

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 8th February 2011
 At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman Mrs J Prince
 Cllrs P. Nixon, P. Frampton, B Darby, R. Parkes, N. Andrew
 and Mrs J Crowe,
 Councillor Robert Hardwick
 Parish Clerk Mrs L Hoptroff
 PC Boulter for part
 Residents of Forestside, Marchington for part

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| 1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs G Whitehead, P. Weedon. | |
| 2. MINUTES OF MEETING 11th January 2010: Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Nixon. Seconded Cllr. Darby | |
| 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING: | |
| 3.1 Playgrounds: | |
| a) <u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u>
Inspection report was not submitted by Cllr. Frampton. | PF |
| b) <u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</u>
Inspection report was not submitted by Cllr. Whitehead as he was on holiday. Cllr Hardwick updated on the noticeboard request for Forestside. | GW |
| c) <u>Green Lane:</u>
Clerk reported we are still awaiting the invoice from Blooming gardens for the trees, Cllr. Hardwick asked for this to be sent direct to ESBC when received. The clerk reported that the blockage had now been removed from under the bridge. | |
| 3.2 SCC, Highway Matters: | |
| a) <u>Houndhill:</u> As below. | |
| b) <u>Section 106 Funding:</u> The Chairman reported the results of the consultation that was undertaken by the Chairman and Cllrs. in the village hall and the subsequent correspondence with the Highways Team. The clerk was ask to contact the Highways Dept. to see if extra traffic calming measures suggested in Houndhill could replace the Jack Lane proposals which the Parish Council felt would be more beneficial. | LH |
| c) <u>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</u>
The Chairman reported that the damage caused to the verges in Jacks Lane and Woodlands View had been add to list of jobs for the Neighbourhood Highways Teams when they are next in the village. | |
| d) <u>Street Lighting – Jacks Lane:</u> Cllr Prince report that the papers had been sent to Cllr. Fraser for assistance but no response had been received to-date. Clerk to chase. | LH |
| e) <u>Trees in Corsham Place – Forestside:</u> Cllr Prince read out the email received from SCC re the disappearance of the tree in Corsham Place. A discussion arose on several trees that had disappeared in the area. The clerk was asked to contact a resident of the area to obtain further information. Cllr Frampton to provide more information to enable us to contact resident. | LH
PF |
| 3.3 P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery: Reported on events/activity in the Marchington Area. | |
| 3.4 Forestside – Barrack Block Site - Airsoft: This is in abeyance for the time being pending the outcome of the Marchington Solar Panel application. | |
| 3.5 Prison Liaison Meeting: The next meeting is due in March. Clerk to arrange in February. | LH |
| 3.6 Web-site: Chairman reported she has arranged a meeting with a MVHC member and a web-site developer for 9 th February and would report back at the next meeting. | JP |
| 3.7 SSE (Scottish and Southern Energy) Wind Farm Project for Bagot's Park: Nothing to report as the planning application has not yet been referred to Committee. | |

- 3.8 Smallwood Culvert Replacement B5017 at Netherlands Green:** The Chairman informed the meeting that work on the Culvert should be completed by the 18th February but the traffic lights could be removed on the evening of Monday 14th February. The clerk was asked to contact David Hughes to see if potholes in Gorsty Hill.Hawkshill to Scounslow Green could take priority due to excessive use whilst the traffic lights/road closure had taken place. LH
- 3.9 Parish Council Land Registry:** The clerk reported she had visited the County Records Office but had not yet found all the information required. The clerk to continue with investigations of the Parish Garden land.
- 3.10 Bus Service/Shelter:** It was agreed that the seat in the bus shelter would be processed as per the estimate obtained from Littlethorpe of Leicester Ltd. Proposed Cllr. Darby Seconded Cllr. Crowe LH
- 3.11 Barrack Block Site, Forestside: Evans of Leeds/E-ON**
As numerous residents of Forestside were in attendance at the meeting this was a lengthy and involved item on the agenda which involved the following points:
- Communication/Relationship between the Parish Council and the residents of Forestside. The residents felt that the Parish Council had not communicated sufficiently/quickly enough with the residents with regard to the above planning application. The Chairman explained this was not the case and everything possible had been done to involve the residents. The Parish Council had tried to liaise with the residents, planning applicants/agents and the planning authorities whilst maintaining the residents' interests at the forefront of the situation.
 - The correct designation of the land surrounding the Barrack Block and the proposed amenity site and the types of development that Evans of Leeds could or could not apply for in the future. Cllr Hardwick explained the differences between brown/green field sites etc. and how the planning department/committee would deal with the planning application.
 - The existence/non existence of a footpath/stile on the application site and what constitutes legal use over a number of years. Cllr. Hardwick/Parish Council explained that residents did not have a right of way over the site even though they had used it for a number of years for walking their dogs. Residents were asked if they wanted the Parish Council to take investigate they would have to do the research with Rural England and also to plot the line of the footpath on the map and take photographs. Cllr Frampton is to liaise with Mr Robinson to ascertain status of this pathway.
 - The difference between the Ecology Reports submitted for this application and the previous Airsoft Application. This was discussed and residents told the meeting they were concerned about Skylarks who use the site for nesting should not be disturbed when work was being carried out on the site. The residents were urged to report sightings to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust for their records.
 - The possible interference from the site to a Radio Ham who lives on the Forestside Estate and also whether there would be any interference to Televisions from the site.
 - The residents were concerned that the sewers from the Forestside Estate went under the land to the pumping station. Cllr Frampton said he had tried to contact Severn Trent to establish whether this was correct but had not been successful. The Clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent to see if the Parish Council could find out.

- Mr Robinson representing the residents of Forestside outlined measures that they wanted the Parish Council to include in their comments on the Planning Application/Letter to Evans of Leeds, as follows:
 - An additional footpath as well as the footpath outlined on the application. One footpath to be a Woodland Path between the trees for dog walkers with dog waste litter bins and the other footpath to be a “green” maintained” roadside footpath.
 - Bund to be added to the screening on the outer perimeter trees of atleast 2 metres high, the residents especially those with houses overlooking the application site did not feel that the proposed trees would be sufficient to screen the panels. It was agreed that trees that die should be replaced.
 - That the Inverter Housing be moved to another area of the site so as not to cause humming/noise causing an inconvenience to the nearby residents.
 - That the security of the site be looked into as they had concerns that the CCTV’s outlined on the application could be used to look into the houses overlooking the site. This was discussed in detail and it was agreed to request the management process to maintain privacy.
 - Resurfacing of communal areas such as footpaths, garage entrances etc.
 - Confirmation that the solar panels displayed at the exhibition would be the ones used on the site. Residents were concerned alternative more reflective ones would be used.
 - The amenity site to include the following: Football Pitch (AstroTurf – 5a-side) with associated nets, tennis courts/basketball hoops, seating and litterbins.
 - BMX track created for use by bicycles (not motorbikes). It was agreed position/size of this needed to be part of the consultation as the height of this could help screen the site.
 - An area is left flat for Radio Controlled cars to be used on.
 - A maintenance contract is written to cover the upkeep/reinstatement of the amenities. Cllr. Hardwick suggested that E-On could be approached to contribute for this contingency.
 - Concerns were raised about the use of the roads on the Forestside Estate by the contractors etc. Cllr. Hardwick reassured the residents this would not be the case and if it was measures could be taken to stop it.
- Cllr Prince suggested that extra car parking could be obtained for the residents from the Green Space areas. This was discussed.
- Cllr Prince informed the resident that the majority of their requests had been included in the draft letter prepared prior to the Parish Council meeting but the additional requests would be added.
- Mr Robinson offered to be the communicator for the residents and Cllr Prince urged residents to subscribe to the Parish Magazine to keep up-to-date with things in the village to avoid further misunderstanding of communication.
- It was suggested that speed restrictions on the B5017 could possibly be reduced once the footpath was constructed.

3.12 Staffordshire County Council, Highways: conditions of roads in Marchington Woodlands:

The Chairman updated the meeting on what was discussed at the Neighbourhood Forum Meeting attended by herself and the clerk. The important information being the possibility of bus routes being gritted next winter.

- 3.13 **Jacks Lane, Marchington:** As no response had been received from Paragon This has now been transferred to the Neighbourhood Highways Team by SCC. LH
- 3.14 **Marchington Industrial Estate:** The Chairman that light pollution was still a problem and asked the clerk to contact the owners again or the Environmental Agency.
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4. **PLANNING:**
- 4.1 **Decision Notices Received: None.**
- 4.2 **Other Correspondence/Matters: None**
- 4.3 **Planning Applications Received:**
P/2010/01497/JPM
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Retention of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery at Oaklands, Scounslow Green, Willslock, Staffs. ST14 8RD. – No comment.
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5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5.1 Midlands Rural Housing – Affordable Housing Needs in Marchington – Put in file.
- 5.2 Staffordshire County Council – Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2011/2012 – Keep current as possibility for Houndhill
- 5.3 Queen’s Hopital Scanner Appeal/Rotary Clubs – Spring Walk/Run – Catton Park – 03/04/2011
- 5.4 ESBC – Draft Pirelli Development Brief Consultation – <http://eaststaffsbc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal> – Previously scanned and sent to Cllrs.
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6. **Payment of Accounts** **February 2011**
- Monies received:**
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| Evans of Leeds – Leaflet Distribution costs | 50.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | £50.00 |
- Invoices/Money Paid Out:**
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| ESBC – Empty Litter Bins 01/11/2010 to 31/11/2010 | £38.04 |
| Handyman Salary and Expenses | £125.00 |
| Clerk - Linda Hoptroff – Salary and Expenses | £1,025.75 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | £1188.79 |
- Proposed: Cllr. Parkes Seconded: Cllr Crowe
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7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- 7.1 **Smart Water** - The Chairman distributed documentation on Smart Water and explained that if sufficient interest was shown we could go ahead with it. An explanation of how it works would be put in the parish magazine.
- 7.2 **Grant** - An application for a grant had been made on our behalf for football nets and goal posts by the Police.
- 7.3 **Allens Lane/Bag Lane** - An apology had been received from a resident for muck which had been left on Allens Lane/Bag Lane.
- 7.4 **Equestrian Centre** - An apology had also been received from the Equestrian Centre for any lorries/heavy vehicles that had used the village despite being told not to.
- 7.5 **Complaints re lanes in Marchington Woodlands** had been received where lorries attending a nearby renovation project had caused flooding by damaging the drains. The owner of the property had been contacted and promised to see to the matter.
- 7.6 **Litter bins** – A request had been made for relocation/new bins to be put down Green Lane and Moisty Lane. The clerk had met with representative from ESBC and bins were to be relocated to requested areas. JP

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.p.m.

Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 8th March 2011 at **Marchington Village Hall** at 7.30 p.m.

(Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)

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