

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 13th May 2014 at 7.30 p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Acting Chairman Cllr. C. Leedham
Cllrs. B. Darby, R. Parkes, R. Ford, A. Mann, G. Whitehead
M. Robinson and Mrs J. Crowe
Cllr. M Robinson for part.
Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff

Mr. A. Syers – Evans of Leeds for part.
Mr. D. Hughes – Staffordshire County Council for part.
Mr. T. Heapey – resident of Marchington for part.
Mr. D. Hayes – resident of Marchington Woodlands for part.

ACTION

1.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	
2.	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING 13th April 2014:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Parkes Seconded: Cllr. Nixon	
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</u>	
3.1	<u>Playgrounds:</u>	
a)	<u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u> Cllr. Nixon to submit his report this week.	Cllr. Nixon
b)	<u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</u> Cllr. Mann submitted his report this was discussed.	
c)	<u>Forestside Football Pitch:</u> Cllr. Mann reported the grass needed mowing again and there was dog excrement on the pitch. Cllr. Robinson to be asked to write to residents regarding the excrement.	Cllr. Robinson
d)	<u>Green Lane:</u> The condition of the road was discussed and it was agreed to discuss with SCC to see if we could assist with supplying materials to fill some of the potholes down to the Orchard. Clerk to enquire with SCC and our Insurer's the implications of this. The state of the posts was also discussed and it was agreed to ask Henry if he could remove the posts altogether and just leave the boulders. Clerk to action.	Clerk
3.2	<u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u>	
a)	<u>Highways:</u> The clerk reported that she had not heard from ESBC regarding the request for a litterbin in Moisty Lane. She was asked to chase this. The clerk reported that the road closure for resurfacing on Snows Corner had now taken place; Cllr. Leedham stated it was much improved.	Clerk
b)	<u>Hedges:</u> The clerk reported the hedge in Church Lane had now been identified as belonging to the School and they were the ones to contact when it needed cutting back.	
c)	<u>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</u> The team is now due in July and November 2014. The clerk reported that the gullies were now on the list and if anyone knew of other work outstanding to let her know so she could contact the team.	
3.3	<u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u> Nothing to report.	
3.4	<u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u> Cllr. Leedham reported that the new Governor was in place but he had not received a response from them regarding the work on the Village Hall and the plants, it was agreed the Clerk would contact them to arrange a meeting with the new governor and see what the situation was with the requests.	
3.5	<u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> The clerk reported she had emailed Chris Mitchell regarding progress but had not received a response. She was requested to contact him again.	Clerk

3.6	<p><u>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee:</u> Cllr. Ford reported he had looked at the site to see if it would be best to dig a hole for the soil to make the ramps or import soil, they had decided it best to import the soil, he said he would have no problem obtaining the soil or the machinery to move it. He was waiting for his son to draw a design on how they would like the soil placed.</p>	Cllr. Ford	
3.7	<p><u>Best Kept Village:</u> Cllr. Leedham reported the "Clean-up day" had gone well. The clerk reported that the Posters had been put up; leaflets had been delivered to residents and the Children's Posters were also up at the Village Hall. Cllr. Crowe had made presentations to Children on Friday 9th May. The Poems had been collected. (These were being judge during the meeting) and presentation for these would be next week.</p>		
3.8	<p><u>Marchington Village Hall Committee:</u> Cllr. Crowe updated the Cllrs. on the recent events that had taken place to raise funds. The possible moving/removing of the recycling bins was discussed.</p>		
3.9	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan/ESBC Local Plan:</u> Cllr Leedham and the clerk gave feedback on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting on Monday 12th May and the meeting between the Clive Keble our Planning Assistant, the Clerk and ESBC Planning Policy Team on 6th May. It was hoped newsletters to residents would be delivered before the end of the month.</p>		
3.10	<p><u>Emergency Plan 2012:</u> This item is on hold until after the Neighbourhood Plan has been completed.</p>		
3.11	<p><u>Flooding Issues:</u> Mr. David Hughes of Staffordshire County Council and Mr T. Heapey of the Flooding Committee attended the meeting to update Councillors on progress to date by all the agencies involved in alleviating the flooding problems in Marchington. He said funding has been secured to commission a study for 2016/17 to decide on the correct action, be that dredging the brook, improving the bridge in Church Lane or using fields to hold water before it comes into the village etc. The study would determine that. Money would then have to be raised to carry out the work and improvements. Mr Hughes told the councillors they would be kept up-to-date on the progress.</p>		
4.	<p><u>PLANNING:</u></p>		
4.1	<p><u>Planning Applications Received:</u></p>		
a)	<p><u>P/2014/00419</u> – Retention of a car park height barrier at St. Peters Church, Church Lane, Marchington. ST14 8LJ. The parish council request the colour is changed to either black or green to make it more in keeping with the conservation area.</p>		
b)	<p><u>P/2014/00433</u> – Erection of an attached garage at Slaney Dove, Allen's Lane, Marchington. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.</p>		
c)	<p><u>P/2014/00521</u> – Reduction in height of one Laurel tree to a height of 2.1 metres at West View, The Grange, High Street, Staffs. ST14 8LD. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.</p>		
4.2	<p><u>Decision Notices Received:</u></p>		
a)	<p><u>P/2014/00255</u> – Erection of a log cabin at 3 Brookhouse Court, Marchington ST14 8TU. Permitted</p>		
b)	<p><u>P/2014/00296</u> – Felling of two silver birch trees at Hall Road, Marchington Staffs. ST14 8DX (revised description 1st April 2014 – 1 silver birch tree). Permitted</p>		
c)	<p><u>P/2014/00231</u> – Felling of one Sycamore tree at St. Peters Church, Church Lane, Marchington ST14 8LJ. Permitted</p>		
d)	<p><u>P/2014/00150</u> – Erection of a single storey side extension at Cliffe Grange, Marchington Cliff, Marchington Woodlands ST14 8ND. Permitted</p>		
e)	<p><u>P/2014/00368</u> – Construction of cover to existing muck store and re-roofing of existing milking parlour at Cliff House Farm, Woodroffes Cliff, Marchington Woodlands, Staffs ST14 8PB. Permitted</p>		
4.3	<p><u>Planning Committee Meeting Notices:</u> None</p>		
4.4	<p><u>Other Correspondence/Matters:</u> None</p>		

