

# MARLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Marlesford Parish Council meeting, held on Friday 8 November 2019,  
7.00pm, in Marlesford Community Centre.

Present:– Chairman Lord Marlesford, Vice Chairman Cllr Roger Waterfall, Cllr Lesley Bensley,  
Cllr Diana Howard, Cllr Heather McConville, & Cllr Sam Catling.

In Attendance: 2 members of the public, and the Clerk.

**OPEN FORUM** - None

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr Imogen Hayward,  
Suffolk County Councillor Stephen Burroughes, East Suffolk Councillor Carol Poulter & Mr Richard Cooper.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2019 – To consider the approval.**  
The minutes were approved correct by the Council and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr Catling  
seconded Cllr Bensley.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

**a. How does the Parish Council wish to spend the COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY ?**

Cllr Waterfall would like the Parish Council to consider the CIL funding to be used towards helping to improve the damp, which is evident at the Community Centre. He has met with a surveyor who has recommended that a French drain is installed round the base of the walls, this will enable water to drain away quicker than it currently does. This would be very efficient and would cost approx. £1750, a quote has been received from Martin Brown at Saxted, Cllr Waterfall will get a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote to compare.

There is currently £1024.90 in the CIL funding with a further £1056.96 expected. The Clerk to ask ESC if the CIL funding can be used for damp work at the Community Centre. If it cannot be then will ask ESC Carol Poulter, if she could fund with her locality budget. PC could go halves with her.

Cllr Howard is still waiting a site visit with Cllr Poulter at the Community Centre, the Clerk to chase this up. Cllr Waterfall will also join the site meeting. He also advised that the secondary glazing has been installed to the 2 top windows in the hall and paid for by the Ground Work Trust (Tesco plastic bag scheme).

**b. Future of the Firs Bowling Green.**

Cllr Waterfall informed that the Firs Bowling Green is to be registered with the land registry, then to appoint new Trustee, the Parish Council. The green can be rented to the Community Council for a peppercorn rent. It was agreed that Cllr Waterfall should go ahead with formalising the ownership of the Bowling Green. The Chairman thanked Cllr Waterfall for the work he is doing.

**5. a. To Approve the Risk Assessments.**

The Parish Council reviewed and approved the Risk Assessment, Financial Assessment and GDPR Assessment, proposed Cllr Bensley seconded Cllr Waterfall.

**b. To Approve the Financial & Standing Orders**

The Parish Council reviewed and approved the Financial and Standing Orders, proposed Cllr Catling, seconded Cllr Howard.

*Chairmans initials.....*

## **6. FINANCE**

### **a. Statement of Accounts.**

Bank balances as at 8 November 2019, Barclays Community Account £5037.58 (includes £1056.96 CIL money) Business Premium Account £838.47. The Chairman signed the statement of accounts.

### **b. Half Year Interim Internal Audit has been carried out by Cllr McConville.**

Cllr McConville informed that she has carried out the half yearly internal audit and all is in order.

### **c. To consider the Precept Budget for April 2020 to March 2021.**

The Parish Council considered the draft which the Clerk had prepared, Cllr McConville has also reviewed the draft in preparation for the meeting. It was agreed that in line with NALC the Clerks salary will be increased £50 to £1550.00, proposed Cllr Catling seconded Cllr Howard.

The Parish Council approved the precept budget, as there are some funds in reserve, the precept will remain the same as last year at £3,000, proposed Cllr Bensley seconded Cllr McConville.

### **d. East Suffolk Council – Invoice to pay for Uncontested Election. £65.28 approved for payment.**

### **e. Royal British Legion – Payment for Wreath. £17.00 approved for payment.**

### **f. Heelis & Lodge – Invoice to pay for Internal Audit of last year Accounts. £50 approved for payment.**

### **g. Clerks Pay and Expenses – Invoice to pay. Clerks pay £375.00. Expenses which includes the half year working from home, £106.90. Approved for payment.**

The above payments were proposed Cllr Howard, seconded Cllr Catling.

