

**Minutes of meeting of Marlesford Parish Council  
Held at the Community Centre on Thursday 10 August 2017 at 7.00pm**

Present: The Chairman, Lord Marlesford; Vice Chairman, Dr Roger Waterfall, Cllrs Mrs Lesley Bensley, Mr Sam Catling, Mrs Diana Wells, Mrs Diana Howard the Clerk Mrs Beverley Russell.

SCDC Councillor Mrs Carol Poulter attended the meeting.

Richard Cooper, who had taken over responsibility from Dr Margaret Carswell for assisting the Parish Council in dealing with EDF's transport proposals relating to Sizewell C, also attended the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies received. Ross Proctor had tendered his resignation as councillor

2. Rules for attendance and absence of councillors

Lord Marlesford reminded councillors of the importance of their role as parish councillors and reported that SALC had drawn his attention to the requirement for councillors to give a 'good reason' for not attending a Parish Council meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Friday 12 May 2017, were approved by the Council as an accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

4. Report on visit to Sizewell B on 8 August 2017

Marlesford Parish Council visited Sizewell B and met Tom McGarry and John McNamara.

5. Sizewell C: Park & Ride and Four Village bypass (4VBP)

Richard Cooper had drafted a letter thanking Tom McGarry for making time to meet the visiting Parish Council team from Marlesford at Sizewell B on Tuesday 8 August. The discussion at the end of the tour was very useful. EDF was still continuing to support the idea of contributing to a Two Village Bypass if SCC decide to build the full Four Village Bypass. The Parish Council delegation had repeated their strong opposition to a Park & Ride overlooking the River Ore Valley.

Richard Cooper suggested drawing up one letter to EDF from all the seven villages signed by each Parish Chairman, copied to MPs and leaders of the SCDC and SCC. Continuing pressure was to be applied for the approaching 3 Stage Consultation (probably late 2018) emphasizing impact of pollution and need for

Treasury funding for 4 Village Bypass. Lord Marlesford to contact the other Parish Chairmen to obtain the support for a joint approach.

Sue Wilson pointed out a useful section in the SCDC 'Marlesford Conservation Area Appraisal' warning that elements contributing to the character of Marlesford could be 'slowly degraded through the exercise of permitted development rights'. Councillor Poulter suggested contacting the SCDC Design and Conservation Officer Mr Robert Scrimgeour to obtain something in writing to maintain Marlesford as a designated Conservation Area from Sizewell C Park & Ride threatened encroachment.

#### 6. Reports from representative of outside bodies

Councillor Poulter reported from her Parish Council Briefing for August 2017 (circulated).

#### 7. Matters arising from previous minutes:

a. Anti-speed measures: Councillor Poulter to write a letter to SCC Highways to invite a visit to the Hall Road/Church Road corner and suggest what measures can be used to slow traffic.

b. Fly-tipping in Marlesford 2016: Councillor Poulter reported an unsatisfactory reply from the SCDC legal department who cited 'it was unsafe to pursue a conviction' of the person responsible for fly-tipping in Marlesford in 2016. Councillor Poulter suggested sending a letter to her of the record of the fly-tipping and she would approach the legal SCDC department again.

8. Marlesford Old School Fund: Cllr. Waterfall informed the meeting that three small grants were made for the Fund, two to assist with cost of uniforms for high school and one for a college student to pay for his passing certificate.

9. Finance Report. The Marlesford Parish Clerk reported funds at the bank on 29 June 2017 of £3,756.91 (£2,921.53 in the Current Account and £835.38 in the Savings Account). Cheques issued since being to the Clerk £200, hire of Marlesford Community Centre £120, SALC for Internal Audit of accounts and CPRE subscription of £36. Cheque received for wayleaves of £5.75. Funds on 10 August 2017: £3,283.61.

#### 10. Report from Councillors:

Cllr Bensley reported on SALC and local government matters: The main concern of the Local Government Association (LGA) was how to address the UK funding gap of £8.4 bn. currently sourced from the EU.

The East of England LGA reported there was £2.3bn fund to be allocated. Local authorities invited to apply. Councillor Poulter to report on SCDC's application

plans.

Cllr Waterfall reported on the planning application by owner of Chantry Cottage and the Council agreed that it was important to ensure Baer's Wood was not damaged,.

11. Application for children's play area.

A family in Marlesford had approached the council for funding for the provision of a park for young children to play in. Cllr Waterfall said that although there was £2,300 for play equipment in the 'Playpot', there could be an annual cost to the Parish Council of insurance and maintenance as being in the region of £380pa. It was agreed a survey should be undertaken to assess demand for such a park.

12. A circular from the Local Council Public Advisory Service gave warning of a new Data Protection Act to be in place by May 2018. Cllr Bensley agreed to monitor progress and how this might affect MPC.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

13. Date of next Council Meeting

Friday 17 November 2017 at 7.00pm

Chairman

Date

