

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
 At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman Paul Nixon
 Brian Darby
 Jeanie Crowe
 Andrew Mann
 Robert Parkes
 Richard Ford
 Ward Councillor - Robert Hardwick
 P.C. Richard Boulter
 Sgt. Beckett
 Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff

Numerous village residents

ACTION

<p>1. <u>APOLOGIES:</u> Cllr. Whitehead.</p> <p>2. <u>DISPENSATIONS:</u> None</p> <p>3. <u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></p> <p>3.a Mr Paul Needham informed the parish council that he had been fundraising through the Dog and Partridge Pub for a Defibrillator in the village. He outlined that fundraising that had occurred and what was intended alongside the amounts of money that could be raised. He offered to underwrite the full costs of the Defibrillator and cabinet so that they could be commenced immediately.</p> <p>3.b Mrs Wendy Scott on behalf of the Marchington Singers made a complaint that the Parish Council had not informed that Marchington Singers that the Fish and Chip Van that had parked (for the first time) would be parked outside the Village Hall because it was stopping the disabled members parking close to the village hall.</p> <p>4. <u>MINUTES OF MEETING ON 10th February 2015:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Parkes Seconded: Cllr. Crowe.</p> <p>5. <u>MATTERS OF REPORT/DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></p> <p>3.a - Complaint by Choir to Fish and Chip Van was discussed it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owner to see if a solution could be found to enable everyone to park.</p> <p>6. <u>PLANNING:</u></p> <p>6.1 <u>Planning Applications Received:</u></p> <p><u>P/2015/000079:</u> Erection of an extension to an existing agricultural building Land Opposite, Forest Hills, Moisty Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8JY. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.</p> <p><u>P/2015/00236:</u> Screening Opinion, Land at Green Lane, Marchington, Staffs. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.</p> <p><u>P/2015/00262:</u> Erection of a 2m high brick wall, 1m high brick wall with 1m high close boarded fence and a 900mm high post and rail fence at The Presbytery, Hall Road, and Marchington. ST14 8LE. The Parish Council wish to make the following comments: In line with the current consultation/presentation on the extension to the conservation area at Hall Lane/Allens Lane by ESBC. The Parish Council feel that the proposed wall and high close boarded fence would be grossly out of character with that particular area which has already been changed from a steep bank and hedge to flat ground during the house building process. Trees have also suffered during the</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
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building. The Parish Council think that an earth bank and hedge should be restored in keeping with conservation area. The proposed wall and fence will not be consistent with the landscape.

P/2014/01525: Outline application for residential dwelling for up to 6 dwellings including details of access, appearance, layout and scale, and demolition of existing buildings (Revised Red Line Plan Received 5/2/2015, Revised Ownership Certificate Received 26/02/2015) at Riddings Farm, Moisty Lane, Marchington Staffs ST14 8JY. **The Parish Council wish to make no comment.**

P/2015/00315: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building at Cliff Grange, Marchington Cliff, Marchington Woodlands, ST14 8ND.

The Parish Council wish to make the following comments:

The Parish Council question the size of the building in relation to the size of the house and grounds. The Parish Council refer to planning application PA17934/024 which was previously refused. See below:

Erection of an agricultural building for the storage and housing of animals, machinery and fodder, Cliff Grange, Marchington Cliff, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire, ST14 8ND in accordance with the submitted documents and plans, for the reasons specified hereunder:

1 The building would be unrelated to an established agricultural enterprise in the locality. Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that the development is essential to the efficient working of the rural economy, that it is appropriate in this location or that it is necessary to support the level of agricultural activity the site could provide. Therefore the proposal is contrary to Local Plan Policy NE1, Staffordshire Structure Plan Policies NC1 and D2 and the provisions of Planning Policy Statement 7.

2 The proposed building would occupy a prominent position and be an isolated feature in the landscape therefore adversely affecting the character and appearance of this rural location by reasons of its siting and size when viewed from the public highway. In this position the proposed development would constitute an unacceptable visual intrusion in this part of the countryside contrary to Local Plan Policies NE1 and BE1, Staffordshire Structure Plan Policies NC1 and D2, and the provisions of Planning Policy Statement 7.

This application is refused by the under signed under powers delegated by the Borough Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.

6.2 Decision Notices Received:

Planning Committee Meeting Notices:

P/2015/00026: Erection of a single storey rear extension at James House, Jacks Lane, Marchington ST14 8LW. **Permitted**

P/2015/00027: Listed Building application for the erection of a single storey rear extension. **Permitted**

P/2015/00074: Erection of a single storey front extension and erection of a detached garage at Brickhill Cottage, Birch Cross, Marchington, ST14 8NX. **Permitted**

7. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATON:

7.1 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

March 2015

Monies received:

Interest

£13.87

7.2 TOTAL RECEIPTS

£13.87

Invoices/Money Paid Out:

Clive Keble Consulting Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan)

