

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 12th January at 7.30 p.m.
 At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr. Paul Nixon
 Cllrs. Brian Darby, Reg. Husey, Darron Hayes, Andrew Mann, Richard Ford,
 Ian Morgan and Julia Hayhurst,

Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff
 Mr. R. Amner – TCG Consultants Ltd
 Mr. M. Marrison
 Mrs. E. Morgan
 Mrs M. Brown
 Mr. S. Langston
 Mr. A. Pegg
 Mrs. M. Wainwright

Ward Councillor Stephen Smith for part.

ACTION

1.	APOLOGIES: Cllr. G. Whitehead. Ward Cllr. Stephen Smith	
2.	DISPENSATIONS: None were expressed.	
3.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:	
3.i	Mr. Roy Amner – TCG – Mr. Roy Amner of TCG attended the meeting with an express wish to clarify the misconceptions he felt were being held by the Councillors and residents of the parish with regard to the Planning Application P/2015/01310 – The erection of a standby electricity generation plant etc. on land at Green Lane, Marchington. Mr Amner spoke at length on the plant installation, expected usage of the plant, government expectations/subsidies, noise/air pollution, flood prevention/protection, transportation/traffic flow etc. Cllrs and residents questioned Mr. Amner with regard to further clarification on items not fully explained.	
3.ii	Mr. Mick Marrison – Mr. Marrison did not need to speak because his question to Mr. Amner had been dealt with.	
3.iii	Mr. Tony Heapey – Mr Heapey addressed the cllrs. and brought them up-to-date with the flooding issues and action being taken by SCC, Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water. Mr. Heapey suggested that it may be a good idea to invite Mr. David Hughes of SCC to attend a future parish council meeting. This was agreed by the cllrs. Clerk to action.	Clerk
3.iv	Mrs. L. Morgan – Mrs. Morgan addressed the councillors regarding her previous questions; she stated she had not received a satisfactory responses. Cllr. Nixon responded to her questions and stated that she would receive a reply by the end of the week. He stated that contrary to Mrs Morgan’s understanding most of the requests she had made were not legal requirements. Mrs. Morgan listed items that she considered should be on the web-site and asked if a public meeting could be arranged for members of the public to discuss the spending of the parish council budget. This was discussed in detail along with the other requests by Mrs. Morgan.	
4.	MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8th December 2015: Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Hayhurst Seconded: Cllr. Darby	
5.	MATTERS OF REPORT/DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None	
6.	PLANNING:	
6.1	Planning Applications Received:	
6.1.a	P/2015/01372 – Demolition of existing timber structure and erection of timber framed	

	<p>building to form games room including use of land and building as part of domestic curtilage and erection of fence at Thorn Tree Farm, Allens Lane, Marchington. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.</p>	Clerk						
6.1.b	<p>P/2015/01719 – Change of use of land to domestic garden and erection of three detached buildings for garaging/general purpose storage buildings at Frostfields, Silver Lane, Marchington. ST14 8LL. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.</p>	Clerk						
6.2	<p>Decision Notices Received:</p>							
6.2.a	<p>P/2015/01455 – Listed building application for the installation of replacement timber windows and doors Yew Tree House, High Street, Marchington. Permitted</p>							
6.2.b	<p>P/2015/01596 – Erection of a link extension between main house and annexe Church Farm House, Hodge Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire. ST14 8PE. Permitted.</p>							
6.2.c	<p>P/2015/01613 – Construction of 5.1.MW Solar Farm with ancillary development including solar panels and frames, inverter cabins, switchgear enclosure and metering point and security fencing (Non- Matreial Amendment ronelating to P/2014/00825 dated 15/10/2014 for an update to the general layout with final position of the elements) – Land South of Moisty Lane, Marchington. Permitted</p>							
6.2.d	<p>P/2015/01626 – Construction of a Solar Farm with ancillary development, including solar panels and frames, inverter cabin, comms building, substation, switchgear enclosure, CCTV columns and perimeter fencing (Non-Material Amendment relating to P/2015/00405 dated 08/07/2015 – amended site layout, amend appearance of inverter station, fence, comms building, amend panel row spacing, panel height, panel orientation and location of CCTV) – Lane North of, Moreton Lane, Draycott in the Clay, Staffordshire. Permitted.</p>							
6.3	<p>Planning Committee Meeting Notices:</p>							
6.3.a	<p>P/2015/01454 – Erection of 2 agricultural buildings for poultry production with associated infrastructure including feed bins, hardstanding and drainage attenuation pond. Invitation to speak at the planning committee meeting. Cllr. Mann agreed to represent the Parish Council and to speak at the planning committee meeting. Cllr. Nixon said he would ask the property neighbours, what they are proposing to do.</p>	Cllr. Mann /Chair man						
6.4	<p>Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr. Mann updated the Cllrs. on the current situation with the Neighbourhood Plan. He outlined the residents’ consultation meeting on 9nd January regarding the amendments that needed to be made to the Policies in the Draft Plan (Version 2) following comments from the statutory consultees, meetings with ESBC and residents. He said the re-submission of the Draft Plan is now in a further 6 week consultation period.</p>							
7.								
7.1	<p>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATON: Precept: The clerk circulated the figures received from ESBC if the parish council wished to take up their recommendation of making no increase in the Parish Rate. She explained that a £10.00 increase (previously suggested) on the Parish Rate of a Band D council tax would be an increase of 17%. She told the cllrs. that an increase to this extent would have to be justified, ESBC are capped at 2%. The Precept requirement/request was discussed in great detail. The decision to agree to ESBC’s recommendation/calculation was voted on. Proposed Cllr. Hussey Seconded Cllr. Darby. It was agreed that due to lack of time the allocation of grants would be held over until next Month. Mr. Marrison requested the village shop be included in the list for requests. Clerk asked Mr Marrison to put the request in writing before the next meeting with the village shop accounts.</p>							
7.2	<p>PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Monies Received:</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><i>January 2016</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL RECEIPT</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£19.15</u></td> </tr> </table>	Monies Received:	<i>January 2016</i>	Interest	£19.15	TOTAL RECEIPT	<u>£19.15</u>	
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Invoices/Money Paid Out:

M.J. Lavin & Son – N.P. Newsletters No.4. V1.	£165.00
Bowcock & Pursail – Transfer of Marchington Cricket Club	£1,043.20
E-ON – Electricity Charges for Cricket Club	£14.75
East Staffordshire Borough Council – Trade Refuse – upto 31/03/2016	£68.90
East Staffordshire Borough Council – Roadsweeping and litter picking – upto 31/03/2016	£335.40
Cllr. Mann – re-imburement of printing charges for N.P. Newsletter No.4. V2	£165.00
Eric Roy – Neighbourhood Plan work on web-site	£50.00
Clive Keble Consulting Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan) December	£991.20
Clive Keble Consulting Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan) January	£316.20
Mr H. Hall – Grounds Maintenance	£100.85
Clerk Salary & Neighbourhood Plan work Oct-Jan 2016	£843.96
Clerk Grounds and Office Expenses and Travel	£225.53
H.M. Revenue and Customs – Clerk Tax	£134.40

TOTAL EXPENDITURE£4,454.39

Proposed: Cllr. Mann Seconded: Cllr. Morgan

8. PROPERTIES/GROUNDS:

8.a Silver Lane, Marchington: Cllrs. Morgan and Mann submitted reports on the playground. These were discussed.

8.b David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside and Football Pitch: Cllr. Hayes submitted his report on the playarea and football field. This was discussed.

8.c Green Lane: The clerk reported that she had requested a new street sign for Green Lane because the existing one had been removed and taken away. She had also reported potholes to SCC. The general condition of Green Lane was discussed and it was stressed that if the proposed Energy Plant was given planning permission by ESBC it would be even worse for Green Lane.

8.d Village Hall: Cllr. Mann updated the meeting on the status of the village hall carpark renovations. He explained the questionnaire/feedback form issued by the Village Hall committee to organisations using the Hall. Cllrs. voted for Scheme 1. Clerk to complete form and return.

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9. HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:

9.i Highways/ Neighbourhood Highways Team: The clerk reported that if the parish council purchased a Grit Bin for near Knypersley Hall, SCC had agreed to put in the sand. This was agreed. Cllrs. Nixon and Hayes to decide how many were needed in the Woodlands and where they should be put. She reported that the priority sign at the chicane in Silver Lane had twisted around and she had reported it to SCC. Cllr. Nixon reported that a new Thorney Lanes sign had been erected. Cllr. Hayes said the "No through road" sign previously requested had not been put up. Clerk to investigate.

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9.ii Footpaths: The clerk reported that negotiations were being made between SCC and Evans of Leeds to see if permission could be obtained from Evans to continue Footpath No. 52/53 over the Barrack Site to the main road. She also reported that following a complaint from a resident she had reported styles to be replaced on footpath no.1, however after checking on the styles and discussion with Cllr. Hayhurst it seemed that the styles that need attention are on Footpath No. 3. Clerk to check, take photographs and forward to Footpaths Dept. at SCC.

