

MARLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Marlesford Parish Council, Annual General Meeting, held on Friday 2 October 2020, 7.00pm, in Marlesford Community Centre.

Present:– Lord Marlesford, Cllr Roger Waterfall & Cllr Diana Howard.

In Attendance: Mr Richard Cooper and the Clerk.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

Lord Marlesford is happy to continue as Chairman, proposed Cllr Howard, seconded Cllr Waterfall.

Cllr Waterfall is happy to continue as Vice-Chairman, proposed Lord Marlesford, seconded Cllr Howard.

Declaration of Acceptance to Office forms signed.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr Sam Catling, Cllr Heather McConville, Cllr Lesley Bensley & SCC Stephen Burroughes.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** None.

4. TO CO-OPT ONE NEW MEMBER ONTO THE PARISH COUNCIL

No Applications have been received.

5. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES to represent the Parish Council.

SALC - Cllr Bensley

Planning - Cllr Waterfall

Firs Bowling Green - Cllr Waterfall

Website - Cllr Howard

Footpaths & Access - Cllr Catling

Highways - Cllr Howard.

Sizewell – Lord Marlesford supported by Mr Richard Cooper

A12 - Lord Marlesford & Mr Richard Cooper

Finance/Internal Audit - Cllr McConville

Environmental Dimension of all other Policies – Currently no representative

The above representatives were agreed by all, proposed by Cllr Waterfall seconded Lord Marlesford.

6. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2020 - To consider the approval

The Clerk corrected 4.a. Roger Cooper to Richard Cooper.

The minutes were then approved correct by the Council and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr Howard seconded Cllr Waterfall.

7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – None.

8. **FINANCE a. Statement of Accounts.** Bank balances as at 2 October 2020, Barclays Community Account £ 5067.15, Business Premium Account £ 839.18.

The Clerk has also listed all of the payments which have been made since 13 June 2020, £1,512.73 and need approval by the Parish Council. The statement of accounts and list of payments were approved by all, proposed Cllr Howard, seconded Cllr Waterfall. The Chairman signed the document.

b. Half year interim internal audit carried out by Cllr McConville.

The Clerk informed that this has been done and that the accounts are up to date. The Chairman thanked Cllr McConville in her absence for carrying out the interim audit

Chairmans initials

c. Clerks Pay & Expenses. Clerks pay £385.90 & HMRC Paye £1.60, expenses including half year working from home pay £158.99.

d. Suffolk Cloud – Invoice to pay. £70.00 for the website accessibility check carried out by Suffolk Cloud.

The above payments were approved by all, proposed Cllr Waterfall, seconded Cllr Howard.

9. SIZEWELL C - TO INCLUDE FOUR VILLAGE BYPASS (SEGway) & PROPOSALS FOR PARK AND RIDE AT WICKHAM MARKET.

Mr Richard Cooper reported that ongoing discussions between Wickham Market, neighbouring parishes and EDF (facilitated by SCC) on Wickham Market traffic issues and impact on the surrounding area. In particular the Park and ride traffic coming through Wickham Market high street and the congestion which it will cause. Pressure is being put upon SCC, EDF and the consultants, regarding the traffic flow. Mr Cooper has confidence that the issues can be resolved. Next meeting 12th October.

Response has been sent to SCC & ESC on their Draft Relevant Representation and SCC is taking notice of what the Parish Councils have to say.

A meeting has taken place with MP Dan Poulter regarding the possibility of re trunking the A12, he is pushing for this. A letter has been sent to the Secretary of State regarding the re trunking.

A meeting has taken place with Stratford St Andrew and Farnham representatives to discuss the 2 village bypass, they are not happy with the route chosen by EDF. It will affect 22 properties, EDF will not accept the route suggested by residents which would only affect 1 property.

Mr Cooper will continue to preserve the opportunity to protect the bypass link up, connecting with Glemham & Marlesford. Little Glemham is also now on board.

Lord Marlesford advised that the higher the costs for a 2 village bypass the more likely to get a 4 village bypass.

MP Dan Poulter's help needed with this.

A meeting is to take place to discuss landscaping and visual impact issues of the Southern Park and Ride on 8th October. The 4 parishes most affected by the impact, wish to employ a landscape consultant, however this could prove expensive. Therefore Wickham Market, Campsea Ashe, Hacheston & Marlesford Parish Councils will share the cost which will be capped at £2000, £500 per Parish Council. Lord Marlesford asked for the approval of the Parish Council so that the consultant can be appointed. It was agreed by all to go ahead, proposed Cllr Waterfall seconded Councillor Howard.

A meeting is to take place on 15th October with Steve Merry, SCC Highways officer, to discuss A12 traffic concerns. Mr Cooper will attend along with Cllr Waterfall. A list of concerns has been circulated to the PC and also to local business' in Marlesford for all to consider. Suggestions include a change to the road surface to denote a reduced speed limit. Also suggest traffic lights at the junction of Bell Lane and Buttons Lane. Facilities for footpaths and cycle paths could be implemented. Let him know of any other comments which need to be added, in time for the meeting.

Lord Marlesford thanked Mr Cooper for all his work and that he has full support and backing from the Parish Council.

10. SCOTTISH POWER NORTH SEA WIND FARMS.

Mr Cooper informed that the Parish Council is prolifically involved. However concern for the PC, is that the large transformers may come by road, along the A12. He has registered as an interested party, so will keep the PC updated.

11. REPORTS FROM PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

SALC – The report from Cllr Bensley has been forwarded to all. Cllr Waterfall informed that he has re-registered as an interested party regarding the Quiet Lanes Initiative.

Planning – Cllr Waterfall informed that retrospective planning permission has been granted to the Old Bell.

Planning application for new windows at 19 Low Road. Planning appeal has been applied for at Lime Tree Farm.

Firs Bowling Green – Cllr Waterfall informed that the PC had agreed to pay the standing charge for electricity at the bowling green. However since it is currently not in use should the electricity be cut off or pay the charge for another year? Agreed by all to pay the standing charge for another year.

Footpaths & Access – In Cllr Catlings absence, Cllr Waterfall advised of no footpath issues, footpaths have been strimmed and cleared by local residents. The work is greatly appreciated by the Parish Council.

Highways - Cllr Howard informed that the VAS is back in the village for 2 weeks.

Chairmans initials

12. CORRESPONDENCE. None.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Cllr Howard reported that the sand container by the village sign is in need of repair, she is happy to get someone to carry out the repair work. Agreed by all.

Cllr Waterfall informed that 2 thefts have taken place in the village along with other thefts in the area. Concern should be noted.

14. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Friday 27 November 2020, 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.37pm

Signed (Chairman) Date