

MARSH GIBBON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025 AT 8PM IN MARSH GIBBON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs A Lambourne (Chair), Cllrs E Taylor (ET), J Smith (JS), N Lyon (NL), T Reveler (TR), R Daniell (RD).
and L Cross (LC).
Unitary Cllr Patrick Fealey
Carole Jackman (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 8pm.

OPEN FORUM:

No members of the public were present.

Chair Welcome UC Fealey to the meeting who informed it that he and UC McMahon will be the conservative candidates in the local election on 1 May 2025 (UC's Macpherson and Rand are standing down) for the new Grendon Underwood and The Claydons Ward. He highlighted the challenges facing the area with the proposed housing developments in Marsh Gibbon, BESS and Solar Farm in the Claydons and new MEGA prison in Grendon Underwood. He then left the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Unitary Cllrs Angela Macpherson and Michael Rand.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2025

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 March 2025 were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

None.

5 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

6 PLANNING

6.1 Applications

25/00671/AOP | Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for means of access from Station Road and Little Marsh Road) for residential development of up to 90 dwellings, new community orchard and/or allotments, public open space, sustainable drainage system and associated infrastructure | Land North Of Little Marsh Road Marsh Gibbon Buckinghamshire.

It was noted that:

- 80+ submissions have been submitted to Bucks Council's planners objecting to this application, with, it is believed, only one in favour.
- The application will go before the Planning Committee.
- Thames Water have stated that the local sewage plant can cope with the additional housing.
- Thames Water have stated that the fresh water system cannot cope with the additional housing.

Actions: Clerk to write to local Parishes asking for their support in objecting to this application.

Councillors to consider S106 spend should the application be approved.

6.2 Refused applications

None.

6.3 Late applications

25/00728/APP | Proposed part conversion of existing garage to Home Office/Gym.

4 Forge Close Marsh Gibbon Buckinghamshire OX27 0HZ.

Decision: No objection.

Action: Clerk to inform Buckinghamshire (Aylesbury Vale Area) of the Parish Council's decision..

6.4 Future Developments

No updates on proposed developments, other than the Catesby proposal above, were available at the meeting.

- 6.5 **Neighbourhood Plan**
 A Unitary Councillor had informed the Parish Council that the parish’s Neighbourhood Plan should be reviewed every five years. However, it is noted that an email, dated 2 November 2021, from Buckinghamshire Council states that *“If there is a conflict between a policy in the NDP and a policy in the VALP then the newer policy will take precedent in decision making – the new policy in this case is the policy in the VALP.*
It sounds like the Chairman has looked for any such conflicts between the NDP and the VALP and found there to not be any – therefore concluding that a review is not necessary.”
- 7 **EWELEME**
- 7.1 **Ewelme Sites**
 Swan Field
 It was noted that there are issues with:
- Hedge not being replaced.
 - Footpath moved.
- Action: Cllr NL to write to GW Black.**
- 7.2 **Ewelme Trustees**
 It was noted that the Ewelme are trying to get two Trustees from the village. However, timings of the meetings are making it difficult for those working to volunteer.
- 8 **CLERK’S REPORT**
- 8.1 **Finance Report**
 Clerk presented the Financial Report for April 2025 and payments totalling £1,630.65 were approved at appendix 1.
- 8.2 **AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Review)**
 Deadline for submission of the AGAR is 1 July 2025. Clerk confirmed that the internal audit has been arranged for Friday 23 May.
- 8.3 **Bank Signatories / Electronic Banking**
 It was stressed that councillors should complete the banking details to become signatories.
Action: Clerk to resend the application forms and follow up with the application for electronic banking.
- 9 **VILLAGE HALL**
- 9.1 **Report**
 It was noted that:
- The Extra-ordinary meeting had been postponed to allow for the VH policies to be completed.
 - Two village representatives on the committee are needed.
- 10 **PLAY EQUIPMENT, TEENAGE RECREATION AREA AND RECREATION GROUND**
- 10.1 **Maintenance**
 There were no maintenance issues to report. However, it was noted that the all weather pitch may need some repair work in the near future.
 Cllr ET reported that she had carried out a litter pick around the play area but noted that the rubbish bin by the skate park was not being emptied.
Action: Clerk to request that Bucks Council empties the rubbish bin.
 It was noted that the annual safety inspection will be carried out sometime in July/August.
- 10.2 **Playground upgrade (for older children)**
 No updates to report.
- 10.3 **Recreation Ground: Purchase of Mower**
 It was noted that the S106 payment towards the purchase of the mower has been made. As soon as the Parish Council receives the payment from the Sports & Social Club, the cheque for the payment of the mower can be sent to RT Machinery.
- 11 **DEVOLVED SERVICES**
- 11.1 **Grass Cutting**
 It was noted that one grass cut has been made so far this season.
- 12 **ROADS AND PATHWAYS**
 It was noted that road works were planned for West Edge.
- 13 **STREET LIGHTING**
- 13.1 **Maintenance**
 Cllr ET believed that the street light opposite of Scotts Lane was not working and would check and report to Clerk.
- 13.2 **Street lighting electricity**
 Due to the cost of the electricity it was agreed to investigate the cost of replacing the street lights with LED’s.

