

Minutes of meeting of Marlesford Parish Council Held at the Community Centre on Friday 24 February at 7.00pm

Present: The Chairman, Lord Marlesford; Vice Chairman, Cllr. Dr Roger Waterfall, Mrs Lesley Bensley, Mrs Diana Wells and the Clerk Mrs Beverley Russell.

Also present Mr Richard Cooper (for item 3).

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Dr Margaret Carswell, Mr Sam Catling, Mr Ross Proctor, District Cllr Mrs C Poulter, County Cllr Stephen Burroughes and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator P Sims.

Cllr Dr. Margaret Carswell's letter of resignation from Marlesford Parish Council was read. It was agreed she would be greatly missed as she was a very active member of the council.

There was a discussion on a possible successor to Dr. Carswell.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 11 November 2016, were approved by the Council as an accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

3. Report on Stage 2 Consultation on Sizewell C from Richard Cooper

Lord Marlesford thanked Richard Cooper and Cllr. Roger Waterfall for their magnificent contributions to the preparation of the excellent Marlesford Parish Council response to Stage 2 Consultation on Sizewell C. Lord Marlesford reported he had had correspondence from Tom McGarry (Head of External Affairs – Sizewell C) suggesting a meeting at Westminster together with the Director of Project Development for Sizewell C to discuss concerns over the project.

Richard Cooper paper on responses to the Sizewell Stage 2 Consultation from the County and District Councils and local parishes including Wickham Market and Hacheston was discussed at length. Concerns including lack of details, e.g. transport modelling, the principal of a Hacheston Park & Ride and no reference to the 4VBP. He suggested meetings with EDF before Stage 3 is published when the majority of decisions will have been made by EDF. He suggested County, District and Local Councils form a group to represent parishioners' views.

Richard Cooper proposed a joint group with neighbouring parish councils including Parham to request EDF to hold regular meetings, timetable and commitment to a proper consultation process leading up to Stage 3. The Parish Council agreed that Lord Marlesford should meet with EDF representatives at Westminster with an agenda covering all these points, prepared by Richard Cooper, which would be submitted to EDF before the meeting.

4 Reports from representatives of outside bodies.

a) Neighbourhood Watch – Mr Richard Cooper reported no crimes reported there had been no crime in Marlesford in the last quarter.

Briefing of Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Terms of Reference 2016 meeting to be held 3 March 2017 at the Community Centre, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX

b) County Council Report – a report was provided from Cllr Stephen Burroughs to be displayed on the notice board, current GCSE results, home to school travel costs, education funding for Suffolk and new mental health.

c) District Council Report – Cllr Poulter's February Briefing will be displayed on the notice

board. Reports included preparing for the tidal surge, implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement in East Suffolk, Local Plan now adopted site allocations for new homes in the district over the next ten years and Beach Hut Consultation.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes:

5a. Anti-speeding measures: Cllr. Waterfall reported a meeting with Suffolk Highways to discuss traffic matters in Marlesford had been cancelled. Cllr Burroughes to inform Cllr Waterfall date of next meeting between Cllr Waterfall and Highways to discuss the provision of vehicle speed restrictions in Marlesford.

5b. Archdeaconry' signage: Lord Marlesford to approach the Bishop to convey the view of the villagers that the new signage inappropriate for a conservation area and that changing the name of the property from 'The Rectory' which had stood for 200 years was unnecessary.

5c. Fly tipping in Marlesford Update: Lord Marlesford reported that he had contacted Mr Daniel Wareing at Suffolk Coastal District Council (North) telephone 01394 444000 regarding the seven fly tipping incidents in Marlesford. Mr Wareing reported that SCDC's legal team have concluded the evidence available is insufficient to provide a 'realistic prospect of securing a conviction against any particular person, and therefore no legal proceedings will follow on this occasion'. The Council expressed dissatisfaction with this explanation and the decision was to re-contact SCDC on the case.

6. Report on Marlesford Old School Fund (Charity No.304791): Cllr. Waterfall informed the meeting there was not enough money at present to make any grants.

7. Report on The Firs Bowling Green: Cllr. Waterfall told the meeting that Tom Kenyon had undertaken some repairs to the hut. However Cllr. Waterfall suggested to make the Bowling Green into a useful facility surround netting to the pitch and disabled access to the hut was required. No decision has been taken to dismantle the hut or disconnect electricity supply. It was agreed that the bowling green was a valuable village asset and should not be disposed of.

8 Broadband provision in Marlesford. Cllr Waterfall reported that BT Open Reach Broadband green boxes would display a sticker if fast Broadband was available to the vicinity and this had not yet appeared on the cabinet at the Farm Café. Marlesford residents should be invited to report their own experience (speed and cost) to the Parish Council.

9. Finance Report. The Marlesford Parish Clerk reported funds of £3,770.10: £2,934.72 in the Savings/Community account and £835.38 in the Business/Premium Account. Cllr. Waterfall suggested purchasing a new bench under the village sign at the junction of Hall Road and Low Road which is in a dilapidated state. He was asked to report back on suppliers and cost of replacement.

10. Report from Councillors:

Cllr Mrs L Bensley reported on SALC and local government matters: Report that development funding for Suffolk Energy Gateway (Four Village Bypass) new road provision of £450K coming from SCC and £50K from SCDC balance hoped from Government. Lord Marlesford to contact Cllr. Stephen Burroughes and Cllr. Guy McGregor to discuss progress.

Consultation on funding for transporting of 16-18 year olds to school.

Energy saving schemes: applications by 31 March 2017.

Amalgamation of SCDC and Waveney District Council expected to be completed in May 2019.

Cllr R Proctor: Sent a report on increasing quantity of litter at the side of roads in the village. He is picking up increasing amounts in Bell Lane deposited by motorists. He wonders if any other measures can be use, e.g. signage.

Cllr Mrs D Wells: Had observed hedgerows had been trimmed, verges mowed and bridges installed.

Cllr Mrs L Bensley reported that a Marlesford parishioner when walking her children to school in Wickham Market found the A12 roadside path overgrown. Cllr R Waterfall confirmed he had found the same problems.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

11. Date of next Council Meeting
Friday 12 May 2017 at 7.00pm

Chairman

Date