

Marchington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 8th November at Marchington Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present: Chairman – Cllr Andrew Mann
Cllrs: Julia Hayhurst, Reg Husey, John Chubb, Ian Morgan, Darron Hayes, Brian Darby.
Ward Cllr – Stephen Smith (part)
Parish Clerk - Mrs C Thompson
20 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Nixon, Cllr Ford, PCSO Lucinda Hadfield

2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Mann – Marchington Village Hall Committee and Marchington Community Shop

Cllr Morgan – Chawner Alms Houses

Cllr Husey – Marchington Community Shop

3. **Public Participation**

i. **Precept Presentations -**

Chawner Alms Houses – Roy Pelham – Chairman of Chawner Alms House Charity. £2000 requested

Copy of most recent accounts requested to be forwarded to council as soon as possible.

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Committee – Mr Brian Crowther – Member of Management Committee. £2250 requested.

Marchington Village Hall Committee – Geraldine Flavell – Treasurer. £2000 requested.

Marchington Community Shop Board – June McCarthy – Volunteer, Angie Cocke Board Member. £2000 requested.

St Peters Church – Marchington – Mr Gordon Marjoram – Treasurer. £2000 requested for Church, £650 for Parish Magazine.

St Johns Church – Marchington Woodlands – Cllr Mann read out the application on behalf of Mr Mike Cleaver. £2850. Isabel Wilson – PCC Member answered questions.

Total requested £13,750.

ii. **Precept – Raising of the council tax – Cllr Mann.**

Cllr Mann spoke to the meeting and believes that if council tax is to be raised that it should not be by more than the rate of inflation unless there is a very good reason.

At present Cllr Mann advocates using the deed of benefit grant from the Marchington Solar Farm to maintain the Parish Rate (the part of the council tax received by the Parish Council from ESBC) rather than spending it all on a separate capital project. This would ensure that every household within the Parish would benefit from the grant by not raising the council tax.

iii. **Parish Rate Increase – Cllr Husey**

Cllr Husey reported to the meeting the impact of fulfilling all the precept requests by raising council tax.

Action – Cllr Husey & Clerk – Calculate % increase on each housing band in relation to the Parish Rate and the total grants requested.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Approval of minutes of meeting held on 11th October (previously circulated)
Proposed: Cllr Morgan Seconded: Cllr Hayhurst

5. **Matters of Report/Discussion of Public Participation** – Matters arising from Minutes of Public Participation not included elsewhere on the Agenda
None

6. Planning

- a. Planning Applications Received –
 - **The Dog and Partridge – Church Lane - Marchington - P/2016/01255**
Single storey kitchen extension to the rear of the premises.
The Parish Council wish to make no comment.
 - **Felling of One Ash Tree – Marchington Cricket Club - P/2016/01567**
The Parish Council are the applicants so can therefore make no comment.
- b. Planning Decisions Received – As shown in Appendix B
 - **Marchington Village Hall – The Square – Marchington – P/2016/01136**
Erection of a single storey rear extension
APPROVED
- c. Planning Appeals Received – None received.
- d. Neighbourhood Plan – 15th November 6 to 8pm – John Ellwood Lounge. Members of the parish have been invited to an open evening to meet the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and learn how the Neighbourhood plan can work for them.
- e. Councillor Questions –
 - Cllr Smith updated the council about the Jacks Lane Development – Ongoing issues with regard to SUDS means that the application has been delayed to give Severn Trent time to work a new solution to prevent exacerbating the risk of flooding in other areas of the village.
 - Changes to the Conservation Area – The consultation letter was discussed and all Cllrs agreed the changes to the Conservation Area boundary.
Action – Clerk – Write to ESBC planning to inform them of council’s decision.