- Action: Clerk to investigate the cost and an interest free loan from the Government.**
- 14 CEMETERY MATTERS**
- 14.1 **General Maintenance**
Cllr ET reported that she had carried out a litter pick at the cemetery and removed old Christmas wreaths. As a result of this it was decided that it would not be necessary to organise a working party until about June.
- 14.2 **Burials, Interments, Advance booking requests and Memorial applications**
- 14.2.1 **Burials**
There were no burials to report.
- 14.2.2 **Advance reservations**
There were no advance reservations.
- 14.2.3 **Memorial applications**
There were no memorial applications.
- 15 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**
- 15.1 **Fly Tipping**
Cllr JS reported that there had been two lots of fly tipping near the junction of Scotts Lane and Heet Road.
Action: Clerk to report on FixMyStreet.
- 15.2 **Rubbish Bins**
Clerk in liaising with Bucks Council to replace the bins which are missing.
Action: Clerk to confirm “what three words” to Bucks Council for the location of the bins.
- 15.3 **Water Leaks**
It was noted that there are water leaks opposite the garage on Launton Road and at the junction of Swan Lane and Castle Street.
Action: Clerk to report to Thames Water.
- 15.4 **Millfield Close**
It was noted that the area where Fairhive have fixed bollards is looking a mess as the area is not being mown.
Action: Clerk to report on FixMyStreet.
- 16 STREET FURNITURE**
See VE Day Commemoration below.
- 17 EAST WEST RAIL (EWR)**
It was noted that a passing loop has been proposed in Midde Claydon.
- 18 JUBILEE PLANTATION**
Cllr TR reported that a post and wire fence is needed.
Action: Cllr RD to ask his ‘handyman’ for a quote to carry out the work.
- 19 SPEEDWATCH**
As soon as one volunteers has completed the on-line training, a speed watch session will be set up.
- 21 80th ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY**
An application for S106 funding had been submitted to Bucks Council, but as this would not be dealt with until about June, it was agreed to go ahead and purchase the VE Day memorial benches.
Action: Clerk to order the benches.
- 22 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION.**
It was noted that the Parish Council election was uncontested and that the following had been elected: Adrian Lambourne, June Smith, Nick Lyon, Tom Reveler, Richard Daniell, Les Cross.
Action: Clerk to prepare a vacancy notice for the vacant position.
- 23 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES**
It was noted that the policies would be reviewed and confirmed at the May meeting.
- 24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 24.1 **Community Board**
It was noted that Marsh Gibbon will be in the new North Buckingham Community Board area and Andy Chapman will be the manager.
- 24.2 **Mike Jacobs Garage**
Cllr RT reported that a café is planned in the above garage.
- 24.3 **Cllr LC’s History Report** included details of:
The great fire of Marsh Gibbon in 1714.
- 25 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION**
Chair thanked Cllr Taylor for her work as parish clerk and councillor over many years and said that she will be missed. Cllr Taylor was presented with a garden voucher.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday 13 May 2025 in the committee room of Marsh Gibbon Village Hall.

7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting

8pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

MARSH GIBBON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Financial Report
08-Apr-25

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

Bank Statement Balance at 27 February 2025		£31,590.99
- Total Out:		-£5,683.21
- Total In:		
	Returned cheque	£1,000.00
	MG Tennis Club	£250.00
	DL Hancock	£145.00
	HMRC VAT Refund	£10,756.79
		£12,151.79

Balance of Community Account at 28 March 2025 **£38,059.57**

Cheque No	Payee	Amount		
		IN	OUT	
Payments for approval at March meeting				
103523	Charlie Cruise		£14.15	LGA 1972 S.144
103524	Bucks Council		£21.30	Litter Act 1983 ss 5
103525	Marsh Gibbon Village Hall		£18.00	LGA 1972 s133
DD1	Hugo Fox		£23.00	LGA 1972 s. 142
DD2	Hugo Fox		£20.99	LGA 1972 s. 142
103526	CANCELLED			
103527	NBPPC		£20.00	Town & Country Planning Act 19
103528	E.on		£322.80	PCA 1957s.3;HA 1980s.301
DD3	Tomato Energy		£491.80	PCA 1957s.3;HA 1980s.301
103529	C Jackman		£524.07	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
Faster payment	HMRC		£151.76	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
DD4	Everflow		£0.70	LGA(MP) 1976 s.19
103512	RT Machinery		£26,040.00	HA 1980 s. 96
1035230	C Jackman		£52.95	LGA 1972 s. 111
1035231	N Lyon		£142.82	LGA 1972, s.142
1035232	K Pullen		£100.00	LGA 1972, s.142
	Bucks Council		14,699.50	
		£14,699.50	£27,944.34	
Outstanding cheques				
	103515	Marsh Gibbon Village Hall		£18.00
			£0.00	£18.00
		Anticipated balance	£24,796.73	

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EARMARKED RESERVE ACCOUNT	01-Apr-25	£12,512.55
	Total In	£0.00
	Total Out	£0.00

Balance of Earmarked Reserve at 8 April 2025 2025 **£12,512.55**

Bank Reconciliation 8 April 2025
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

CASH BOOK	Notes
Balance at 1 April 2025	£38,059.57
Total payments to 8 April 2025	-£27,944.34
Add total receipts to 8 April 2025	£14,699.50
Less outstanding cheque from 2024-25	-£18.00
Cash book balance at 8 April 2025	£24,796.73

EARMARKED RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance of Earmarked Reserve A/C as at 1 April 2025	£12,512.55
Less total payments to 8 April 2025	£0.00
Add Total Receipts to 8 April 2025	£0.00
Balance at 8 April 2025	£12,512.55

NB: the balance in the Earmarked Reserve Account is made up of:

Replacement / Refurbishment of the synthetic carpet at the 5-a-side	£21,874.00
Maintenance of play equipment	£0.00
Ware Pond cleaning	£2,080.00
Repairs and New Street Lamps	£1,696.00
Election Expenses	£775.00
Fencing Repairs at 5-a-side	£0.00
Defibrillator	£50.00
Cemetery road repairs	£5,211.00
Interest	£826.55
Transfer to CA to cover playground equipment (to be reimbursed by S106)	-£20,000.00
	£12,512.55

TOTALS at 8 April 2025	Community Account	£24,796.73
	Earmarked Reserve Account	£12,512.55
		£37,309.28