

## MARSH GIBBON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER AT 8PM

**Present:** Cllr A Lambourne (Chair), Cllr P Evershed (PE), Cllr E Taylor (ET), R Cross (RC) and Cllr T Reveler (TR)

**In attendance:** C Jackman (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs J Smith (JS) and N Lyon (NL)
2. **Declarations of interests:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 June 2022:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 June were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from these minutes:**
  - 4.1 **Notice Boards**

Cllr ET and Clerk have been unable to finalise the notice board for the bus stop but will endeavour to do so.  
**Action: Cllr ET and Clerk.**
5. **Acland Terrace Hedge**

It was agreed to ask RTM to cut back the hedge so it is level with the wall.  
**Action: Clerk to ask RTM to carry out the work.**
6. **Playground re-seeding**

Cllr RC had cut the grass around the play area, but it was agreed to look into extra grass seeding.  
**Action: Cllrs RC and TR to investigate further seeding.**
7. **Ware Pond Cleaning**

It was agreed that the cleaning work on Ware Pond should be carried out in November and that the contractor should be made aware of all the pipework within the vicinity of the pond. It was noted that two residents had offered to help with the cleaning.  
**Action: Chair to liaise with the contractor.**

Cllr RC had been contacted by a resident to ask who is responsible for cleaning out a nearby ditch. It was noted that it is the Riparian owner's responsibility.
8. **Ware Pond Willow Tree**

It was noted that a branch had fallen onto the railings at Ware Pond. It was agreed to deal with the branch when the Christmas tree is erected.  
**Action: Council to be aware that future funding may be needed to pollard the tree.**
9. **Westbury Terrace Hedge**

It was noted that:

  - some of the hedge adjoining Westbury Terrace had been removed
  - a planning application to drop the kerb had been submitted to Bucks Council Planning
  - the planning application for the dropped kerb is on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 8 November.

## **10. 2022-23 Projections to end of financial year (31 March 2023)**

Councillors reviewed the projected income and expenditure to 31 March 2023 and agreed that they were in line with the budget.

## **11. 2023-24 Budget**

It was agreed to finalise the 2023-24 budget at a Finance Meeting on Tuesday 3 January 2023 for approval at the Parish Council meeting on 10 Jan. It was noted that the precept application needs to be submitted to Bucks Council by the end of January 2023.

## **12. Any Other Business**

### **12.1 S106**

Clerk reported that Bucks Council had refused an S106 funding application for seating in the cemetery as the cemetery was not one of the locations on the original application which stated: "Improvements to the Village Hall car park, Clements Lane, Marsh Gibbon, OX27 OHG and/or improvements to seating provision at the following Marsh Gibbon open spaces: Ware Pond junction of Bicester Road (OX27 OEU) and Church Street (OX27 OET); Rectory Close OX27 OHT; All Weather Pitch Clements Lane OX27 OHG and Village Hall Clements Lane OX27 OHG"

### **12.2 Speed watch**

Cllr RT reported that he had two more volunteers for speed watch.

### **12.3 Thames Water**

Cllr ET reported that she had written to Thames Water to point out that a reported repair at the junction of Castle and Swan Lane had not been successful.

### **12.3 Meeting with Local Area Technician (LAT)**

Cllr ET reported that she had met the LAT to discuss the location of the trees he had offered to plant in Marsh Gibbon and the only location on which they agreed was at the Triangle.

The LAT reported that he would try and get the gully cleaning carried out by the school by the end of January.

### **12.4 Public Footpaths**

Cllr ET reported that she had spoken to the resident who is willing to monitor the condition of the public footpaths within the village and noted that the only current issue is finalizing the type of gate on footpath.

### **12.5 Jubilee Plantation**

Cllr RC reported that he is liaising with a resident who had offered to make a donation towards the upkeep of the Jubilee Plantation.

### **12.6 Marsh Gibbon Sports and Social Club (MGSSC)**

Cllr RC reported that Nathan Callow had taken on the MGSSC Secretary's position and had asked for the hedge around the recreation ground to be cut back. Following previous email correspondence, Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the contractor and asked for the work to be carried out.

## **13. Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm