

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 9th February at 7.30 p.m.
 At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr. Paul Nixon
 Cllrs. Brian Darby, Reg. Husey, Andrew Mann, Ian Morgan and Julia Hayhurst
 Cllr. Whitehead for part.
 Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff
 Representatives from Marchington Village Hall
 Representatives from Marchington Woodlands Village Hall
 Representative from St. John's Church, Marchington Woodlands
 Village residents.

Before the meeting started Chairman Nixon thanked Cllr. Whitehead for the years of loyal service he has given to the parish as both Chairman and Councillor and wished him well in his retirement. A presentation was made to Cllr. Whitehead. Cllr. Whitehead responded with thanks to the Parish Council and wished them well in the future.

ACTION

1.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> Cllrs. Darron Hayes and Richard Ford.	
2.	<u>DISPENSATIONS:</u> During the precept Section 7 Cllrs. Mann and Husey declared an interest and said they would not be voting on the Village Shop request.	
3.	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	
3.i	Mrs. G. Flavell gave a presentation to the councillors on Marchington Village Hall in support of the precept request. Mrs Flavell explained how monies received both from the hall hire, grants and the Parish Council were spent.	
3.ii	Mr. B. Crowther addressed the Cllrs. with regard to the expenditure and income of Marchington Woodlands Village Hall and requested the Parish Council to look favourably on their request for an addition grant for the car park resurfacing in addition to the maintenance precept.	
3.iii	Mr. M. Marrison addressed the Cllrs. to support the application by the Village Shop for a precept grant.	
3.iv	Mr. M. Cleaver addressed the Cllrs. outlining the expenditure and income of St. John's Church and the need for continued support from the Parish Council for churchyard maintenance.	
4.	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8th December 2015:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Morgan Seconded: Cllr. Husey	
5.	<u>MATTERS OF REPORT/DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> None.	
6.	<u>PLANNING:</u>	
6.1	<u>Planning Applications Received:</u>	
6.1.a	<u>P/2015/01722</u> – Relocation of vehicular access at Church Farm, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffs ST14 8LJ. The parish council commented that SCC should be consulted to see if the reinstatement of the driveway to its original position would have any effect on the chicane which was not in place when the drive was first installed.	Clerk
6.1.b	<u>P/2016/00051</u> – Prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building to form a dwelling – Agricultural Building, Newlands Farm, Gorsty Hill, Uttoxeter ST14 8PP. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.	Clerk
6.1.c	<u>P/2016/00053</u> – Erection of a two storey extension and front porch at 2 Bridge Cottages Church Lane Marchington Staffordshire ST14 8LJ. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.	Clerk

6.2	Decision Notices Received:	
6.2.a	P/2015/01454 – Erection of 2 agricultural buildings for poultry production with associated infrastructure including feed bins, hardstanding and drainage attenuation pond – Land South of Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire. ST14 8RG. Permitted.	
6.2.b	P/2015/01372 – Demolition of existing structure and erection of timber framed building to form games room including use of land and building as part of domestic curtilage and erection of fence at Thorntree Farm, Allens Lane, Marchington. ST14 8LA. Permitted.	
6.2.c	P/2015/01310 – Erection of a standby electricity generation plant & associated communications and welfare building, fuel tanks, control building, substation and acoustic fencing – Land at, Green Lane, Marchington. Refused.	
6.3	Planning Committee Meeting Notices: None.	
6.4	Neighbourhood Planning: The clerk reported that a further £1,500.00 had been secured from ESBC towards the Neighbourhood Plan costs. She informed the meeting that the Second Consultation would finish on 16 th February 2016 and the next steering group meeting would be on 17 th February, 2016.	
7.	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:	
7.1	Precept: The Chairman read out a letter from Mrs Miller regarding the purpose of a precept. The councillors discussed in great detail the written and oral representations from the various organisations, questions were asked and debated regarding various organisations finances and expected income for the 2016/17 financial year. Members of the public were given the opportunity to have input where necessary. The Parish Council income and expenditure for 2015/16 and 2016/2017 forecast was circulated (this had been previously circulated to Cllrs) along with a voting slip. Cllrs cast their vote these were counted and the announcements made.	
7.2	PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:	February 2016
	Monies Received:	
	Interest	£13.57
	Groundwork UK – N.P. Grant final payment	£1700.00
	Cricket Club - Transfer from their closed account	£484.05
	TOTAL RECEIPT	£2,197.62
	Invoices/Money Paid Out:	
	Physio-Control UK Sales UK – Woodlands Defibrillator	£780.00
	Marchington Village Hall – Neighbourhood Plan hire	£24.00
	SWP & JA Talbot – Electrical Installation of Woodlands Defibrillator	£115.32
	Mr H. Hall – Grounds Maintenance	£165.37
	Clerk Salary and Office Expenses & Travel	£539.10
	H.M. Revenue and Customs – Clerk Tax	£22.80
	SPCA – Land Use & Management 03.020.2016 (2 Cllrs)	35.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£1,646.59
	Proposed: Cllr. Darby Seconded: Cllr. Husey	
8.	It was agreed that Cllr. Mann would be added as a signatory in place of Cllr. Whitehead.	
8.a	PROPERTIES/GROUNDS:	
	Silver Lane, Marchington: Cllr. Husey submitted his report on the play area, this was discussed. Cllr. Morgan volunteered to be a key holder for the height barrier etc. in place of Cllr. Whitehead. This was agreed. Cllr. Morgan to obtain the keys from Cllr. Whitehead. Clerk to arrange for a new noticeboard at the playing field.	Cllr. Morgan /Clerk
8.b		
8.c	David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside and Football Pitch: Cllr. Darby submitted his report this was discussed.	
8.d	Green Lane: The chairman read out an email from SCC stating that Green Lane had been inspected and potholes had been put forward for filling. Village Hall: Chairman reported that a request for re-staining the bench donated by the Parish Council at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall had been received. Clerk to	Clerk