4.5	Appeal Applications Received: None	
4.6	Appeal Decision Notices Received:	
a)	APP/B3410/A//13/2194499 - Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission of Application No. P/2012/01503 for Wind Turbine with cabling at Dunsfield Farm, Thorney Lanes, Newborough, DE13 8RY – Appeal Allowed	
5.	CORRESPONDENCE:	
a)	Nation Casework Team - Stopping up order of Silver Lane, Marchington – Notice.	
b)	ESBC – European Parliamentary Elections 22/05/2014 – Details put on noticeboards.	
c)	SCC – Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2014/2015	
d)	SCC - Cllr. Atkins – Roadworks Alert – Distributed to Cllrs. The Playground Inspection – Annual Inspection – Approved by Cllrs.	
6.	PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:	May 2014
6.1	Monies received:	
	Interest	£8.48
	VAT Refund	£934.87
	Community Development Fund – Neighbourhood Plan Grant (Held on behalf of the Neighbourhood Steering Group)	2,268.00
	First Half Precept – ESBC	14,621.24
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£17,832.59
6.2	Invoices/Money Paid Out:	
	PB Enterprises – Mowing of Forestside Football Pitch	£156.00
	Bloomin' Gardens & Landscapes Ltd	£407.48
	Mr. H. Hall	£286.06
	Clerk Salary and Expenses	£495.20
	HM Revenue and Customs	£21.00
	Society of Local Clerks – Annual Subscription	101.00
	The following five payments are the first part payments (50%) from the November 2013 Precept for the year 2014/2015.	
	Marchington Village Hall (Section 133)	1,000.00
	Marchington Woodlands Village Hall (Section 137)	1,000.00
	St. Peter's Church PCC- Parish Magazine (Section 137)	300.00
	St. Peter's Church PCC – Churchyard Maintenance (Section 214/6)	950.00
	St. John's Church PCC – Churchyard Maintenance (Section 214/6)	1,200.00
	Cricket Club Insurance – Full Amount	600.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£6,516.74
	Proposed: Cllr. Darby Seconded: Cllr. Crowe	
7.	NEW BUSINESS:	
7.1	Barrack Block Site at Forestside: Mr Alan Syers from Evans of Leeds came to the meeting to discuss with the Cllrs. outline proposals for the land that they own at the Barrack Block site at Forestside. He stressed that they were only looking into this site for possible future development over the next ten/twenty years and wanted to see what reaction/response they would get from the Parish Council on the ideas they had outlined. He stated they had not yet spoken with the planning department and were open to guidance by the Parish Council/Residents. The Parish Council informed him that they were in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and the land in question would need to be submitted to the Steering Group and ESBC to see if it could be part of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to put Mr Syers in touch with Clive Keble who is the professional adviser assisting the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group with the Neighbourhood Plan.	
7.2	Footpaths Dept. SCC: The clerk reported that she had requested a new fingerpost at the Jacks Lane end of the Cricket Field footpath No.45. Marchington. She was asked to request a stile repair between the Dingle and Moisty Lane.	

7.3	Use of Barrack Block Site for Rally Cars: The clerk asked if anyone had any objections to the use of the site for time test trials on 31 st October, 2014. She stated this had been approved by Evans of Leeds Risk Assessors. There were no objections.	
7.4	Sheep in Church Close/Church Lane: The clerk informed the Cllrs. that sheep from fields in Silver Lane, owned by Mr Cawser and rented by Mr M. Nicholls had been escaping and causing damage in the gardens of residents. The same sheep had previously been the playing field. Following complaints from residents she had contacted Mr. Nicholls who assured her that he was putting up electric fences and trying to block the gaps to stop them escaping. The use of an electric fence over a footpath was also discussed. Clerk was requested to seek advice.	
7.5	SCC Highways: The clerk informed the Cllrs. she had reported the potholes in Jacks Lane/Bag Lane with Highways.	

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00p.m.

Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for Tuesday 10th June at Marchington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)

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