

Marchington Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 12th July at Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman – Cllr Ian Morgan
Cllrs. Paul Nixon, Darron Hayes, Brian Darby, Julia Hayhurst, Richard Ford
Parish Clerk - Mrs C Thompson
PCSO Lucy Hadfield (part)
Ward Cllr Stephen Smith (part)
Mr M Marrison - MDAG
3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Reg Husey, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Mann
2. **Declarations of Interests and Dispensations** – Cllr Morgan expressed an interest in an AOB item re the Football Club
3. **Public Participation** - Mr M Marrison – MDAG
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
Approval of minutes for Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2016 - Previously Circulated
Proposed –Cllr Nixon, Seconded –Cllr Hayhurst
5. **Matters of Report/Discussion of Public Participation.**
6. **Planning**
- 6.a **Planning Applications Received**
P/2016/00770 – 17, Moisty Lane, Marchington - Erection of a single storey front extension
Action – Clerk - The Parish Council wishes to make no comment
P/2016/00851- Yew Tree House, High Street, Marchington - Felling of 1 Horse Chestnut tree and 1 Maple Horse Chestnut Tree
Action – Clerk - The Parish council are awaiting the results of the secondary survey before commenting.
6. b **Planning Applications Decisions**
P/2016/00575 – Brookhouse Farm, Brookhouse Court, Marchington - Erection of a single storey link extension and conversion of existing outbuildings to form additional living accommodation
APPROVED
P/2016/00478 – 40 Church Lane, Marchington - Erection of a 2 storey side extension and front canopy roof
APPROVED
P/2014/00825 – Dove View - Land South of Moisty Lane, Marchington - Application for the variation of condition 6 of planning permission P/2014/00825 dated 15th October 2014 for the erection of 13 no. Pole mounted CCTV Cameras.
APPROVED
6. c **Planning Appeals Received**
P/2015/01310 – Land At Green Lane, Marchington - Erection of a standby electricity generation plant & associated communications and welfare building, fuel tanks, control building, substation and acoustic fencing.
Mr M Marrison spoke to the meeting asking for the Parish Council to formally object to this application on behalf of the village. The Parish Council position on this application has not changed since the original application discussed in October 2015.

Cllr Smith outlined the appeal process for the council. The appeal will be concluded by written communication only, with all those who previously objected being asked for their opinions again. Cllr Smith also advised only additional objections should be reported. The body of each original objection is already on file and need not be repeated. The inspector and planning officer will view the site and then the decision will be made. Cllr Smith will be in contact with Mr Andrew Griffiths MP so that a co-ordinated response can be put together.

Action – Clerk – Contact planners as council has not received appeal notification, (Post meeting note now received) once received clerk to send objections to the Planning Inspectorate stressing the unsuitable access and environmental implications.

6. d Neighbourhood Plan

The report has been received back from the Independent Examiner Debra McCann. Minor changes in wording and formatting were required with only one substantial change being the loss of the proposed local green space in the Forestside Barracks area. Mrs McCann felt that this area did not fully qualify for protection. Despite strong objections from Mr Clive Keble and Cllr Mann this change was upheld by ESBC and the plan has been altered to reflect this change.

The Plan was submitted to ESBC on 6th July for them to process, we expect this to be finished by the end of July. ESBC will then decide on a referendum date possibly 15th Sept. Clive Keble reminded the Steering Group that they can only encourage people to come out and vote. A further newsletter explaining the referendum will be drafted by Clive Keble for circulation after the August PC meeting.

Clive Keble has been invited to the next meeting to update the full council on the referendum process.

The council agreed to ongoing cost of consultant estimated at £800 for 2.5days work.

Proposed –Cllr Nixon, Seconded –Cllr Darby

Action – Clerk – Contact Clive Keble to inform him of council decision

6. e Councillor Questions – None

7. Finance and Administration

7. a Precept – Nothing to report

7. b Report on Payments to be made – Appendix A

Proposed –Cllr Darby, Seconded –Cllr Hayhurst

7. c Councillor Questions – At the June meeting Cllr Husey requested that quarterly management accounts be circulated to all councillors. This was discussed due to the additional work involved and as Cllr Husey was absent the discussion will be carried over until the next meeting.

