

MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Church End Lower School, Church Walk, Marston Moreteyne on Tuesday 3rd April 2018, commencing 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs Janice Green (Chairperson), Godfrey Spriggs, Chris Banks & Chris Martin.
Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillors Ken Matthews & Robert Morris
Nick Johnson/ Chris McKerraw – Millbrook Power Ltd
Graham Harker – Peter Prett Associates
Officer: Mrs Hazel Trustam – Parish Clerk

18/04/131 Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Bill Chandi. No reason for absence had been provided.

Absent: Cllrs Steven Lonsdale & Hugh Roberts.

18/04/132 Declarations of interest
No declarations were made.

18/04/133 Authorisation of dispensation requests
No requests had been submitted.

18/04/134 Public Participation
No matters were raised.

18/04/135 Minutes of meetings
It was resolved to approve as an accurate record of proceedings, the minutes of Marston Moreteyne Planning & Environment Committee held on Tuesday 6th March 2018.

18/04/136 Matters arising from the minutes
No matters were raised.

18/04/137 Millbrook Power Ltd
The chairperson welcomed Nick Johnson, Chris McKerraw and Graham Harker to the meeting.
The Parish Council had raised several concerns regarding air quality and emissions in relation to the Millbrook Power Project in their Relevant Representation submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Council members also asked further questions of the project team informally following the preliminary meeting on 13th March 2018. In light of this, the Parish Council had accepted an offer from Millbrook Power to meet the Parish Council with their air quality specialist, Graham Harker of Peter Brett Associates.

Emissions & Assessment Criteria: GH provided information which stated that the combustion process would lead to the release of two pollutants, oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO). Of these NO is effectively harmless and the main concern regarding the potential for health impacts concerns NO₂. The NO_x release will primarily be NO, with a small proportion of NO₂. However, NO oxides in the atmosphere to form NO₂ and this is taken into account in the impact predictions. The concentration of the pollutants in the exhaust gas is limited to values set in the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED). Limits for the concentration of pollutants in the atmosphere are set in the Government's National Air Quality Strategy. These limits are set on the basis of protecting the health of the public. The air quality assessment is there to demonstrate that the concentration limits are not breached and that the contribution from the development is sufficiently small not to be a concern in its own right.

The impact of the emissions from the stack were assessed by dispersion modelling using a computer programme to predict how the emissions disperse in the atmosphere. The modelling was undertaken for 5 years' worth of meteorological data with the highest results obtained reported. Data was used from Cranfield meteorological station but also included tested data from Beford. Members felt that data from both locations would not necessarily fully represent what happens in the vale. Ridges such as the Greensand Ridge trap air and thus the vale creates its own micro climate. GH confirmed that no levels were taken within the vale itself. Members highlighted the potential cumulative impact of the operation of both Millbrook Power project and Covanta, Energy from Waste plant. GH confirmed that this has been assessed by running a dispersion model containing the emissions from both plants.

The chairperson thanked GH, NJ and CK for attending the meeting.

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Planning Matters

The following applications were discussed, and responses formulated:

(a) Application CB/18/00987/FULL

First floor and roof extension over existing garage to provide more headroom and larger bedrooms. 3 Denton Drive, Marston Moreteyne.

Following discussion, **it was resolved** that the committee had no objection to the application but requested that neighbour's comments are taken into consideration when the application is determined.

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Approvals, refusals & withdrawals of planning applications

The following decisions were received and noted:

(a) Application No. CB/17/05837/FULL Change of use from agricultural land to amenity land (Retrospective) at 4 The Rickyard, Marston Moreteyne. APPLICATION APPROVED.

(b) Application No. CB/18/00146/FULL Ground floor elevation garden room single storey replacing existing conservatory structure at 3 Churchill Road, Marston Moreteyne. APPLICATION APPROVED.

(c) Application No. CB/18/00318/FULL New dwelling at 38 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moreteyne. APPLICATION REFUSED.

(d) Application No. CB/17/05392/OUT Our proposal is to demolish an existing one storey 367 square foot cottage, as well as a 169 square foot garage, and construct a 2620 square foot new build house on the site. The new building will be two storeys high and accommodate a kitchen, dining room, living room and four bedrooms. The existing vehicle access remains to enter the new proposed house. The White Cottage, 2 Marston Hill, Marston Moreteyne. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

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Appeals, appeal decisions or enforcement notifications/decisions

The following information had been received from Central Bedfordshire Council:

a) Planning enforcement case created for 30 Watson Way, Marston Moreteyne for an alleged unauthorised erection of boundary fence to dwelling. No investigation has yet taken place.

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Planning correspondence

No correspondence received.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 7.50pm.