councillors and residents before the meeting. The Chairman noted Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington had been pressing Highways officers about the Pound Lane junction, and noted that GCC is encouraging people to recycle electrical items rather than throwing them away, so the valuable metals can be recovered and importantly reused. They should be put out with general recycling items or taken to the local depot at Fosse Cross.
Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington was thanked for his report and his help with the junction situation.
6. **District Councillor's report (Cllr Neill)**
Cllr Neill's written report had been circulated to Councillors and residents. She said a meeting about the horse fair had been arranged for 4 April which Cllr Lutman would attend. She spoke about Fit Kits that CDC was making available, and about the increase in the charge for green waste bins to £57 which reflected the mileage involved and the size of the district.
Cllr Neill was thanked for her report and for attending the meeting.
7. **Gypsy gathering – To receive an update on the May gypsy gathering (Cllr Lutman)**
The pre-fair meeting had been covered at item 6. There were concerns that the weekend before the fair date was the Coronation, and travellers might decide to arrive in force for the weekend. Cllr Neill was asked why CDC did not enforce the restriction on when they could arrive. Cllr Neill said Police wanted to avoid a major fracas. It was noted that last time the first arrivals were on Wednesday of the week before the fair. Cllr Lutman said Police would prefer the travellers to be in one place rather than scattered around the area. He said he and Cllr Neill would have a contact number for the Police inspector in charge during the event.
8. **Parish environment**
 - a) **Pound Lane junction**
A response had been received from GCC Highways saying a feasibility study was being undertaken and was due to be completed by the end of the month. It asked whether

MPC would consider funding the detailed design and construction, potentially costing £45,000-£70,000. A resident said he was worried they could go for the cheapest option by putting a gate on the road. He believed rumble strips to reduce speed on the main road would be a solution. Councillors were unhappy that it had been two years since the meeting on site with GCC Highways officers with no progress. Cllr Boyens said he wanted to draft a formal response.

b) Highways works and any other work in the area, including Arch Road potholes and Oxleaze Lane sign

It was noted that the Oxleaze Lane sign had been fixed, but not the Arch Road surface.

c) Proposed memorial bench

A member of the public spoke about wanting to have a memorial bench to her father on the Arch Road. After discussion it was agreed that adding a plaque to the existing bench could be a better option. Chairman asked her to make contact after the meeting to arrange the next steps.

d) Broadband

Cllr Lutman said Gigaclear had gone quiet and there was nothing to report.

9. Planning

a) To consider current planning applications

- i. **23/00400/CLEUD – Upsilon House, The Cresecent** – Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for use of land as residential garden ancillary to Upsilon House. It was resolved that MPC did not wish to comment.

b) To note decision notices received for the following planning applications:

Applica-tion	Address	Description	MPC Comment	CDC Decision
22/03763/ FUL	Land Parcel South of Meadow View Stow Road Bourton-on-the- Water	Change of use of land from equestrian to residential caravan site with provision of additional 3 no. traveller pitches (partially retrospective)	No objection	Permit
22/04471/ TCONR	Daisy Bank, Maugersbury	T1 Pine (leaning over road) Remove to ground level. T2 Large Ash Remove to ground level as it has ash die back and is dropping branches over road/footpath. T3 Dead Larch Remove to ground level. T4 Sycamore Weight reduction on laterals over road to balance the tree by 3-4m. T5 Sycamore (far end) Remove lowest limb over road.	N/A	Permit
22/04477/ TCONR	Park Farm, Maugersbury	T1: Ash- Remove to ground level as it has ash die back.	N/A	Permit

Cllr Neill said the Sycamore Barn application had been recommended for refusal. She had spoken to the applicants and requested that it go to the Committee.

c) To receive update from Cllr Neill about caravans at Spring Bank

Cllr Neill said the case was still open and would be pursued.

d) To consider Oddington Road, Stow, Affordable Housing proposal from Bayhill Properties

It was noted that although the housing proposed would be 100% affordable, it would occupy only a fraction of the site that is in the same ownership. It was agreed to do nothing at this stage.

Cllr Neill said Bayhill intended to submit a planning application on a rural exception basis.

e) To consider CDC consultation on two Local Plan evidence documents, due 16 March

Noted that the documents were quite technical and to date there had not been time to study them.

f) To consider consultation on Stow & Swell Neighbourhood Plan, due 20 March

Noted that the key stated aim of the plan is to try to balance the age demographic, to get more young people, reduce reliance on tourism for jobs, and to improve parking. The key policies relevant to Mangersbury were to have more housing development in Stow to deliver some more affordable homes, with a policy STOW7 allocating land behind Tesco for a development of houses, car park and community building. Cllr Totham was drafting a response, and residents were asked to provide any views to MPC in the next few days.

Cllr Totham spoke about planning applications for Fosseway Farm on the High Street in Stow, saying the applications were not decided yet and encouraging residents to comment as it was an important site. Cllr Neill said the Tower was the only listed building on the site, but because of its historical nature the Conservation Officer wanted to keep the shape of the farmyard and walled garden. She said the number of units had been reduced in response to comments, but they were not allowed to increase the amount of parking. Cllr Neill said she has been pressing GCC Highways to visit the site to look at access but so far had not been successful.

10. Finance:

a) To receive update on arrangements for independent internal audit

Noted that the independent internal audit had been arranged as a postal audit similar to last year. A list of requirements had been received from the auditor and would be provided after the financial year end on 31 March.

b) To approve payments as per the payment schedule

Payments were approved as per the payment schedule: Youth Club hall hire £10.00; E Sajewicz clerk's salary £551.60; E Sajewicz reimburse website renewals & stamps £68.31; GAPTC annual membership fee £40.49.

11. Public transport initiatives:

- a) To note and inform residents that the Robin on demand minibus service has a pickup point by the green in Mangersbury www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/the-robin/ or tel 0345 2638139

Cllr Totham said the Robin service had brilliant reviews on Facebook and gave the example of someone who had used it when taking their car to the garage.

- b) To note a new door-to-door on-demand wheelchair-accessible bus service will be starting in April aimed at more vulnerable people. Council is being consulted by the operator, Community Connexions, on which supermarket(s) are most used by people in the parish and what other routes would be useful.

It was agreed to suggest a route from Mangersbury to Tesco in Stow.

12. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): To note that Council has £209.54 of CIL funds to be spent within 5 years

Noted.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 5 June 2023

Meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Signed by Chairman: _____

Date: _____