Action – Clerk – Add to next month's Agenda

8. Properties and Grounds

8. a Silver Lane Playground Report –

Sovereign Play Equipment visit – Now we have the quote from Sovereign we can go forward for funding requests from ESBC

PCSO – Hadfield suggested that the benches are moved away from the trees to the open to deter the congregation of youngsters. Cllr Hayes suggested a meeting on site with PCSO Hadfield to look at the positioning of benches.

Cllr Ford - suggested that replacing the fencing around the play equipment is included in any improvement works.

Cllr Smith – Dog Control Order to be signed off.

Action – Clerk – arrange a suitable date for PCSO and Cllrs to meet

8. b Forestside Playground & Football Pitch Report

Actions – Clerk to speak to Henry Hall re repairs

8.c Green Lane Community Orchard

Some damage to trees and grounds due to loose cattle. Henry Hall and Cllr Morgan have repaired damage to trees but ground still needs some work.

Action – Cllr Hayhurst to check ownership of land and report back to Clerk, Once received Clerk to contact landowner to recover costs for repairs and making good.

8.d Village Hall

Planning Application for works to John Ellwood Lounge were reviewed and approved by the council

Proposed –Cllr Hayes, Seconded –Cllr Hayhurst

Actions – Clerk – To forward planning application to ESBC

- 8.e Marchington Cricket Club** – Cllr Morgan reported to the meeting. Uttoxeter have responded to the lease and additional questions are now back with Solicitor Phil Taylor for review. Cllr Nixon asked if Cllr Morgan could act on behalf of the council on minor matters within the lease negotiations rather than wait for each council meeting. Cllr Morgan will contact the Cllrs for views on the minor reviews before the final lease is agreed by the full council. Thanks were expressed to all the volunteer helpers who helped cleaned up the pavilion before the Festival.
Action – Clerk – Contact Hiscox Insurance to query whether livestock damage to the grounds is covered under our current policy.
- 8.f Councillor Questions**
- 9. Highways & General Purpose**
- 9.a Staffordshire County Council/ Neighbourhood Highway Team Matters –**
A resident raised the issue of blocked drains in the Woodlands Area and requested that all the drains are checked as the recent bad weather has highlighted the problem.
Action - Clerk – To request that all drains are cleared in the Woodlands as a matter of urgency, Cllr Smith to take complaints forward to Cllr Atkins
- 9.b Highways - Green Lane** – Highways have completed some patching work on the road. Further remedial work is still required further along the lane.
Action – Clerk – Thank Highways on behalf of the council for the work and check if further repairs have been completed.
- 9.c Footpaths** – Sign post footpath 40 and stile repair footpath 51 - Ongoing
- 9.d ESBC** – No matters arising
- 9.e Enforcement** - Church Lane Hedge – Clerk had contacted PCSO Hadfield to see if they could help with the matter as it appears to be taking some time to rectify. Not a police matter unless it is causing a traffic hazard.
Action – Clerk – To speak to SCC
- 9.f Councillor Questions**
- 10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports**
- 10.a Police** - PCSO Hadfield – 2 incidents reported in the last month. Crime and Social Behaviour within the community is low. Recent fly tipping on Marchington Cliff has been reported. PCSO Hadfield stressed if you see anything suspicious please do call in to 101 to lodge your concerns.
Action – Clerk – Forward PCSO Hadfield’s Details in the Parish Magazine
- 10.b HM Prison Dovegate** – 16th June Liaison meeting – Prison is currently full with full 1133 inmates, looked after by 526 staff. Drones are currently being used to survey the roofs. A change machine is being installed for visitors which will alleviate the problems at the village shop. The New Director John Hewitson will be in post 1st August and will arrange a liaison meeting once he has settled in. Geo Amey Van seen in village reported
- 10.c Flooding Committee** – Ward Cllr Smith updated the meeting. He has had meetings with Mr Tony Heapey and Severn Trent and has more meetings planned re the drains in the village.
Action – Clerk – Ask Mr Heapey to attend and update at the next meeting
- 10. d Councillor Questions**
- 11. General**
- 11.a Chairman’s – Councillors’ Reports**
- Land at Marchington Woodlands – Ongoing
 - Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – Marchington Woodlands Village Hall committee have accepted the offer of Cllr Hayes acting as their representative on the Parish Council
 - Marchington Woodlands Village Hall VAT query – letters sent to NALC and SLCC awaiting reply.
 - Forestside Footpath – Ongoing
- 11.b Clerk’s Report**
- Flashing Speed Sign – Church Lane – Email requesting an update has been sent to Richard Rayson. Leaflet on changing the speed limit has been downloaded.

