

MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL

Court Garden
Pound Lane
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TO:

MEMBERS OF PLANNING ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Councillor N Marshall – Chairman
Councillor T Avery – Vice Chairman

Councillors: S Brown, E West, R Wilson, J Towns

A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 30th MARCH 2021 AT 7 pm VIA ZOOM AND YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND.

Mrs Hilary Martin
Town Clerk
25.03.2021

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MINUTES OF THE PLANING ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY AND LIVE STREAMED ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE ON TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7PM

Present:	Chairman	Cllr N Marshall
	Councillors	Cllr E West Cllr R Scott Cllr R Wilson Cllr J Towns Cllr S Brown
	Town Clerk Admin	Hilary Martin Debbie Abbott

P.193 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr T Avery

P.194 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

P.195 MINUTES DATED 05.01.2021

The minutes of the previous meeting dated the 05.01.2021 were presented by Cllr N Marshall and agreed as a true record.

P.196 DECISIONS MADE BY BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL SINCE 21.12.2020**INFORMATION**

Members noted that there was an 97% compliance rate between MTC's comments and decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council between 21.12.2020 – 07.02.2021

P.197 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING SHEETS 047**DECISION**

Members reviewed the current planning applications on planning sheet **047** and comments were submitted to Buckinghamshire Council.

P.198 LISTON COURT LIGHTING**INFORMATION**

Correspondence sent to the office:

Sorry to continue to have to report that the lights in Liston Court are not getting any brighter. I accept that you may not own the lights but this is a matter that affects the safety of the hundreds of Marlow residents passing through Liston Court every day.

Lots of those in The Claremont's and Cromwell Gardens are as concerned about this as I am.

Firstly **All** of the available lighting in the relevant section of the footpath would seem to be working but the light available from those lights is completely inadequate, especially at each end of the path marked A and B on the **attached** plan. The result is that at night

both areas are virtually completely dark and therefore potentially hazardous to pedestrians.

It would seem now that my attempt to register the issue on the FixMyStreet website failed and it is now impossible to see how to register the issue given that it doesn't neatly fit into the strict parameters required by the numerous drop-down menus which seem to exist solely to eliminate the reporting of this matter.

To resolve this following needs to be considered urgently: -

The tree foliage blocking the lights needs to be severely cut back. All of them are completely obscured. James at the management company for Liston House tell me that they are more than prepared to take this work on but are not able to establish ownership of the land where the work would need to be carried out. The council have not yet responded to their requests for clarification of ownership. There is a tree that is leaning dangerously over the footpath and that also needs looking at too anyway.

1. One side of the glass in one of the lights (on land owned and operated by Liston house) has been painted black, rendering it useless to Liston Court traffic. I presume this was done to stop it shining into the windows of Liston House. The paint needs to be removed.
2. The light from the streetlights is simply not bright enough anyway and additional lighting needs to be added at the two points A and B on the attached plan where it is totally dark from late afternoon in the summer.

Recommended

That a site visit be arranged with Bucks. The Town Clerk and Cllr J Towns are currently in talks with Bucks regarding the issue of inadequate lighting in Liston Court and the ownership and responsibility of these lights.

P.199 UNNAMED ROAD

DECISION

Residents in Queens Road have recently encountered issues with deliveries and people trying to find addresses in the road that exits Queens Road and follows up to the allotment site adjunct to The Duke.

There are a number of residents who are in agreement, and would like to engage in a consultation with Marlow Town Council to suggest and agree an appropriate name, particularly as the lane had significant context with historical connections to the workhouse, hanging gibbet and has the footpath still running up through it.

If this is appropriate to proceed with, residents are happy to engage to suggest a name based on the guideline's issues by Buckinghamshire Council.

Recommended

That members agree to proceed with an informal consultation

Resolved

Members agree to contact Bucks regarding the naming of the road.

Questions received from a concerned resident:

Ignorance of a growing number of town dwellers regarding their behaviour in the local countryside - how can Marlow Town Council help inform, educate, and change behaviour?

Recent Facebook postings on local groups are highlighting previously hidden frustrations, brought to the fore by the lockdown increase in access to the nearby countryside. Examples include:

1. Dog faeces left on footpaths, or bags left on fencing for all to see and for some livestock to reach
2. Vehicles parked in front of field gates, with no respect for needs of access to fields
3. Dogs left off the lead in fields containing livestock, currently risking death of ewes and lambs
4. Ignorance of private ownership of fields/woods within which footpath access exists
5. Public feeding of horses, with no respect for their private ownership or the potential damage to health.
- 6.

Looking at some of the bizarre comments on these Facebook posts, there appears to be significant ignorance amongst Marlow residents regarding even the most basic, common sense factors to be considered when accessing our local countryside.

I think that there is an opportunity for Marlow Town Council to inform our local residents of the basic behaviour expected, but I'm not sure which Councillor would be best placed to progress this. Who would be the best person?

Recommended

That this will be addressed through the Town Council's social media platforms, if this is not effective then more signage will be requested from Bucks.

