

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 3 April 2019
Parish Hall Elmdon Road Marston Green**

Present:

Cllr. Frank Bunce – Chairman
Cllr. Clive Hill
Cllr. Jon Horton
Cllr. Jessica Rathbone
Cllr. Barbara Tocher
Cllr. Kim Wallace
Cllr. Donna Williams
Cllr. Wayne Hadley

Clerk: Carole Cox & Franciska Giles

Public: 17 members of the public

2733 The Public

Mr. Holdsworth:

- advised that the bridge in Marston Green park is now repaired
- Enquired where to obtain a replacement black waste bin as his was damaged at the time of waste collection. Cllr. Donna Williams advised Mr. Holdsworth to contact SMBC.

Mrs. Hamilton:

- Provided some photographs of flooded footpaths in Millennium Wood.

Mrs. Byrne:

- Stated that Malthouse Row is in need of some improvements, such as the infilling of deep holes and resurfacing and she was under the impression that the developers on Chelmsley Lane would carry out such work. Mrs. Byrne also stated that she had contacted BMGPC and SMBC and the developer to find out whether any work is planned on Malthouse Row, however she is still waiting for a resolution.

Carole Cox advised Mrs. Byrne, that the Parish Council's Planning Committee discussed the planning application for Chelmsley Lane. As the statutory consultee BMGPC submitted a letter to SMBC Planning Department stating our concern and suggested that SMBC could approach the developer to carry out repair work on Malthouse Row. Carole Cox also stated that a resident of Malthouse Row, Mrs. Audrey Laight who allegedly represented Malthouse Row residents, advised BMGPC that no work should be carried out by the developer on Malthouse Row. At the same time, Carole Cox advised Audrey Laight that BMGPC had already submitted a request to SMBC asking them to contact the developer regarding Malthouse Row and that the decision will be made by SMBC.

Mrs. Byrne strongly objected to this and said that Mrs. Laight acted for herself and that she was not representing the wishes of Malthouse Row residents anyway. Furthermore, Mrs. Byrne said that none of the residents are aware as who is responsible for and should



maintain Malthouse Row. She enquired at SMBC and Land Registry however no ownership has been identified as of yet. In addition, Mrs. Byrne also enquired that if maintenance was the responsibility of the residents, could they then fence off Malthouse Row to avoid potential accidents by commuters due to Public Right of Way? Cllr. Frank Bunce suggested that the clerk is to contact SMBC to enquire as who owns Malthouse Row and whether there is a Public Right of Way. Trevor Wills was also in agreement.

Action Item: Clerk to contact SMBC

Mr. Inshaw:

- Stated that there are holes in the newly tarmacked Bickenhill Road already. Cllr. Frank Bunce advised the gentleman that Cllr. Karen Dunn is in talks with SMBC and she will provide an update at the next Parish Council meeting.

Colin Hastings:

- Enquired about CIL money being awarded after the Chelmsley Lane development. Mr. Hastings asked the Council how much the sum is going to be and what the Parish Council is planning on using the money for. Cllr. Frank Bunce advised that BMGPC have not yet received any money from SMBC but it is anticipated that the money is expected once the development is finished. SMBC will issue the money in instalments instead of in a lump sum. At that time, BMGPC will discuss the various projects the money could be used for. Mr. Hastings also enquired about the potential housing development at the NEC. Cllr. Frank Bunce advised Mr. Hastings that the Parish Council have not yet received any planning application for this project.

A resident:

- Enquired about potential parking restrictions on Land Lane. Cllr. Frank Bunce advised that BMGPC are not aware of any planned parking restrictions on Land Lane at this time. Mr. Trevor Wills said that he was waiting to hear form Mr. Paul Tovey following a meeting held at the Residents Association in regard to parking restrictions.

Mrs. Inshaw:

- Enquired about the access road on Coleshill Road leading to the Prologist development site. Cllr. Clive Hill confirmed that the BMGPC were aware of this and contacted SMBC Planning Department. SMBC assured the Parish Council that the access road is purely temporary.

Mr. Byrne:

- Asked whether BMGPC are aware of any plans to provide a crossing on Alcott Lane? Cllr. Frank Bunce said that the clerk is to contact SMBC to find out and respond at the next Parish Council meeting.

Action Item: Clerk to contact SMBC

Cllr Frank Bunce closed the meeting to the public

2734 Apologies

The Clerk advised that she had received apologies from Cllr. Karen Dunn

2735 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations



None

2736 Approval of the Parish Council Minutes - Held on Wednesday 06 March 2019

Cllr Frank Bunce asked members if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm these as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. Jonathan Horton

Seconded: Cllr. Clive Hill

All in favour

It was resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record

Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting on the 06 March 2019

Minute no 2703 – Non-working Street and sign lights in and around Marston Green

Cllr. Donna Williams advised that no update was received from SMBC

Minute no 2729.3 – Street Watch

The Clerk advised that the action item is completed

Minute no 2729.4 – Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk advised that the action item is completed

2737 Matters arising from the Recreation Meeting – 18 March 2019

Minute no 1315 Great British Spring Clean

Cllr. Frank Bunce met with Marston Green Junior School and agreed that the campaign is to run after the Easter break.

2738 Matters arising from the Finance Meeting – 25 March 2019

Minute no. 509.1 (1182) Replacement Window

The front and bedroom window panels including handles on the Groundsman's house and two window panels including handles in the Pavilion need to be replaced. The clerk obtained two quotes, £387.50 incl. of VAT and £515 + VAT, and the Recreation Committee agreed to the cheapest one. The RFO raised the order and the work is going to be carried out soon.

The proposal was the expenditure to be duly noted

Proposed: Cllr. Jessica Rathbone

Seconded: Cllr. Kim Wallace

All in favour

It was resolved to accept the expenditure payment

Minute no. 509.2 (1313) Garden of Memory Wall Repair

The wall in the Garden of Memory was damaged by an uninsured driver. As the driver was uninsured and is now in prison and there is little chance of claiming any compensation via his insurance. BMGPC asked the clerk to obtain a quote of £650 + VAT to carry out the wall repair. The Recreation Committee agreed the amount.

The proposal was the expenditure to be duly noted

Proposed: Cllr. Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr. Jonathan Horton

All in favour

It was resolved to accept the expenditure payment



Minute no. 509.3 (1327) Tree Quote

A willow tree from the Spinney was protruding and an ash tree from the Spinney was partially obstructing the neighbouring residential property. The clerk obtained two quotes, £400+VAT and £600+ VAT from two tree sergeants to remove the willow tree and pollard the ash tree. The Recreation Committee agreed the cheapest quote.

The proposal was the expenditure to be duly noted

Proposed: Cllr. Barbara Tocher

Seconded: Cllr. Kim Wallace

All in favour

It was resolved to accept the expenditure payment

Minute no. 509.4 (1329) Marston Green Gardening Club Donation

The Clerk advised she had received a request from the Gardening Club asking for support for the Annual Hanging Basket display. Last year the Parish Council had donated £500.00. It was agreed that the same donation be granted this year, to cover the hanging baskets.

Proposed: Cllr. Jessica Rathbone

Seconded: Cllr. Donna Williams

All in favour

It was Resolved that the Parish Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Parish Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure for hanging baskets display and the Annual Show.

Minute no. 509.5 (1329) Marston Green Gardening Club Hall Hire

The Clerk advised she had received a request from the Gardening Club asking for support for the hire of the Parish Hall for the Annual Show. Last year the Parish Council had donated £190.00 for the hire of the hall. It was agreed that the same donation be granted this year, to cover the hire of the hall

Proposed: Cllr. Jonathan Horton

Seconded: Cllr. Barbara Tocher

All in favour

It was Resolved that the Parish Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Parish Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure for hanging baskets display and the Annual Show.

Minute no. 514 Orders/Transactions

The proposal was the orders and transactions to be duly noted

Proposed: Cllr. Kim Wallace

Seconded: Cllr. Donna Williams

All in favour

It was resolved to accept the expenditure payment

Cllr Frank Bunce closed the meeting at 20:08

Trevor Wills stated that his and Mr. Fox's name are not listed under 'In Attendance' on the Planning Committee Minutes. The clerk apologised and the Council reassured Mr. Wills that whenever they are present at the Planning Committee meetings then their names will be included on those minutes



Cllr Frank Bunce reopened the meeting at 20:09

2739 Matters arising from the Planning Meeting – 28 March 2019

None

Next planning meeting on the 23rd of April at 10:00

2740 HS2 Update

None

2741 Airport Matters

Cllr. Jonathan Horton advised that in the event of a no-deal Brexit, some countries might demand a minimum of 6 months passport validity prior to departure.

2742 Internal & External Committee Reports

None

2743 Bickenhill Playground

Cllr. Jonathan Horton advised that he held a meeting with Ian Wass in regard to some complaints about dog mess in Bickenhill Playground. Cllr. Jonathan Horton proposed erecting a lollypop fence around the play area and Mr. Wass agreed to contribute towards it. Cllr. Jonathan Horton asked BMGPC to also contribute towards the fence and asked the clerk to obtain three quotes.

Proposed: Cllr. Jonathan Horton

Seconded: Cllr. Donna Williams

All in favour

It was resolved that the clerk to obtain quotes.

2744 Finance – Payments for Authorisation

The proposal was to authorise the payments detailed in the expenditure reports.

Proposed: Cllr. Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr. Donna Williams

All in favour

It was resolved to accept the expenditure payments detailed on the reports

WALC annual subscription fee

The annual renewal of WALC membership is now due. This year's subscription fee is £1033. The proposal was to authorise the payments to renew the WALC subscription

Proposed: Cllr. Donna Williams

Seconded: Cllr. Barbara Tocher

All in favour

It was resolved that to accept the expenditure payments and that the RFO can renew the subscript

2745 Correspondence

- Mr. Ken Perry, the Church Warden, sent an email and advised that the church clock mechanism in Bickenhill was replaced. Mr. Perry asked to convey his thanks to the Parish Council for their support
- Further to the clerk's email advising the Councillors on Highway England's proposed 'great-crested newt' aquatics pond survey, Arden management, who is supporting Highway



England with the M42 J6 improvement scheme is going to carry out some surveys on the Bickenhill pond. The first phase is scheduled for the 4th and the 5th of April followed by phase two in May and phase three in June. The ecologist, Deidre Riedy will set bottle traps in the pond early evening then 30 minutes later she will search the edge by torch light to count any newt present. The next morning she will examine the content of the bottles and let the newts free.

- Further to Fiona Woolston's LM/HS2 update, the upcoming Community drop-in events dates are now uploaded onto the Bickenhill and Marston Green Facebook page.

2746 Roads and Rights of Way

Nothing to report

2747 Bus and Train Services

Nothing to report

The Parish Council Meeting was closed at 20:22 GMT

2748 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15 May 2019 (19:00 FB & 19:15 AMG & 19:45 PC)

Venue: Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green

