

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr. Paul Nixon
Cllrs. Richard Ford, Gordon Whitehead, Ian Morgan, Darron Hayes, Andrew Mann, Reg Husey and Julia Hayhurst.
Mr Mick Marrison
Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff
Ward Cllr. S. Smith for part.

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	following the closure of the site.	
6.2	Decision Notices Received:	
6.2.a	P/2015/00262 – Erection of a 2m high brick wall, 1m high brick wall and a 900mm high post and rail fence The Pesbytery, Hall Road, Marchington Staffs. ST14 8LE – Permitted. <i>It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Conservation Officer at ESBC to ensure the conditions were adhered to.</i>	
6.2.b	P/2015/00618 – Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a Minor Material Amendment relating to the conversion of existing equestrian and agricultural vehicular access and formation of associated parking and landscaping without complying with Condition 2 of plans by way of alterations to doors and windows at Upper Brook House, Birch Cross, Marchington. ST14 8NU – Permitted	
6.2.c	P/2014/01396 – Conversion and alteration to existing public house to form 2 dwellings including partial demolition, installation of rear dormer windows, raising of the roof height and the erection of a first floor extension, erection of three link detached dwellings and a terrace of three dwellings, erection of two detached garages and construction of a vehicular access at Blacksmiths Arms, Birch Cross, Marchington. ST14 8NX. Withdrawn	
6.3	Planning Committee Meeting Notices: None	
7.	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:	
7.1	PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:	<u>July 2015</u>
7.1.a	Monies Received:	
	Interest	£14.32
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£14.32
7.1.b	Invoices/Money Paid Out:	
	Clive Keble Consulting Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan)	£531.30
	Bloomin' Gardens & Landscapes Ltd – Grass Mowing	£457.77
	ESBC Trade Refuse to 30/09/2015	£68.90
	ESBC Empty Litter Bins 07/07/2015 to 30/09/2015	£335.40
	P.B. Enterprises – Forestside Mowing	£180.00
	Friends of the Staffordshire & Stoke Archive Service	£100.00
	Grant Thornton – Auditors Fee	240.00
	The Play Inspection Company	£150.00
	Mr H. Hall – Grounds Maintenance	£184.05
	Clerk Salary and Expenses	£627.27
	H.M. Revenue and Customs	£22.80
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£2,947.49
	Proposed: Cllr. Hayes Seconded: Cllr. Ford	
8.	PROPERTIES/GROUNDS:	
8.1	<u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u> Cllr. Hayhurst presented her report. The annual reports had also been forwarded to Cllrs. These were discussed it was agreed the clerk would arrange for the small repairs to be made by Handyman. Clerk submitted a list of jobs already undertaken by Handyman. Further equipment was discussed. Clerk was asked to contact ESBC to discuss grants for further equipment.	Cllr. Hayes
8.2	<u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside and Football Pitch:</u> Cllr. Morgan presented his report. This was discussed in detail. The Annual report had also been forwarded to Cllrs. Clerk to arrange for small repairs to be made by Handyman.	Clerk
8.3	<u>Green Lane:</u> The clerk reported that Bloomin' Gardens had been asked to remove a very large tree branch that had fallen into the Orchard. Also they had been asked to straighten a fruit tree that was growing sideways. The clerk also reported that the very large stone that had been moved had been replaced.	
8.4	<u>Village Hall:</u> See. Representation by Mrs Scott. Cllr. Mann reported on the update process.	
9.	HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:	
9.1	<u>Highways:</u> Cllr Hayes highlighted the speed of cyclists in the woodlands, it was agreed he would contact CTC, Burton to see if they could do anything to inform cyclists to slow	

