

# MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30 p.m.  
 At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Acting Chairman Cllr. B. Darby  
 Cllrs. R. Parkes, R. Ford,  
 and Mrs J. Crowe  
 Cllr. Robert Hardwick  
 Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff  
 Mr. D. Hayes – resident of Marchington Woodlands

**ACTION**

1.	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> Cllrs. G. Whitehead, M. Robinson, P. Nixon, A. Mann	
2.	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014:</b> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Parkes Seconded: Cllr. Leedham	
3.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</b>	
3.1	<b>Playgrounds:</b>	
a)	<u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u> Cllr. Ford reported that the "Dog Fouling" sign was broken and palings had been taken off the fence of the children's play area. Clerk reported that Henry had already replaced several railings in the last two weeks and would have to purchase more wood. Clerk to look at sign to see if it needed replacing or repairing. Cllr. Darby agreed to include a reminder to parents/children about the cost of repairing the palings when they are broken or removed from the fence in the Parish Magazine Vice Chairman's report. Clerk reported she had arranged the annual inspection.	
b)	<u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</u> Cllr. Leedham submitted his report this was discussed. He requested the bushes on the footpath to the play area to be cut back, clerk said Henry had already requested permission to do this and the job was in hand. Cllr Leedham requested the grass and moss between tiles be removed. Clerk to action. He also reported there were lots of mole hills and surface water under the benches. The clerk reported that Henry now had the woodstain to paint the benches as soon as the weather dried out. Clerk reported she had arranged the annual inspection.	Clerk
c)	<u>Forestside Football Pitch:</u> Cllr. Leedham had not inspected the pitch; however the clerk reported she had received an email from a parent complaining about the length of the grass on the pitch which her husband had cut the previous weekend to enable the children to play. The clerk reported she had responded to the email explaining that parents had taken responsibility of the pitch and the parish council were cutting the surrounding area inside the fence. This email had been copied to Cllr. Robinson who lived next to the pitch but was not at the meeting so was unable to comment.	
d)	<u>Green Lane:</u> Nothing to report this month.	
3.2	<b>SCC, Highway Matters:</b>	
a)	<u>Highways:</u> The clerk reported that she had chased ESBC regarding the request for a litterbin in Moisty Lane but still had received no reply. She was asked to chase this again.	
b)	<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. Cllr Hardwick reinforced the need for the gullies to be cleared. Mr Hayes requested the gritts in Woodruffs Cliff be cleared out and the Gullies that had become overgrown in woodlands. Clerk to forward to the team.	Clerk
3.3	<b>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</b> Clerk reported PCSO Hunt had left the force and Marchington would be getting a new PCSO. P.C. Boulter was currently on holiday so	

3.4	<p>was not at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Prison Liaison Meeting:</b> The clerk reported she had received an email from the Prison re ITC Students working in the village. The next opportunity would be in September, and they would contact us with details. She also reported we were awaiting dates for the next Prison Liaison meeting. Clerk to chase.</p>	Clerk
3.5	<p><b>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</b> Cllr. Darby summarised the emails received from both P.C. Boulter and Chris Mitchell of SCC on progress with the resident, resulting in some of the items being cleared. Cllr. Parkes reported sheep had now been put on the triangle. The matter was discussed and the clerk was asked to respond to Mr Mitchell regarding his request for information on the residents claim that the Parish Council had pursued action against him approx... 25 years ago when he had won the case despite no documentation to prove it. This was discussed.</p>	Clerk
3.6	<p><b>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee:</b> Cllr. Ford showed a plan to the meeting on how the young people would like the soil mounds to be erected in the park, he stated he had the volunteers were ready to go ahead on the triangle shaped land between the play area and the old filter beds. The total length of the track will be approx... 34 metres with 3ft. high and 6-8 ft. wide humps. It was agreed to allow them to go forward with the project. Proposed Cllr. Crowe Seconded Cllr. Leedham.</p>	Cllr. Ford
3.7	<p><b>Best Kept Village:</b> Clerk reported that she had made the presentation to the winners of the poems competition at the school. Cllrs requested an official thankyou be made to Cllr. Robinson and his family for tidying up the Bus Shelter by removing the ivy from the roof, painting the guttering and adding a hanging basket. Judging is now underway.</p>	
3.8	<p><b>Marchington Village Hall Committee:</b> Cllr. Crowe updated the Cllrs. on the recent events that had taken place to raise funds. Friday lunches had been reinstated, and it had been agreed by the committee to move bins and add a drain in the car park to alleviate flooding. Cllr. Darby asked if they had applied for a grant from the Rural Community Building Loan Fund which he had brought to their attention via an email at the end of May.</p>	
3.9	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan/ESBC Local Plan:</b> Cllr Leedham and the clerk updated the Cllrs on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Newsletters to residents had been delivered and they were hoping for a good response from residents of the village, Forestside and the woodlands. Cllr. Leedham reported one house/farm in the woodlands had been missed out (by the clerk who delivered in the woodlands) it was agreed that Mr Hayes would take them a copy asap. and apologise. A reminder notice had been put up outside the village hall and shop. Cllr. R Hardwick explained the Government/ESBC/Neighbourhood Plan position.</p>	
3.10	<p><b>Emergency Plan 2012:</b> This item is on hold until after the Neighbourhood Plan has been completed.</p>	
3.11	<p><b>Flooding Issues:</b> Nothing to report since last meeting.</p>	
3.12	<p><b>Barrack Block Site at Forestside:</b> The clerk reported that a meeting had taken place between Mr C Keble, Neighbourhood Planning Adviser and Mr Syers, Evans Property Group to discuss the proposals and how/if they could be incorporated in the Neighbourhood Plan if Evans decided to continue with an application.</p>	
3.13	<p><b>Footpaths Dept. SCC:</b> The clerk reported that she had requested various repairs to footpaths and stiles on the footpaths leading from Church Lane to the cricket ground.</p>	
3.14	<p><b>Sheep in Church Close/Church Lane:</b> The clerk informed the Cllrs. that she had received further complaints regarding the sheep and had discussed this with both Mr Nicholls and P C Boulter. She had been told one sheep had already lost its life in the brook, attempting to access gardens. Mr Nicholls had assured her that he was trying to contain them in the field and had apologised to residents.</p>	
4.	<p><b>PLANNING:</b></p>	
4.1 a)	<p><b>Planning Applications Received:</b> <b>P/2014/00592</b> – Conversion and alteration to existing public house to include</p>	

partial demolition to form separate dwellings, rear dormer windows, raising of ridge height and first floor extension over existing kitchen and dining area (conversion 1), erection of two detached garages and erection of three link detached dwellings and a terrace of three dwellings and construction of vehicular access at Blacksmiths Arms, Birch Cross, Marchington, Staffs. ST 14 8NX. (Cllr. Hardwick declared an interest and left the room).

**The parish council requests the Planners/Planning Committee to consider in detail the following items:**

1. Recycling of water from the properties so as not to add to the flood plain issues in the area, this is already being investigated by the Environment Agency (Rob Lunt, Flood Resilience Advisor, Flood Risk Management, Staffordshire, Warwickshire & West Midlands) and Staffordshire County Council (Dave Hughes, Flood Risk Officer, Specialist Highway Services).  
*Copied on this letter.*
2. Access from the B5017 main road into Stock Lane. This is an accident blind spot and there have been a number of accidents at this junction.
3. Highways, Severn Trent and the Environment Agency are specifically requested to visit the site and assess the situation.
4. The Parish Council did not consider there were adequate car parking spaces for the houses numbered 4, 5 and 6.

b) **P/2014/00599** – Erection of a two storeyside extension, a first floor front extension, a ground floor front extension to form porch and a pitched roof over existing garage at Houndhill House, Houndhill, Marchington ST14 8LN. **The Parish Council wish to make no comment.**

c) **P/2014/00682** – Change of use from agricultural to equestrian use and creation of an ménage at Field 9332, Moisty Lane, Marchington. **The Parish Council wish to comment as follows: The ménage be restricted to daylight hours only and for private use only.**

d) **P/2014/00720** – Felling of 1 blue cedar, 1 portuguese laurel and 1 Lawson cypress tree at Willowbank, Church Lane, Marchington ST14 8LJ. **The Parish Council wish to make no comment.**

**4.2 Decision Notices Received:**

a) **P/2014/00419** – Retention of a car park height barrier at St. Peters Church, Church Lane, Marchington. ST14 8LJ. **Permitted with change of colour to black.**

b) **P/2014/00433** – Erection of an attached garage at Slaney Dove, Allen's Lane, Marchington. **Permitted**

**4.3 Planning Committee Meeting Notices:** None

**4.4 Other Correspondence/Matters:** None

**4.5 Appeal Applications Received:** None

**4.6 Appeal Decision Notices Received:**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) **Andrew Dunne, Inside Government.co.uk** – Email re Local Resilience 2014 – Previously forwarded to Cllrs.

b) **ESBC** – Register of Interest Forms – Cllrs in attendance signed – remainder to be sent to Cllrs to sign by clerk before returning to ESBC.

c) **SPCA Gazette** – Distributed to Cllrs.

**6. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

**6.1 Monies received:**

None

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**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

£00.00

**6.2 Invoices/Money Paid Out:**

£130.00

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	Eric Roy-Web-site management	£1,035.80	Clerk
	Clive Keble Consulting Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan)		
	Mr. H. Hall	£148.20	
	Clerk Salary and Expenses (including Neighbourhood Plan)	£836.80	
	HM Revenue and Customs	£91.00	
	Bloomin' Gardens and Landscapes Ltd	£407.48	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£2,649.28</b>	
7.	Proposed: Cllr. Leedham Seconded: Cllr. Parkes		
7.1	<b><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></b>		
	<b><u>Proposed Solar Farm at Dove View, Moisty Lane</u></b> – The Clerk reported that she had been approached by representatives of OST Energy with a request to attend the July meeting to discuss the proposals with the Cllrs prior to planning application being submitted. This was granted, clerk to respond.		
7.2	<b><u>Silverlane Playing Field:</u></b> The clerk informed the Cllrs. she had requested a broken/abandoned tent be removed from the playing field by ESBC that could be hazardous if left.		
7.3	<b><u>SCC Highways:</u></b> The clerk informed the Cllrs. she had reported the signpost at the bottom of Marchington Cliff that had lost its signs.		
7.4	<b><u>ESBC:</u></b> Mr Hayes requested the removal of 6 car tyres from Thorney Lanes/Forest Road that had been fly tipped on the grass verge. Clerk to action.		
7.5	<b><u>Defibrillator in Village:</u></b> Cllr. Ford informed that meeting that a relative had been on a First Aid course at the school and wondered if it would be a good idea to have a Defibrillator available somewhere in the village, various places were discussed. Cllr. Ford to obtain further information for the next meeting.		
7.6	<b><u>Change of System in Schools:</u></b> Cllr. Hardwick asked if anyone had heard that SCC/Education/ Schools were thinking of changing from the current three tier system to a two tier system of education and implications this would have on the children and junior schools. This was discussed in detail and it was agreed the clerk would contact Marchington school to see what their opinion was and if the Parish Council could help in any way.		

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30p.m.

Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 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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