

# MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 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.

Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff  
Ward Cllr. S. Smith.

Several residents

Representatives from Sun and Soil for part

Graham Hunt, Staffordshire County Council for part

William Read, East Staffordshire Borough Council for part

Mrs Morgan on behalf of the Community Shop for part

### ACTION

1.	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> Councillor Darby	
2.	<b>DISPENSATIONS:</b> Cllrs Husey, Whitehead, Morgan, Mann and Ford registered an interest in the request for a grant from the Village Shop.	
3.	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b>	
3.a	<b>Sun and Soil:</b> Several representative of Sun and Soil attended the meeting to inform Councillors on what will happen whilst the Solar Farm in Moisty Lane is being built. How this will impact on the village and what measures will be taken to ensure that the village is disrupted in the least possible way by the lorries travelling through the village with hardware for the site. What security measures will be taken whilst the site is being built and when it is up and running. The output etc. was discussed, the length of time it will be in use and the dismantling of the site was also discussed. The councillors' questions were discussed and Sun and Soil outlined the measures that will be taken to inform local residents of the disruption that will be up until December 2015. A cheque for £20,000.00 was presented to the Parish Council from Sun and Soil to compensate the Parish for the disruptions in the village.	
3.b	<b>Graham Hunt, SCC</b> addressed the Parish Councillors following his meeting with the clerk to try and resolve the problem of the Forestside footpaths and garage areas. He told the meeting that he had discussed that problem with SCC's solicitors and that the good news was that SCC would adopt the Footpaths adjoining the highway and they would be repaired/replaced on an as and when situation according to SCC funding, as with any other SCC pavement. However, SCC is not able to adopt the internal footpaths and garage areas because the land is not part of the public highway. This was discussed in detail. He suggested that they would help with establishing ownership which it is thought has reverted to the Crown on a Bona Vacantia basis. Ownership could however be with some of the garage owners etc. Mr Hunt offered to help with establishing who owned what. He did not think that any grants to upgrade the footpaths would be possible. He requested the Parish Council contact him if they needed any further help.	
3.c	<b>William Read, ESBC</b> addressed the Parish Council on the benefits of preparing an Emergency Plan. This had already been started but had been put on hold because of the Neighbourhood Plan. He invited councillors to attend an Emergency Plan session in October.	
3d.	<b>Mrs Liz Morgan</b> addressed the councillors with regard to the previous request for a grant to enable the village shop to purchase new fridges. She circulated financial documentation and various options for replacing the fridges. She requested a grant of approx. £1,600.00 on behalf of the Community Shop. The Parish Council agreed to study	

	the documentation and then write to her with their decision.	
4.	<b><u>MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015:</u></b> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Whitehead    Seconded: Cllr. Husey	
5.	<b><u>MATTERS OF REPORT/DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></b> None	
6.	<b><u>PLANNING:</u></b>	
6.1	<b><u>Planning Applications Received:</u></b>	
6.1.a	<b><u>P/2015/01077</u></b> – Erection of a two stored rear extension at 13 Arborfield Road, Marchington, Staffs. ST14 8LS. <b>The Parish Council wished to make no comment.</b>	
6.1.b	<b><u>P/2015/011003</u></b> – Conversion of existing barn to form dwelling including the demolition of existing single storey extension to allow the erection of a two storey side extension, erection of detached garage and installation of septic tank – The Riddings, Moisty Lane. <b>The Parish Council wished to make no comment.</b>	
6.2	<b><u>Decision Notices Received:</u></b>	
6.2.a	<b><u>P/2015/00620</u></b> – Retention of a skateboard ramp at 12 Allens Croft, Marchington, Staffs. ST14 8PX. <b>Permitted.</b>	
6.2.b	<b><u>P/2015/00755</u></b> – Conversion and extension to existing to existing detached stable building to form workshop, store and garage for motor home at Field House Cottage, Birch Cross. <b>Permitted.</b>	
6.3	<b><u>Planning Committee Meeting Notices:</u></b> None	
6.4	<b><u>Neighbourhood Planning:</u></b> Cllr Mann informed the meeting that the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing and the draft plan version 1 was now being undertaken/considered and would be finalized at the next Steering Group meeting on the 17 <sup>th</sup> September ready for the extraordinary Parish Council meeting on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> September where it will be approved by the Councilors. The draft plan will be available for residents to view in the Community Shop, on the web site and perhaps an alternative site from 25 <sup>th</sup> September. A newsletter and questionnaire will be delivered to all Parish residents weekend 28 <sup>th</sup> September informing them of an exhibition on the 10 <sup>th</sup> October, in Marchington Village Hall 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m. and in Marchington Woodlands Village Hall 1.30p.m. – 3.30p.m. A further exhibition has been arranged for 14 <sup>th</sup> October in The Barn Restaurant, Forestside from 5.30p.m. – 7.30p.m. All Councilors were requested to attend the extraordinary Parish Council meeting and the Exhibitions.	
6.5	<b><u>Local Plan:</u></b> The Local Plan was discussed in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan and Cllr. Smith updated the Councilors on the timing of the Local Plan. The timing for the Jacks Lane Planning Application was also discussed.	
7.	<b><u>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATOR:</u></b>	
7.1	<b><u>PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:</u></b>	<b><u>September 2015</u></b>
7.1.a	<b>Monies Received:</b>	
	Interest	£14.06
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPT</b>	<b>£14.06</b>
7.1.b	<b>Invoices/Money Paid Out:</b>	
	Clive Keble Consulting Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan)	£1,200.00
	Bloomin' Gardens & Landscapes Ltd – Grass Mowing - August	£228.88
	Bloomin' Gardens & Landscapes Ltd – Tree Branch in Green Lane etc.	£312.00
	Staffordshire Playing Fields Association - Subscription	£15.00
	Mr H. Hall – Grounds Maintenance P.B. Enterprises – Forestside Mowi	£178.32
	Clerk Salary and Expenses	£1,157.98
	H.M. Revenue and Customs	£186.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£3,277.28</b>
	Proposed: Cllr. Morgan    Seconded: Cllr. Hayhurst	
8.	<b><u>PROPERTIES/GROUNDS:</u></b>	
8.1	<b><u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u></b> Cllr. Morgan submitted his report on the play area this was discussed. Cllr. Hayhurst requested additional equipment be looked into subject to funding. Clerk reported the broken bench had been repaired.	

