

Please note: The following notes have been compiled by officers of Marlow Town Council and summarise the resolutions of the Parish Meeting. It is not an ad verbatim transcription. Please refer to the audio file (Town Council website) to hear the meeting in full.

Parish Meeting

Monday 8th April 2024 | 6.00pm | The Shelley Theatre, Court Garden, Marlow

Present: 265

Marlow residents were given a green card to indicate their ability to vote.

Marlow Town Council officers facilitated the meeting.

As the Town Mayor was not present the Town Clerk opened the meeting and asked for a meeting Chairman to be nominated.

Steve Wilks nominated himself.

The meeting elected Steve Wilks as Chairman.

Chairman took the floor.

Town Clerk gave advice to the Chairman on how to convene the meeting should he wish to follow Town Council standing orders.

Chairman advised those present why the meeting had been called and read out the Agenda items featured on the Notice of the Meeting :

Three motions were proposed at the beginning of the meeting with a fourth called for further into the meeting.

Motion 1 : No confidence in Cllrs Scott, Funnell and Stapley

Motion 2: No confidence in the Planning Committee

Motion 3: No confidence in Marlow Town Council

Motion 4: The meeting does not want the Marlow Film Studio

Chairman took questions from the floor.

Chairman allowed several speakers to address the meeting.

It was confirmed that for a motion to be carried, not less than 10 or one third of the electors present, whichever is the less, vote in favour.

Chairman asked those present (eligible to vote by virtue of being a Marlow resident and in possession of a green card) to vote in favour of the 4 motions as presented:

All were agreed by a majority.

Having confirmed the motions had been carried the Chairman invited the meeting to vote on whether the electorate should demand a poll/s.

After discussion the meeting agreed, by majority vote, that the following polls be demanded:

1. Do you think that the following Councillors should resign Cllr Stapley, Cllr Scott, Cllr Funnell?
2. Do you wish Marlow Film Studios to be built?
3. Facts obtained by FOI show that Cllr Scott has not acted with integrity, accountability and openness and therefore should resign, do you agree?
4. Facts obtained by FOI show that Cllr Funnell has not acted with integrity, accountability and openness and therefore should resign do you agree?
5. Facts obtained by FOI show that Cllr Stapley has not acted with integrity, accountability and openness and therefore should resign do you agree?
6. Do you want development in in the greenbelt on the scale proposed by the Marlow Film Studio?

Town Clerk confirmed that the demand for parish polls, with the wording agreed above, would be forwarded to the Returning Officer of Buckinghamshire Council on Tuesday 9th April 2024. The next steps regarding convening a poll/s and the timing of such, rests with the Returning Officer.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm