

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.15 p.m.
At: Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr. Paul Nixon
Cllrs. Brian Darby, Richard Ford, Gordon Whitehead, Ian Morgan, Darron Hayes and Julia Hayhurst.
Several village residents
Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff
Mr. R. Gardner (GVA) and Mr Richard Norgrove (Hortons)
P.C. Boulter for part.

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| | All the original objections to this application and subsequent emails to planning officers still apply and stand with regard to this application. The parish council request that the bank and hedge be re-instated to how it was before the builder started building. The current wall and twigs representing hedge need to be removed and replaced with the bank and substantial hedging. This would be in line with the Conservation Area and Character of the Area i.e. sunken lanes. | |
| 6.1.d | <p><u>P/2015/00581</u> – Demolition of two industrial units to facilitate the erection of a new industrial unit (Class B2 and B8), weighbridge, service yard, parking and floodlights at Unit 20 & 21, Marchington Industrial Estate, Stubby Lane, Marchington. ST14 8LP. The Parish Council wish to make the following comments:</p> <p>If this application were to be permitted the Parish Council would require re-assurance that there would be no increase in the noise emanating from the Industrial Estate than is already experienced. Noise level would need to be monitored on a regular basis this being both day time and night-time. The Parish Council request also that a traffic management plan be implemented to regulate the number and type of traffic/HGV's entering and leaving the Industrial Estate both day and night and the coupling and uncoupling/reversing etc. of such vehicles during the night. The Parish Council also request that the entrance/exit to the Industrial Estate be monitored/assessed as if it felt that this is a blind entrance/exit onto a busy B. road. In short the Parish Council are requesting if permitted reasonable/enforceable conditions be attached to ensure that the village/residents are not disturbed, inconvenienced and disrupted by noise, traffic, lighting etc. due to this application.</p> | |
| 6.2 | <u>Decision Notices Received:</u> | |
| 6.2.a | <u>P/2015/00315</u> – Erection of a general purpose agricultural building at Cliff Grange, Marchington Cliff, Marchington Woodlands, Staffs ST14 8ND. <u>Refused.</u> | |
| 6.2b | <u>P/2015/00464</u> – Construction of a 5.1MW Solar Farm with ancillary development including solar panels and frames, inverter cabins, switchgear enclosure and metering point and security fencing (Non-Material Amendment – amendment to the Photo Voltaic Layout to take into account a water pipe and electricity line) at Land South of Moisty Lane, Marchington. <u>Permitted</u> | |
| 6.3 | <u>Planning Committee Meeting Notices:</u> None | |
| 7. | FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: | |
| 7.1 | <u>PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:</u> <u>May 2015</u> | |
| 7.1.a | Monies received: | |
| | Marchington Village Hall Committee- Re-payment for doors | £1,150.00 |
| | Interest | £12.02 |
| | Precept and Grant | £14,649.12 |
| | TOTAL RECEIPTS | £15,811.14 |
| 7.1.b | Invoices/Money Paid Out: | |
| | Clive Keble Consulting Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan) | £1,216.20 |
| | Marchington Village Hall charges for Meetings re Neighbourhood Plan | £16.00 |
| | Bloomin' Gardens & Landscapes Ltd – Grass Mowing | £636.37 |
| | Society of Local Council Clerks - Subscription | £103.00 |
| | P.B. Enterprises - Mowing | £156.00 |
| | Mr H. Hall | £357.14 |
| | Clerk Salary, Extra Work and Expenses | £850.66 |
| | H.M. Revenue and Customs | £71.40 |
| | The following five payments are the five part payments (50%) from the November 2014 precept for the year 2015/2016 | £709.20 |
| | Marchington Village Hall (Section 113) | £1,000.00 |
| | Marchington Woodlands Village Hall (Section 137) | £1,000.00 |
| | St. Peter's Church PCC – Parish Magazine (Section 137) | £325.00 |
| | St. Peter's Church PCC – Churchyard Maintenance (Section 214/(6)) | £1,000.00 |
| | St. John's Church PCC – Churchyard Maintenance (Section 214/(6)) | £1,000.00 |

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| | Marchington Tennes and Bowls Club (one payments) | £1,000.00 | |
| | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £8,731.77 | |
| 8. | Proposed: Cllr. Hayes Seconded: Cllr. Darby | | |
| 8.1 | PROPERTIES/GROUNDS: <u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u> The chairman explained to the new councillors the procedure for inspection of the playground. Rota and forms having been sent to the councillors prior to the meeting. The clerk presented a quote for the replacement of the wetpour around the edges of the play equipment. It was agreed to keep on hold until after the next Annual Inspection. | | Clerk |
| 8.2 | | | |
| 8.3 | <u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside and Football Pitch:</u> As above. | | Clerk |
| 8.4 | <u>Green Lane:</u> Nothing to report. | | |
| | <u>Village Hall:</u> As councillor Mann was not in attendance there was nothing to report. The clerk presented a quotation for new noticeboards from Bespoke Joinery Lt to match the village hall doors, after a discussion it was agreed clerk would obtain other quotes. | | |
| 9. | HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES: | | |
| 9.1 | <u>Highways:</u> Nothing to report. | | |
| 9.2 | <u>Neighbourhood Highways Team:</u> The chairman explained that the team visit the village twice a year and if any councillors knew of any jobs they could undertake then to report them to the clerk and she would request if they be able to deal with them. | | Clerk |
| 10. | OTHER ORGANISATIONS: | | |
| 10.1 | <u>Police:</u> P.C. Boulter updated the councillors on the crime statistics for the area and about a refresher course on speed camera's he would be undertaking in the area. He reported on the Police Surgery held Saturday 2 nd May at the village shop between 9.30.-11.00a.m. He explained about funding available for activities for teenagers during the school holidays and agreed to forward the information to the clerk for distribution. It was also agreed he would attend the next prison liaison meeting with councillors. P.C.Boulter also stated that the Solar Farm Installer in Moisty Lane had requested a site visit with himself and he asked if a councillor would like to attend. It was agreed he would send the date of the site visit to the clerk. | | Nixon/ Hayhurst |
| 10.2 | <u>HM Prison, Dovegate:</u> The clerk reported that the next Prison Liaison meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 2 nd June, at 6p.m. in the training room. Councillors Nixon and Hayhurst agreed to attend. | | |
| 10.3 | <u>Flooding Committee:</u> Nothing to report. | | |
| 11. | GENERAL: | | |
| 11.1 | <u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> The Chairman explained the situation to the new councillors regarding the initiative by SCC, ESBC and the Parish Council to have the scrap removed from the Triangle. | | Clerk/ Nixon |
| 11.2 | <u>Defibrillator in Village:</u> Councillor Ford informed the meeting that the Defibrillator was now insitu at the Village Hall. He informed that meeting that a monthly check on the battery was needed and it was agreed that the clerk would organise forms for the councillors to undertake this alongside the playground inspections. The clerk informed the meeting that she had been asked to organise a training day (not necessary to use the defibrillator) for councillors and residents on CPR, Heart Start etc. to be undertaken either weekend or evening for upto 40 people. It was agreed to put up notices and add to chairman's report for the Parish Magazine and then arrange a date next month. | | Whitehead/ Clerk |
| 11.3 | <u>Cricket Club:</u> Councillor Whitehead informed the Councillors that a meeting was to be held on 13 th May 2015 between the solicitor, Mr Wainwright, Mr Ford, Cllr. Whitehead and the clerk to start the process of transferring the ownership. | | |
| 11.4 | <u>Forestside Footpaths and Garage Area:</u> The clerk reported that now Andrew Griffiths had been re-elected we could continue with trying to get these areas adopted. Clerk to contact Mr Griffiths. | | |
| 11.5 | <u>Best Kept Village Competition:</u> The clerk reported on the presentations to the school children for the poster competitions, the clean-up day where 6 people turned up. Photo's have been put on web-site and the village signs. This was discussed. | | Clerk |
| 11.6 | <u>New items for discussion:</u> The clerk explained that Liz Webb had requested permission for hedge to be put in Silver Lane next to the playing field fence that were | | |

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| | available from "The Woodlands Trust". This was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would contact Liz to discuss planting etc. |
| 11.7 | <u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u> |
| 11.7a | <u>Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</u> – Posters for noticeboards – these have been put in the noticeboards. Noted. |
| 11.7b | <u>Email from TGC Renewables</u> re Exhibition at Marchington Village Hall on 28 th May, 3.p.m. – 7.p.m. regarding two solar farm developments on land off Green Lane – previously forwarded to councillors. This was discussed in detail and it was agreed to make sure as many people as possible attend the Exhibition and to make their comments/objections to the solar parks known. An email from Mr Blakemore expressing concerns about these solar farms had been received and noted. |
| 11.7c | <u>Email from Philip Atkins re Ironman 70.3 Event</u> on June 14 th as there would be road closures affecting the village/residents the councillors were keen it was wildly advertised and noted in the chairman's report in the parish magazine. |
| 11.7d | <u>Email from SPCA re Training Course</u> – previously circulated to councillors. This was discussed and noted that clerk informed the councillors that Councillor Mann had shown an interest. |
| 12. | <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</u> |
| 12.1 | Councillor Ford reported a large puddle in Moisty Lane, the clerk asked him to report it directly onto the SCC Highways site. |
| 12.2 | Councillor Hayes reported potholes in Marchington Woodlands, it was also discussed this could be reported directly. |
| 12.3 | Chairman Nixon reported a broken road sign in Thorney Lanes clerk to report this to ESBC. |
| 13. | <u>DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:</u> There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40p.m. Marchington Parish Council's next meetings are planned for Tuesday 9 th June 2015 at Marchington Village Hall (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.) |

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