- Marchington Solar Farm – Community Benefit - £5000 benefit has been paid into the Parish Council Bank Account.
Actions – All Cllr s to forward costed suggestions to Clerk for discussion and decision at next meeting
- Noticeboards for Forestside –Ongoing
- Centenary Fields in Trust – Ongoing
- Marchington Festival Round up - Activities over the weekend raised £4800 for village groups and charities. Clerk on behalf of Marchington Festival Committee thanked the Parish Council again for their grant which helped the project get off the ground. Date for next year’s event 24/25th June.

11. c New items for discussion

ILCA Course for Clerk - £99+VAT – Councillors approved that Clerk could register for the course.
Proposed – Cllr Darby, Seconded – Cllr Nixon

11. d Correspondence

- Funding leaflet from Mathew Ellis Police and Crime Commissioner - Grants available to reduce crime
Action – Clerk – to investigate whether new fencing & benches in Silver lane play area would qualify for grant, with an aim to reduce the ongoing vandalism in that area.
- Eric Roy Email – Additional costs as we are uploading more items to the website than were originally costed in his quote.
Action – Clerk – Find out new costs and bring to next meeting.
- Best Kept Village Presentation Evening – 1st August 2016 - Eccleshall
3 places available for presentation evening. Cllr Morgan to attend, other councillors also welcome to attend.

11. e Councillor Questions

12. Any Other Business

- Cllr Hayes requested that two sharp bend signs be requested for road near Thorntree Farm
Action – Clerk – request signage from Highways
- Cllr Hayes reported the amount of water running on the road near Wren Park. Previously been investigated by SCC and is the land owners responsibility.
Action – Clerk – Write to land owner and request he looks into the problem as a matter of urgency.
- Cllr Morgan raised a request form the Bulls Head Football Club to site a Portakabin on the Playing fields to be used as a changing room. All Councillors agreed in principle but would like further information
- Cllr Morgan – Stiles near from Station road towards the pond in need of repair,
Action – Clerk – report to SCC
- Mrs G Leadbetter – Concerns raised about the chicane on Snows Corner with the larger lorries using the road.
- Action – Clerk – report damage to SCC

13. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.10pm

**Marchington parish Councils next meeting will be
Tuesday 9th August 2016 –Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – 7.30pm**

Appendix D

Agenda Item 7b - Payment of Accounts

12th July 2017

Date	Monies received:		
01-Jun	Interest	£15.30	
06-Jun	Marchington Village Hall Table Repayment	£796.78	
21-Jun	Sale of Cricket Club Roller	£100.00	
23-Jun	Community Benefit from Goldbeck Solar	£5,000.00	
TOTAL OF RECEIPTS		£5,912.08	

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:		Cheque No.
30-Jun	PB Enterprises - Forestside Areas	£180.00	1962
28-Jun	Bloomin Gardens	£457.77	1963
28-Jun	Lawn mower Spares - Hire of mower for cricket club	£48.00	1964
29-Jun	ESBC - Emptying of litter bins Jul- Sep 2016	£351.00	1965
29-Jun	ESBC - Emptying of trade litter bin Village Hall	£71.63	1966
12-Jul	Catherine Thompson Clerk Salary	£391.66	1967
12-Jul	Catherine Thompson Expenses & Mileage	£44.43	
12-Jul	Henry Hall Grounds Maintenance	£431.50	1968
12-Jul	Clerk Tax	£54.80	1969
05-Jul	ESBC - Planning Application on behalf of Marchington Village Hall	£97.50	1970
05-Jul	Marchington Village Hall - Steering Group	£16.00	1971

£2,144.29

Amount available in bank before deducting the above expenditures

£1,008.60

Current

As at 30th June 2016

£38,443.94

Gold Account

