

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30 p.m.  
At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman M. Robinson  
Cllr. B. Darby, R. Parkes, R. Ford,  
C. Leedham and Mrs J. Crowe, G. Whitehead, P. Nixon, A. Mann  
Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff  
Mr. D. Hayes – resident of Marchington Woodlands

### ACTION

1.	<b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b> None	
2.	<b><u>MINUTES OF MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014:</u></b> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Parkes Seconded: Cllr. Crowe	
3.	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</u></b>	
3.1	<b><u>Playgrounds:</u></b>	
a)	<i><u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u></i> The clerk reported that the damaged fence had been repaired, an email from a resident regarding the gate into their field and the clerks reply was read out. It was agreed to offer to put on a new gate, this would be limited to a one off time and limited to wicket gate. Clerk to email resident.	Clerk
b)	<i><u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</u></i> Cllrs. Crowe and Robinson carried out inspections. The necessary repairs/cutting back on footpaths was discussed. Clerk to request Henry to carry out.	Clerk
c)	<i><u>Forestside Football Pitch:</u></i> Chairman Robinson reported that the nets needed repairs. He had made some repairs but needed more pegs. Clerk to order. He requested the dog fouling signs be replaced. Clerk to action.	Clerk
d)	<i><u>Green Lane:</u></i> The clerk reported she had received a telephone complaint from a resident regarding the condition of road, this had been reported to SCC 27/06/2014. This was discussed.	
3.2	<b><u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u></b>	
a)	<i><u>Highways:</u></i> Outstanding reports to SCC are the signpost at the bottom of Marchington Cliff that had lost its signs and condition of Green Lane. Clerk to chase.	
b)	<i><u>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</u></i> The Clerk reported that the team would be in Marchington this week (week 7 <sup>th</sup> July) and a list of jobs they would be tackling was read to Cllrs by the Chairman.	
3.3	<b><u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u></b> As PC Boulter was not at the meeting, nothing to report.	
3.4	<b><u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u></b> The clerk reported she was still awaiting dates for the next meeting from the Prison. It was agreed she would chase this again.	Clerk
3.5	<b><u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u></b> The Clerk reported she was still awaiting an update from SCC on this matter. Clerk to chase again.	Clerk
3.6	<b><u>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee:</u></b> Cllr. Ford reported he had put three soil humps in the park this week for the young people to construct a skate park on. Cllr. Ford to report at the next meeting if this was successful.	Cllr. Ford
3.7	<b><u>Best Kept Village:</u></b> Chairman Robinson reported that Draycott in the Clay had put 12 hanging baskets around the village whereas we had four empty brackets and no baskets outside our village hall; he also reported the village hall wall needed repairing. He wished to record his thanks to the Clerk for her prompt action to organise replacement signposts replaced along Jacks Lane.	
3.8	<b><u>Marchington Village Hall Committee:</u></b> Cllr. Crowe updated the Cllrs. on the recent events that had taken place to raise funds. She also discussed what work would be carried out in the near future on the car park and the frontage of the village hall. The removal of the paper bank and increased bins was discussed, the clerk pointed out that if they were going to ask for more bins the Parish Council	