All Saints Church have contacted the Council for assistance with a local neighbour of the Church who has complained about the noise of the clock chimes at night last November. They are finding that the noise is resounding and loud. The complainant believes that the noise from the chimes is unacceptable and that the disruption to sleep is adversely affecting their mental health. They have asked that the chimes be silenced at night.

The Church has contacted Buckinghamshire Councils Environmental Health officer and after investigating the options, met with the complainant and discussed the choices available for taking the matter forward. They have now been asked to ascertain the extent of other concerns from residents and neighbours. The option for the complainant to make a formal complaint to Buckinghamshire Council is still being considered by them.

If a formal complaint is made, the Local Authority is duty bound to investigate it; and if a 'Statutory Nuisance' is found then the Church would have no option but to switch off the chimes until they could be automated. The Church would prefer to resolve this by discussion and negotiation if at all possible.

The Church is asking the following questions of the Council.

1. Do you support the concern that the ringing of the church clock chimes overnight can be detrimental to the Church's neighbours?
2. Would you support the silencing of the chimes between 2200 and 0700hrs daily?
3. Would you be able to offer a financial contribution towards automating the chime?

Recommended

That members agree to supporting the Church with a wider resident's consultation of the noise impact of chimes ringing between 2200 hours and 0700 hours. The findings of that consultation to be brought back to committee for further consideration.

Resolved

The issue of the church bells ringing at night and consequential disturbance was discussed by the Planning, Environment and Transport committee and after some discussion it was felt that there was insufficient evidence of complaints and a lack of support on social media, in conclusion the committee felt that it could not support the silencing of church bells overnight.

P.202 CARBON AUDIT

INFORMATION

Cllr N Marshall read through and explained the main points of the Carbon Audit to members.

Recommended

That members ask the environmental consultant to prepare an options paper.

P.203 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

INFORMATION

Plans Only – Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.00 pm

Full PET meeting – Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 7.00 pm

Signed:

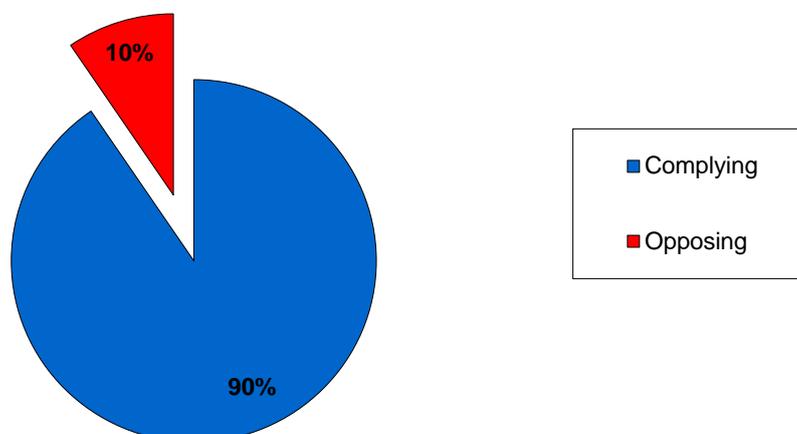
(Chairman)

Date:

Decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since 08.02.2021:

There have been 42 decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council since 8th February 2021. Of these decisions 38 complied with MTC's comments. This is a compliance rate of 90%.

Details of conflicting decisions from 08.02.2021 – 21.03.2021



The Old Weir House 29 St Peter Street	Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, relocation of front door and internal alterations (Exp 20.08.2020)	Applicant	Mrs Macpherson
		20/06866/FUL	
MTC Decision: Object to the change in appearance of a Grade 2 listed building			Permitted

The Old Weir House 29 St Peter Street	Listed building consent for construction of single storey rear extension, relocation of front door and internal alterations (Exp 20.08.2020)	Applicant	Mrs Macpherson
		20/06867/LBC	
MTC Decision: Object to the change in appearance of a Grade 2 listed building			Permitted

4 Holland Road	Householder application for part single/part two storey rear extension, extension to both sides of roof, insertion of rooflights to side elevations all in connection with additional accommodation in loft (alternative scheme to PP 18/07496/FUL) (01.02.2021)	Applicant	Mr Paul Griffin
		20/08249/FUL	
MTC Decision: Objection as does not appear to comply to the previous conditions set			Permitted

2 Spinners Walk	Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling, detached garden room, landscape and boundary treatment (Exp 27.03.2020)	Applicant	Mr & Mrs Nir & Tamar Feldberg
		20/05460/FUL	
MTC Decision: Concerns with over development and not in keeping with the street scene			Permitted



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The following planning applications will be considered at the meeting of the Planning, Environment & Transportation Committee to be held on 30th March 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Planning Sheet Ref: 049

Applications Received: 06.03.2021 to 26.03.2021

55 Glade Road	Fell x 1 Lawsons cypress (T1)	Applicant	Clifford Hampton
		21/05561/CTREE	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