## **7. SIZEWELL C - TO INCLUDE FOUR VILLAGE BYPASS (SEGway)**

### **& PROPOSALS FOR PARK AND RIDE AT WICKHAM MARKET SIZEWELL C**

The Chairman reported the following on behalf of Richard Cooper;

MP Dan Poulter has sent a letter to the Secretary of State, Andrea Leadsom regarding the case for a pause in the Development Control Order. Application Timetable, for Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station.

Andrea Leadsom has very recently postponed the decision on Wylfa (another new nuclear power station in North Wales) because she wants to seek further information from the developers on various environmental issues. The deadline for responses to her questions is 31 December 2019 and the deadline for approval of the project will be postponed to 31 March 2020. This is helpful because she is raising similar issues to those of concern around the Sizewell C proposals, but in themselves, the questions that she is raising are unlikely to stop the project going ahead. EDF are still saying that they intend to submit their Development Control Order application in Q1 2020.

There has been an interesting development in the onshore infrastructure debate, with George Freeman MP and Therese Coffey MP being successful in getting Andrea Leadsom to review the case for an offshore ring main that would remove the need for as much intrusive onshore infrastructure as is being proposed this would greatly help Friston. With other local parishes, we are expecting to meet with East Suffolk and SCC landscape officers to discuss the Park & Ride.

Richard Cooper will be attending a briefing for interested parties on Suffolk energy projects – organised by SASES.ORG.UK - Substation Action Save East Suffolk

The Chairman recommends that after the election has taken place the PC will go back to SCC Mathew Hicks to press for a 4 village bypass and that a 2 village bypass should not be accepted. It would be tragic if EDF went ahead with a 2 village bypass. The Parish Council will revisit this at the February meeting.

## **8. SCOTTISH POWER NORTH SEA WIND FARMS.**

The Chairman informed that Scottish Power has just put in an application for the site at Friston.

This doesn't directly affect Marlesford, however the strengthening of the bridge over the A12 at Marlesford would.

*Chairmans initials.....*

**9. REPORTS FROM PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

**Sizewell.** Done.

**A12.** Done.

**SALC.** Cllr Bensley informed that the AGM takes place on 26<sup>th</sup> November, she is unable to attend. There will be a talk on mental health in the communities and also the Coffee Caravan. SCC are reviewing the boundaries in the Framlingham Division. Councillors are to be reduced from 72 to 70, Stephen Burroughes is currently our representative. Framlingham currently has 7417 voters and expected to go up to 7916. Wait to see what the draft looks like before commenting.

**Planning.** Cllr Waterfall informed that the applicant of the Old Bell development has put in an appeal for a planning decision to be granted.

An appeal has also been put in for the mechanical workshop at Lime Tree Farm as planning permission has not been granted. The Parish Council stands by its original objection.

**Firs Bowling Green.** Done.

**Footpaths & Access.** Cllr Catling informed that fly tipping in the layby at the council houses has now been cleared and removed. 373 fly tipping cases have been reported in East Suffolk and only 3 prosecutions.

The Chairman suggests that this is raised at the next meeting to ESCouncillor, should be enforced more strongly.

**Highways.** Cllr Howard informed that some repair patching has been done to the road through the village. She will report the holes in the road at the top of Pound Lane.

The surfacing of the A12 from the bridge to Little Glemham is now noisy, there is a dramatic difference between the quiet surface and the gravel. Cllr Waterfall has used some sound equipment to test and it does show a big difference. We have a case to ask for the quiet surface to be reinstated. However it is quieter when traffic goes slower eg. 30mph, could the PC press to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph.

Cllrs Howard and Waterfall to look into this.

**Environmental Dimension of all other Policies.** None.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE. a. Citizens Advice Bureau.**

The Chairman read out a letter received from CAB asking for support. Since the government has stopped giving funding to the CAB, it was agreed by all to give a donation of £100. Approved by all proposed Cllr Waterfall seconded Cllr Howard.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

**12. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.**

Friday 7 February 2020, 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm

*Signed* ..... (Chairman)

*Date* .....