	would have to pay for them to be emptied. The state of the weeds etc. was discussed.	
3.9	<b><u>Neighbourhood Plan/ESBC Local Plan:</u></b> Cllr Leedham and the clerk updated the Cllrs on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The next meeting will be on 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2014. Clerk/Cllr. Leedham to update after this meeting.	
3.10	<b><u>Emergency Plan 2012:</u></b> This item is on hold until after the Neighbourhood Plan has been completed.	
3.11	<b><u>Flooding Issues:</u></b> Nothing to report since last meeting.	
3.12	<b><u>Barrack Block Site at Forestside:</u></b> It was agreed to remove this item as it would now be covered under the Neighbourhood Plan.	
3.13	<b><u>Footpaths Dept. SCC:</u></b> The clerk reported that she had not heard if any repairs had been carried out. Clerk to chase. Chairman Robinson request thanks be made to the Footpaths Dept. at SCC for the new sign post in Jacks Lane.	Clerk
3.14	<b><u>Sheep in Church Close/Church Lane:</u></b> Cllr. Mann reported that the sheep had now invaded the Tennis and Bowls Club grounds and Porters Court. The clerk gave Cllr. Mann Mr Nicholls telephone number so that he could contact him directly.	
3.15	<b><u>P/2014/00592</u></b> – Conversion and alteration to existing public house to include 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. <i>(Cllr. Crowe declared an interest in this matter because the owner had telephoned her).</i> The meeting was addressed by Ms. J. Hodson of JVH Planning who are the Architects for the Blacksmith Arms planning application: She referred to the planning response by the Parish Council and the subsequent follow up letters from SCC and Severn Trent regarding the Flooding Issues and the Access from the B5017. The car parking spaces for Units 4, 5, and 6 were discussed in detail and she informed the Cllrs. She could address that and would send them and ESBC an updated plan before the Planning Committee meeting sat on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July. The statement/letter regarding the Units only available for Marchington residents and linked association to residents of the village was discussed.	
3.16	<b><u>Proposed Solar Farm at Dove View, Moisty Lane:</u></b> A representative from Sun and Soil, OST Energy attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Solar Farm at Dove View, Moisty Lane, Marchington. Site maps were given to the Cllrs. by Mr Allen and the proposal was discussed in detail, with the Cllrs. asking questions regarding disruption through the village and what impact it would have on the landscape etc. This was discussed in detail but the Cllrs. decided to wait until the Application was submitted before making comment.	
3.17	<b><u>Defibrillator in Village:</u></b> Cllr. Ford informed that meeting that from initial enquires it was not as simple as first thought but further enquiries would be made before a decision was taken to pursue that matter.	
3.18	<b><u>Change of System in Schools:</u></b> The clerk reported that she had spoken to the School secretary and they had requested Cllrs. take no further action until further progress if any was taken.	
4.	<b><u>PLANNING:</u></b>	
4.1	<b><u>Planning Applications Received:</u></b>	
a)	<b><u>P/2014/00520</u></b> – Retention of vehicular access and 2.07 metre high fence and gates adj. Telephone Exchange, Stubby Lane, Marchington Staffs ST14 8LX. <b>The Parish Council wish to make the following comments:</b> <b>They object to this application being granted on the grounds of safety. The B5017 either side of the site area is an accident blackspot. There have been fatalities/accidents close to the site where the road speed limit is 60mph. To have access onto the road would be adding to a dangerous section of the B5017.</b>	

The Parish Council are confused that the completed application form states the following:

That there are no trees or hedges on the proposed development site, which is incorrect as the applicant has clearly cut large branches from a tree inside the boundary along with cutting an access into the site through the hedge to make the entrance. Question 15

The site can also be seen from the road, quite clearly Question 24 says No. Question 10 states on-site parking for 1 car and 1 Light goods vehicles/public carrier vehicle but the Design and Access statement does not mention what the purpose of putting these vehicle there would be or what the intended use of the site is.

The Parish Council feel that the site should be restored to it's former status.

**Decision Notices Received:**

4.2 **P/2014/00720** – Felling of 1 blue cedar, 1 Portuguese laurel and 1 Lawson cypress trees at Willowbank, Church Lane, Marchington ST14 8LJ. **Permitted**

a) **P/2014/00599** – Erection of a two story side 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. **Permitted**

**Planning Committee Meeting Notices:**

4.3 Invitation to speak at the Planning Committee Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 on Planning Application P/2014/00592 – Blacksmith Arms, Birch Cross, Marchington.

**Other Correspondence/Matters:** None

4.4 **Appeal Applications Received:** None

4.5 **Appeal Decision Notices Received:**

4.6 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

5. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire – Matthew Ellis PCC –

a) Letter – Contact Details – Posters – Put on noticeboards

b) SCC – Rights of Way Officer – Proposed Diversion of Footpath

Steve Shaw – Local Works.org – Previously forwarded to Cllrs.

Peter Cave - Theme Park Safety - Previously forwarded to Cllrs.

c) **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

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6. **Monies received:**

6.1 None

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**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

£00.00

6.2 **Invoices/Money Paid Out:**

P. B. Enterprises – Mowing of Forestside

£156.00

Clive Keble Consulting Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan)

£729.00

Mr. H. Hall

£234.20

Clerk Salary and Expenses

£421.28

HM Revenue and Customs

£21.20

Bloomin' Gardens and Landscapes Ltd

£407.48

ESBC – Trade Refuse to 30/09/2014

£68.90

Lawnmower Spares UK Ltd – Repairs to Strimmer

£88.20

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

£2,126.96

Proposed: Cllr. Leedham Seconded: Cllr. Darby

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was recorded.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45p.m.

Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)

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