River Pines 7 Henley Road	Removal to ground level as dying 1 x Cherry and reduce and shape by 2.75m for maintenance 2 x Cherry	Applicant	Slaughter
		21/05597/TPO	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

64 High Street	Fell x 3 Sycamore (T1, T2 ,T3)	Applicant	Henry Twynam
		21/05865/CTREE	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

66-70 High Street	Remove x 1 Sycamore (T1)	Applicant	Henry Twynam
		21/05864/CTREE	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

64 Oxford Road	Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, installation of 2 x roof lights to front and 2 x roof lights to rear in connection with loft conversion, internal, external and fenestration alterations	Applicant	Sian Pitt
		21/05649/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

Mulberry Cottage	Householder application for construction of two storey side extension, internal alterations and 1 x juliet balcony to rear elevation	Applicant	Caroline Myall
		21/05528/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

25 Highfield Park	Householder Application for construction of single storey rear extension, loft conversion with rear dormer window and 1 x front and 1 x rear roof lights	Applicant	Mr & Mrs Boulby
		21/05624/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

23 Spinfield Park	Householder application for construction of a single storey detached garden room building to rear for use as office and gym	Applicant	Mr Jeremy Haismann
		21/05651/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

33 Woodland Way	Householder application for construction of first floor side extension	Applicant	Mr & Mrs Royds
		21/05688/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

49 Newfield Gardens	Householder application for construction part two storey/part single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestrations and extension to dropped kerb	Applicant	Mr & Mrs K Carvell
		21/05725/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

Fletton 9 Gossmore Close	Householder application for construction of single storey front conservatory extension	Applicant	Mr & Mrs R Turner
		21/05723/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

Pinions Henley Road	Householder application for construction of single storey side extension	Applicant	Higginson House Ltd
		21/05710/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

3 Woodland Close	Householder application to extend the length of the existing dropped kerb to allow access across the full width of the driveway	Applicant	Mr Kevin Douglass
		21/05470/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

37 Terrington Hill	Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, part single, part two storey front extension with partial garage conversion	Applicant	Mr & Mrs Andy Mann
		21/05742/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

8 Beechwood Drive	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 x detached dwellings with associated access and parking	Applicant	Mr & Mrs J G Brearley
		21/05607/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

43 Station Road	Householder application for construction of part single, part two storey rear extension and front porch extension	Applicant	Mr Warren Moore
		21/05756/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

Beaumont House 7 Beaumont Rise	Householder application for construction of single storey side extension including integral garage, three storey rear extension including basement with glazed link to ground and first floor, insertion of x 5 replacement dormers to existing habitable loft space, replacement side porch extension, alterations to fenestrations and associated landscaping alterations	Applicant	Ms Carol Clare
		21/05682/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

28 Woodland Way	Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestrations and dropped kerb with driveways alterations	Applicant	Mr Dan Smith
		21/05536/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

13 Westhorpe Road	Householder application for construction of first floor side extension above existing garage, relocation of front entrance, single storey rear extension and internal alterations	Applicant	Ms A Power
		21/05822/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

4 Stanley Close	Householder application for single storey front/side extension and fenestration alterations	Applicant	Mr & Mrs Howard William
		21/05862/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

30 Barnards Hill	Householder application for conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, construction of single storey front extension, infill rear extension, first floor extension over existing garage, garden shed, external and fenestration alterations	Applicant	Mr Robert MacKinnon
		21/05881/FUL	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

The Coach House Quoitings Gardens	Reduce by up to 2m apical growth and 1.5m lateral growth x 1 Birch	Applicant	Ms Jane Speight
		21/05336/CTREE	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

80 High Street	Removal of lower limbs to x 1 Yew Tree (T1) that overhangs the Apple House	Applicant	Chilterns Pest Control
		21/05440/CTREE	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

Abinger House 12 Beechwood Drive	Tree works as per schedule	Applicant	Mr Klaus Hofmann
		21/05882/TPO	
<u>MTC Decision:</u>			

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Assets of Community Value

The listings of Assets of Community Value below expired at the end of the five years listing period, and have been removed from the Council’s List of Assets of Community Value, and its land registry entry has been updated to reflect this.

- The Duke, Marlow - 29th June 2020
- Claytons, Marlow - 25th August 2020
- Cross Keys, Marlow - 8th September 2020
- Royal British Legion - 21st October 2020
- The Prince of Wales, Marlow - 9th November 2020

Assets may be nominated for Asset of Community Value Status again before or after their previous listing has expired. All nominations will be processed in accordance with the Council’s Assets of Community Value Policy and relevant parties will be notified accordingly.

Recommended

For members to agree to re-nominate these places as assets of community value.

Review of community engagement on environment

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Cllr J Towns to update members

Mill Road swan fence forward plan

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Cllr N Marshall to update members on plans going forward to fence off the Mill Road area where the swan nests.

Other meetings:

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Date and Time of next meetings:

Plans only – **Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7.00 pm**

Full PET meeting – **Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.00 pm**