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9.iii ESBC: The clerk reported that the resident who asked for Hall Road to be renamed Hall Lane had now withdrawn the request. Street signs for Hall Road would now be erected by ESBC.

9.iiii Enforcement: Nothing to report at present.

10. OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

10.a	Police: The clerk reported that P.C. Boulter had given her a contact to request a flashing sign for the chicane in Silver Lane/Hound Hill. She had spoken to Sue De Nicholas, Technical Support Officer and requested a sign be put up for 3 week periods several times a year. Ms. De Nicholas is requesting/seeking guidance from Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager.	Cllr. Hussey/Morgan
10.b	HM Prison, Dovegate: The next meeting at the Prison is scheduled for 25 th February, 2015. Cllrs. Morgan and Hussey agreed to attend. P.C. Boulter to be invited.	
10.c	Flooding Committee: See Mr. T. Heapey.	
11.	GENERAL:	
11.a	Chairman's/Councillors' Reports:	
11.a.1	Land at Marchington Woodlands: Nothing to report at present.	
11.a.2	Cricket Club: Cllr Morgan informed the meeting that Marchington Parish Council now fully owned that Cricket Club and a lease for Uttoxeter Cricket Club was being prepared for Cllrs. approval. The clerk said arrangements for the removal of the tree adjoining the pavilion had been made she also stated that Mr Ford had agreed to transfer remaining funds from the Cricket Club account to the Parish Council.	
11.a.3	Mrs. L. Hoptroff – The Chairman informed the meeting that the clerk had tendered her resignation due to relocation. The clerk said that Vacancy notices would be advertised.	Clerk
11.a.4	Mr. G. Whitehead – The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr. Whitehead had tendered his resignation. The clerk said that she would contact ESBC regarding replacement notices.	Clerk
11.b	Clerk's Report:	
11.b.1	Forestside Footpaths and Garage Area: The clerk reported she had further emailed Andrew Griffiths but to date had not received a response.	
11.b.2	Woodlands Defibrillator: Clerk reported that the cabinet had been installed and she would chase the defibrillator installation.	Clerk
11.b.3	Solar Farm; Moisty Lane: Nothing to report at present.	
11.b.4	Lamp Post – Allens Lane: The clerk reported that SCC/Western Power were in negotiation with the land owner to access connection.	
11.c	NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:	
11.d	CORRESPONDENCE:	
12.	Email from Cllr. Smith with update on household flood insurance – (previously circulated). Chairman asked if everyone had seen the email.	
12.1	Central Rivers Initiative - Central Rivers Landscape Partnership Scheme – (previously circulated) Cllr. Hayhurst said she felt we should respond and agreed to draft a response for the clerk to forward.	Cllr. Hayhurst
12.2	Community Council of Staffordshire – Best Kept Village Competition 2016 – The chairman asked if the village wished to take part again and the response was yes. Clerk to respond to CCofS.	Clerk
12.3	Email from resident of Green Lane re sign/road. *see Green Lane.	
12.4	Email from resident re Stiles from Dingle to Moisty Lane. *see Footpaths	
13.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Cllr. Hayhurst – Asked if the Festival weekend on 26 th June, 2016 could be brought to cllrs. attention. She outlined the various activities. Cllr. Mann - reiterated his previous request that the Chairman's report contain a paragraph about more considerate parking in the village. He also asked that a report on dog excrement in Church Lane be highlighted in the Chairman's report. Cllr. Mann informed the meeting that reports had been made to him of lorries over 7.5 tonnes passing over the bridge in Church Lane. Clerk to investigate when further information on lorries was to hand. Cllr. Mann also asked if a memorial could be put in Silver Lane in remembrance of Mrs. Annaliese Davey This was agreed. Cllr. Mann to contact Mr. Davey to discuss. Cllr. Hayes - requested the clerk chase the replacement "No through road" sign that was requested some time go for a road in Marchington Woodlands. Cllr. Hussey - asked if Coffee, Tea and biscuits could be available at meetings. He also complained that the Parish Web-site did not display the draft minutes, planning	Clerk

<p>applications, dated chairman's report, monthly cash book etc. This was discussed. Cllr. Morgan requested signs be put in Silver Lane asking Football players not to park in the road and turning area. This was agreed. Clerk to action. <u>DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:</u> There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.45 p.m. Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for Tuesday 9th February 2016 at Marchington Village Hall. (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)</p>	
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