9.	instruct Handyman for when the weather improves.	
9.i	<u>HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:</u> <i>Highways/ Neighbourhood Highways Team:</i> Cllr. Husey requested the speed bumps in Bag Lane be reported for potholes, clerk responded that a report had already been made but she would chase it. Speed bumps and cars with low undercarriages were discussed.	Clerk
9.ii	<i>Footpaths:</i> The clerk requested permission to sign and return the order for Footpath Nos. 11 and 12. This was given.	
9.iii	<i>ESBC:</i> Nothing to report at present.	
10.	<i>Enforcement:</i> The chairman read out an email from Enforcement stating that the hedging in Allens Lane/Hall Road had been re-instated to their satisfaction.	
10.a	<u>OTHER ORGANISATIONS:</u> <u>Police:</u> The clerk reported that neither P.C. Boulter nor P.C. Shepherd were on duty so could not attend the meeting, however she had spoken to P.C. Shepherd and if there were any problems P.C. Shepherd requested she be contacted. Cllr. Mann referred to the Neighbourhood Watch newsletters which reported thefts in Allens Lane and Arbourfield Road.	
10.b	<u>HM Prison, Dovegate:</u> The next meeting at the Prison is scheduled for 25 th February, 2016. Cllrs. Nixon and Husey agreed to attend. P.C. Boulter had been invited also. Clerk stated she had reported a GeoAmy Van she had encountered in the High Street.	Cllr. Nixon/ Husey
10.c	<u>Flooding Committee:</u> Cllr. Mann stated that he had been invited to a Flooding Meeting with SCC, EA, STW, Ward Councillor Smith and members of the Flooding Committee.	Cllr. Mann
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11.a	<u>GENERAL:</u>	
11.a.1	<u>Chairman's/Councillors' Reports:</u> <u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> Chairman Nixon read an email from SCC requesting that if the matter was to be taken forward legally then they would need local residents to demonstrate the current conditions of the Triangle and associated verges were causing significant concerns within the community. Chairman Nixon suggested a petition to be forwarded to SCC. Chairman Nixon to action.	Cllr. Nixon
11.a.2	<u>Cricket Club:</u> Cllr. Morgan updated the meeting on the progress being made with the Cricket Club and his discussions with other Cricket Clubs on fund raising.	
11.a.3	<u>Clerk Vacancy</u> – The clerk reported that the position had now been advertised and interviews were being arranged.	
11.a.4	<u>Councillor Vacancy</u> – The clerk reported that the Notices of the Vacancy had now been put on the noticeboard and web following notification from ESBC that an election had not been requested by 10 electorate.	Cllrs. Nixon/ Darby/ Husey
11.a.5	<u>Training Courses</u> – Cllr. Morgan and Cllr. Mann reported back on the Land Use and Management Training Course they attended on 3 rd Feb. Cllrs. Nixon, Husey and Darby to attend the course on 10 th Feb.	
11.b	<u>Clerk's Report:</u>	
11.b.1	<u>Forestside Footpaths and Garage Area:</u> The clerk reported she had emailed Andrew Griffiths MP for a third time, but todate had not received a response.	
11.b.2	<u>Woodlands Defibrillator:</u> The clerk reported that the defibrillator was now up and running.	
11.b.3	<u>Lamp Post – Allens Lane:</u> The chairman read an email from SCC stating that SCC/Western Power were in negotiation with the land owner to access connection.	
11.b.4	<u>Best Kept Village Competition:</u> The clerk reported she was working on the necessary paperwork for the village entry.	Clerk
11.c	<u>NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</u> None	
11.d	<u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	
11.d.1	<u>ESBC – Community Infrastructure Levy</u> (previously circulated to councillors). Cllr Hayhurst explained how this worked to cllrs.	
11.d.2	<u>Forestry Commission – Bagots Forest Plan 2016-PL65.</u> This was explained by Chairman.	
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11.d.4	ESBC – Housing Choice Supplement Planning Document 2016 (previously circulated to councillors).	
11.d.5	ESBC – Clean for the Queen (previously circulated to councillors). This was discussed.	
11.d.6	Office of the Traffic Commissioner re Brit European Transport Ltd. This was read out by Chairman and discussed.	
11.d.7	ESBC – Quotation for Street Services This was agreed. Clerk to sign and return.	Clerk
11.d.8	Central Rivers Landscape – Reply to Parish Council response re proposed Landscape Residents of Marl Hollow, Hobb Lane re P/2015/01454. The Chairman read out the letter thanking the Parish Council for its support in their objection to the application even though it was permitted.	
12.	<u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</u>	
12.1	Cllr. Hayhurst: Reported that the road in Moisty Lane was in a bad state and the verges had been pushed into the ditches where lorries had passed. She requested Sun and Soil be contacted to enquire what if anything would be done to clean out the ditches when the project was completed. Clerk to action.	Clerk
12.2	Cllr. Mann: Reported that a request had been made to light the beacon in honour of the Queen's 90 th Birthday. Chairman Nixon and Cllr. Morgan stated the beacon had never been lit and it was not possible to light it. It was suggested that Marchington Woodlands would be lighting a beacon and residents of the village could join them.	
12.3	Cllr. Morgan: Requested that parking in the village be put on the next agenda. The clerk reported that she had sent an email to SCC asking for advice but no response had been received. Clerk to chase before the next meeting.	
13.	<u>DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:</u> There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.00 p.m. Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for Tuesday 8 th March 2016 at Marchington Village Hall. (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)	

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