

**Marhamchurch Parish Council**  
**Tuesday 23rd January 2018**

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held in Marhamchurch Methodist Sunday School on the above date at 8.00pm.

**Councillors present.**

18/33 The Chairman Cllr Walter, Cllrs R Blewett, R Bray, S Butler, S Colwill, T Edwards, F Hunt, T Perry, T O'Sullivan and I Waterhouse.

**Also in attendance:** Clerk Mrs B Heathcote.

Five members of the public were present.

**The Chairman welcomed Cllr Bray onto the Council.**

**Record and Approve Apologies.**

18/34 C Cllr Chopak had sent her apologies.

**Declarations of Interest. (Disclosable and/or Non-registered).**

18/35 None

**Approve Dispensations.**

18/36 None

**Public Open Session - To receive questions and answers from the public on an agenda item.**

18/37 None

**Bullers Arms Former Car Park**

18/38 a) Report on the results from the motion on 16.01.18.

Cllr Colwill proposed that it is not necessary to exclude the public, seconded Cllr O'Sullivan. Unanimous. The Clerk had contacted the estate agents acting on behalf of the vendor and, in accordance with the valuation, made an offer at the minimum figure consistent with the resolution Para 18/30 16.01.18. The offer was rejected. The Clerk repeated the process with a second increased offer, in accordance with the resolution in Para 18/30. The second offer was rejected and the agents commented that the offer was a long way short of the asking price and only a much higher offer nearer the asking price would be considered. Following instructions, after consulting with the councillors by email, the Clerk did not proceed with the final maximum offer.

b) Resolve on further action. Following a short discussion, it was resolved that, at this time, there is no further action to be taken. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded Cllr S Butler. Unanimous.

c) Following a discussion it was proposed that for transparency and openness that the Council provide the public with the figures involved. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded Cllr Colwill. Vote 9 with 1 abstention. The valuation was £200,000 - £250,000. The offer to the estate agents had been £200,000 and £225,000.

**Review and Resolve 2018/19 Precept.**

18/39 The Clerk had circulated updated figures as at 31.12.17 showing a suggested precept of £16,300 with a carry forward at 31.03.19 of £764, which represents a 5% increase from 2017/18. Following the discussion it was resolved to set the Precept at £16,300. Proposed Cllr Perry, seconded Cllr Blewett. Unanimous.

**Urgent Matters raised with Chairman before the meeting since the Agenda was published.**

18/40 No matters had been raised

**Date and Items for next Agenda.**

18/41 20.02.18 – Deferred items from the last meeting, Centenary Armistice Day, Parish Highway Project.