£1,448.60

Mr H. Hall

£231.40

Clerk Salary, Overtime and Expenses

£743.25

	H.M. Revenue and Customs	£67.20	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£2,408.92	
	Proposed: Cllr. Darby Seconded: Cllr. Parkes		
8.	PROPERTIES/GROUNDS:		
8.1	<u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u> Cllr. Darby reported on the condition of the playground stating that it needed a good sweep and the motorbike needs painting. He said that nuts and bolts were needed on the gate hinges and new gate posts were needed. Clerk to contact RP George for price.		
8.2	The Clerk informed the councillors that the estimate for the Rock Spinner handle and rusty plate at the bottom had been received at £210.00. This was discussed, it was decided to wait and see if the problem was highlighted in the annual report be action was taken.		
8.3	<u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside and Football Pitch:</u> Chairman read out the report received from Cllr. Whitehead. Clerk to contact Bagshaw's Residential again re the fence.		
8.4	<u>Green Lane:</u> Nothing to report.		
9.	<u>Village Hall:</u> Cllrs. Mann and Crowe updated the meeting on the improvements currently being made to the village hall and the future plans.		
9.1	HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:		
9.1	<u>Highways:</u> The Clerk stated she had reported the following: 1. Pothole/large hole outside Sowley Cottage Farm, Thorney Lane. 2. Footbridge repairs for Footpath 15/17 junction.		
10.	Cllr. Ford requested the speed hump outside the shop be reported as it has a lot of holes in it.		
10.1	OTHER ORGANISATIONS:		
10.1	<u>Police:</u> P.C. Boulter informed the meeting there had been issues with people throwing items over the wall at the prison and could everyone be vigilant. He informed the meeting that the next Police Surgery was scheduled for Saturday 2 nd May at the village shop between 9.30.-11.00a.m. Notices would be distributed beforehand.		
10.2	<u>HM Prison, Dovegate:</u> P.C. Boulter asked when the next prison liaison meeting was due. It was agreed to ask the Prison for a meeting in June. P.C. Boulter to send dates to clerk when he is available to attend as well.		
10.3	<u>Flooding Committee:</u> Cllr. Mann informed the meeting that volunteers had been filling sand bags and more sand and bags had been ordered.		
11.	GENERAL:		
11.1	<u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> Cllr. Nixon stated that there had not been any change and the area was still being monitored.		
11.2	<u>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee:</u> Cllr. Ford reported that he had spoken to the School Association but there seemed little interest now. After a discussion it was agreed to shelve the idea for the time being.		
11.3	<u>Emergency Plan 2012:</u> This is currently on hold until after the Neighbourhood Plan.		
11.4	<u>Defibrillator in Village:</u> This was further discussed in the light of the presentation by Mr Paul Needham in the public participation section. The Parish Council agreed to work with Mr Needham and make the necessary arrangements to have a Defibrillator installed outside the Village Hall.		
11.5	Proposed: Cllr. Darby. Seconded Cllr. Crowe.		
11.5	<u>Silver Lane "Bollard":</u> Cllr. Nixon stated that as there had been no further developments this item would be removed from the agenda.		
11.6	<u>Forestside Footpaths and Garage Area:</u> The clerk reported she had received a response from Andrew Griffiths with a letter from The Crown Solicitors stating they would have no objection to repairs being undertaken should residents/parish council wish to. She had replied stating it was not possible for the residents/parish councillors to fund such a large project and requested he look at the Footpaths when he was in the area. No response had been received todate. Clerk to chase.		
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11.7	<p><u>Best Kept Village Competition:</u> The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to Village Organisations and the School. Posters from School were due to be collected on 1st April ready for the April meeting. Cllr. Darby agreed to make presentations to the School on Friday 24th April. 2015 at 2.30.p.m. Flyers to be delivered by Henry. A clean-up day was discussed and agreed on for 25th April, 2015 at 10.30.p.m. meeting at Village Hall. Clerk to add dated to Flyers. A new noticeboard for the Village Hall was discussed as this was remarked on by the Judges as in need of renovation last year. Cllr. Mann agreed to obtain a quote to match the new village hall doors.</p>	
11.8	<p><u>Broadband:</u> The clerk reminded Cllrs. and parishioners that Katrina Manegold, Connectivity Officer; SCC would be at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall on Wednesday 11th March from 7.p.m. to discuss Broadband problems/upgrades.</p>	
12.	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u> <u>Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</u> – Leaflets for the Noticeboards – Clerk had put on the Noticeboards. Distributed to Cllrs. <u>SCC, Rural County Community Paths Initiative</u> – Bids for 2015/2016 – this was discussed but no new projects were identified. <u>East Staffordshire Civic Pride Awards 2015</u> – Nominations – suggestions via email to Clerk.</p>	
13.	<p><u>NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u></p>	
13.1	<p><u>Cricket Club:</u> The trustees of the Cricket Ground had approached the Parish Council to see if they were interested in taking over the Cricket Club. This was discussed in detail and it was agreed they were by 6 votes. Clerk to arrange meeting with Trustees, Cllr. Whitehead and Solicitor.</p>	
13.2	<p><u>Land next to Telephone Exchange:</u> Cllr. Ford questioned the permission for the land next to the telephone exchange as he had seen and heard dogs in cages. Clerk to contact Enforcement to ask if they had permission to stay there.</p>	
13.3	<p><u>Jacks Lane Development proposal:</u> Cllr. Hardwick informed the Parish Council that the application had not yet been validated.</p>	
14.	<p><u>DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:</u> There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15p.m. Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for Tuesday 14th April 2015 at Marchington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)</p>	

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