8.2	<u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside and Football Pitch:</u> Cllr. Hayhurst gave her report on the play area and football field. This was discussed.	
8.3	<u>Green Lane:</u> The clerk confirmed Bloomin' Gardens had removed the fallen tree branch.	
8.4	<u>Village Hall:</u> Cllr. Mann updated the Cllrs. on renovations to the Village Hall. This was discussed. He said vandals had broken a window and also damaged the casing to the security light. Clerk to report to P.C. Josie Shepherd.	Clerk
9.	<b><u>HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:</u></b>	
9.1	<u>Highways/ Neighbourhood Highways Team:</u> Reports given to clerk for reporting to SCC Highways/Neighbourhood Highways Team are below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "No through road sign" at the top of Woodroofes Cliff, overgrown with Ivy.</li> <li>2. Gorsty Hill, Quee Lane – hedge between Thorntree and Hanging Wick needs cutting back.</li> <li>3. Thorney Lanes sign needs repairing.</li> </ol>	
9.2	<u>Footpaths:</u> Footpath No.3 there is four stiles that need attention. Clerk to report. Hedge on Footpath to Cricket Club needs cutting back, clerk to ask Handyman.	Clerk
10.	<b><u>OTHER ORGANISATIONS:</u></b>	
10.1	<u>Police:</u> Nothing to report at present. P.C.'s Boulter and Shepherd did not attend the meeting. P.C. Shepherd sent her apologies.	
10.2	<u>HM Prison, Dovegate:</u> Nothing to report at present.	
10.3	<u>Flooding Committee:</u> Nothing to report at present.	
11.	<b><u>GENERAL:</u></b>	
	<b><u>Chairman's/Councillors' Reports:</u></b>	
11.1	<u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> The clerk reported she was awaiting a response from SCC on Progress.	
11.2	<u>Cricket Club:</u> Cllr Morgan updated the meeting on the position with other clubs. This was discussed. <b><u>Clerk's Report:</u></b>	
11.3	<u>Forestside Footpaths and Garage Area:</u> see 3.b Graham Hunt presentation.	
11.4	<u>Heart Stop Course: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015:</u> The clerk updated the cllrs. on numbers for the course.	
11.5	<u>Defibrillators:</u> Cllr. Hayes updated the council on the current position with the Marchington Woodlands defibrillator.	
11.6	<u>Best Kept Village Competition:</u> Awaiting Judges comments.	
11.7	<u>Emergency Plan:</u> See 3.c William Read presentation.	
11.8	<u>Solar Farms: Moisty Lane:</u> See 3.a Sun and Soil presentations.	
11.9	<u>Noticeboards:</u> Cllr. Mann informed the council the new noticeboards would be erected soon; the joiner was just waiting for glass to be delivered.	
11.10	<u>Units 20 &amp; 21 Marchington Industrial Estate:</u> The Chairman read out a letter received from Brit European regarding the Parish Councils objections to their application to the traffic commission for an operator's licence. This was discussed in detail. The clerk informed the cllrs. an email had also been received from Hortons expressing their disappointment in the lack of support by the Parish Council.	
12.	<b><u>NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u></b> None	
13.	<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b>	
13.1	<b>Marchington Village Hall Committee</b> – Letter of thanks to the Parish Council for support in their recent grant application.	
13.2	<b>Staffordshire Playing Fields Association</b> – Subscription request and annual accounts. See finance and administration.	
13.3	<b>Burton Hospital League of Friends:</b> donation request – refused by P.C.	
13.4	<b>Community Council of Staffordshire:</b> Annual Report and AGM.	
13.5	<b>ESBC – Neighbourhood Priorities 2016 – 2017:</b> Proposals for 2015. It was agreed to invite Sara Botham to the next meeting to discuss funding further equipment in the Silver Lane Play Area.	
14.	<b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</u></b> Cllr. Hussey gave apologies for the next meeting.	
15.	<b><u>DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:</u></b>	

<p>There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.05p.m. Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Marchington Village Hall. (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.) <b>NOTE:</b> An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to discuss the Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015 at Marchington Village Hall at 7.30p.m.</p>	
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