9.2	down. Footpaths: The broken fence on Footpath 45/47 had been reported to Landowner. However, Cllr. Morgan reported it was down again and he had removed a cow from the cricket pitch. Clerk to contact the land owner again. Cllr. Husey requested styles in Footpath Nos. be replaced. Clerk to contact the footpaths department.	Cllrs. Mann/ Hayes
9.3	Neighbourhood Highways Team: The clerk reported that the contact for the team had changed from Sam Griffiths to Jeff Green.	Cllr.
9.4	ESBC Enforcement: Cllr Hayes asked for a company in the woodlands to be looked into by Enforcement. Clerk reported she had spoken with and emailed ESBC and was awaiting a response.	Nixon/ Clerk
10.	OTHER ORGANISATIONS:	
10.1	Police: Nothing to report at present. P.C.'s Boulter and Shepherd did not attend the meeting.	
10.2	HM Prison, Dovegate: It was agreed the Cllrs Mann and Hayes would attend the meeting on Thursday 16 th July, 2015 at the Prison with SCC representatives, Ward Councillor etc. Clerk reported that she had sent in two complaints regarding the traffic through to the village.	All Cllrs.
10.3	Flooding Committee: Nothing to report at present.	
11.	GENERAL:	
	Chairman's/Councillors' Reports:	
11.1	Land at Marchington Woodlands: Cllr Nixon stated this was still being monitored. Clerk to contact SCC.	All Cllrs.
11.2	Cricket Club: The clerk reported that the documentation had been signed and we were now awaiting the Land Registry, the insurance had been added onto the Parish Council insurance policy. Cllr. Morgan explained he had been in contact with a Uttoxeter team for possible use by their club. Cllr Morgan agreed to head up a cricket club committee when the transfer was complete.	Cllr. Hayes
11.3	Councillor Training Course: Cllrs Mann and Hayes gave feedback on the course they attended recently. The clerk was asked to obtain and circulate copies of the presentation. The Clerk reminded councillors of the documentation on the web-site i.e. Code of Conduct etc. The Chairman reminded cllrs. that responses to emails from residents should go through the clerk to ensure it is the views of all councillors.	Cllr. Morgan
	Clerk's Report:	
11.4	Forestside Footpaths and Garage Area: The clerk reported that she had received a response from Andrew Griffiths and he was arranging a meeting with SCC.	
11.5	Heart Stop Course: 22nd September 2015: The clerk requested cllrs to remind residents of the course and ask them to contact the clerk to sign up.	Cllrs
11.6	Defibrillators: Cllr Ford stated that as far as he was aware the electrician had now connected the Defibrillator to Marchington Village Hall. The clerk confirmed that £1200.00 had been raised by Paul Needham and friends at the Dog and Partridge towards Marchington Woodlands Village Hall defibrillator. This had been banked and a letter of thanks sent to Paul Needham. Cllr Hayes agreed to discuss with the woodlands village hall committee.	Hayhurst/ Nixon
11.7	Best Kept Village Competition: It was agreed that Cllr. Morgan would attend the presentation evening on behalf of the Parish Council on the 3 rd August 2015. Clerk to complete forms.	
	New items for discussion:	
11.8	Emergency Plan: The clerk reported that William Read would attend the September meeting to update new councillors on what an Emergency Plan meant.	Cllr. Mann
11.9	Solar Farms:	
11.9a	Doveridge: It was agreed that Cllrs. Nixon and Hayhurst would attend the exhibition for this solar farm on the 16 th July. 2015 and report back.	
11.9b	Morton Lane: The chairman read out the offer of a Section 106 agreement from TGD for disruption during the building process of this solar farm. It was discussed in detail and the clerk was asked to run the agreement past the solicitor before it was signed.	
11.9c	Email from resident: The clerk informed the cllrs that an email had been received	

	<p>from a resident requesting information on the excessive number of Solar Farm that have either had exhibitions or planning applications submitted. Cllr. Darby and the clerk had responded to the resident.</p> <p>Moisty Lane: Clerk reported that the cheque from Sun and Soil should be arriving soon. As previously recommended, it was agreed this money would be passed onto the Village Hall Committee for use in energy efficiency renovations. Proposed Cllr. Whitehead. Seconded Cllr. Ford.</p>	
11.10	<p>Noticeboards: The clerk reported that the replaced polycarbonate cover on the noticeboard in the bus shelter had again been burnt. It was decided at this point not to repair it. The quotes for the new noticeboards at the village hall were discussed it was decided to go with the carpenter who had made the doors so the wood matched. Cllr. Mann agreed to discuss with him the exact requirement.</p>	
12.	<p>Flower Boxes: The clerk informed the cllrs that Henry Hall was making flower boxes and it was agreed he could replace the Bag Lane tub, Church Lane box and Station Road box.</p>	
13.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p>	
13.1	<p>SCC – Planning, Policy & Development Control – Notification of Publication in accordance with regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. (previously circulated to Councillors)</p>	
13.2	<p>Staffordshire & S-o-T Archives – Newsletter and Survey Forms – Posters for Noticeboards.</p>	
13.3	<p>Space (Police) – Posters for Noticeboards Email from BPUD Ltd re Anglesey Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
14.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None</p>	
15.	<p>DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.05p.m. Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for Tuesday 11th August 2015 at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)</p>	

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