7. Finance and Administration

- a. Precept – Previously discussed
- b. Report on Payments to be made –

Receipts

Interest	£ 7.67
VAT rebate from HMRC	£ 996.93
Total Receipts	<u>£1004.80</u>

Expenditure

PB Enterprises Ltd	£360.00
Bloomin Gardens	£228.28
Catherine Thompson Salary expenses & travel	£448.10
Clerk Tax - HMRC	£ 1.40
Henry Hall	£163.75
Ian Morgan – Reimbursement for Light Switch	£ 6.76
Total Expenditure	<u>£1208.29</u>

Gold Account Balance £41,451.51

Current Account Balance £1004.55

Proposed: Cllr Husey Seconded: Cllr Chubb

- c. Councillor Questions
Cllr Husey requested that quarterly accounts are reviewed by the full council prior to being published on the website.
Action – Clerk – enter item onto January Agenda, Title change to show what period accounts are up to e.g. 6 months to 30th September.

8. Properties and Grounds

- a. Silver Lane Playground Report – Cllr Husey reported to meeting.
A Bag for Help Scheme voting is now active. Scheme closes on 13th November, flyers being posted around village this week
- b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report –To Follow from Cllr Chubb
- c. Green Lane Community Orchard – Nothing to report

- d. Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann reported
Planning permission has been granted for the extension to the John Ellwood Lounge. An ESBC grant of £7500 has been secured. A single handrail is to be installed on the front steps. The hall is very busy at the moment with only 4 days in October and November when there are no bookings.
- e. Marchington Cricket Club – Cllr Morgan reported
Planning Application to fell one tree submitted.
- f. Councillor Questions

9. Highways and General Purpose

- a. Neighbourhood Highways Team – Staffordshire County Council – Nothing to report
- b. Highways – Staffordshire County Council
 - Condition of Jacks Lane from Woodland Views to Bag Lane Junction resident complaint. Concern about the general state of this section of Jacks Lane, also concerns over speed and volume of traffic. Resident requested help from the council to lobby SCC for the road to be re-surfaced and the traffic calming measures to be reviewed.
Action - Clerk to contact SCC copy in Cllr Atkins and Ward Cllr Smith and Tim Buxton forward contact details to resident. Also to contact PCSO Hadfield re Community Speed Watch
 - Flashing speed sign – On going
Action – Clerk - Ask Mr Rayson to meet the Councillors.
- c. Footpaths – Nothing to report
- d. ESBC
- e. Enforcement –
 - Church Lane Hedge – further complaints have been received from residents and the school
Action - Cllr Mann – to speak to the resident., School Governor to contact resident directly.
 - Bag Lane Bank excavation – The Parish Council stand by the decision that this is an infringement of the Conservation Area and will continue to pursue ESBC planning enforcement for a review of their decision.
A Letter of Complaint about the Chairman’s report in November Parish magazine has been received and was discussed
Action – Clerk to respond to resident’s letter and to continue to try and contact Mr Ward, ESBC enforcement officer.
- f. Councillor Questions –

10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports

- a. Police –
- b. HMP Dovegate
 - Liaison meeting re arranged for 9th November, Cllr Ford comments re hedges to be taken to meeting and traffic issues.
- c. Flooding Committee – Cllr Smith reported
 - Discussions with Severn Trent with regard to flooding and sewage have taken place with Cllr Smith and Tony Heapey being present.
 - A resident reported that they had overheard workmen discussing increasing the drainage from the Industrial Estate to the village.
 - Reports of manhole covers lifting within the Industrial Estate directly behind Silver Lane.
 - Councillors expressed their surprise that no Parish Councillors had been present at the meetings with Severn Trent
 - **Action – Clerk to contact Hortons to find out details of problem and to invite Mr Heapey to a future meeting.**
- d. Councillor Questions –

11. General

- a. Chairman’s/Councillor Reports
 - i. Land at Marchington Woodlands
Accident reported to the Police caused by poor vision around the triangle due to both parked vehicles and overgrown trees.

Action – Clerk – To report back to PCSO once date of accident has been received from resident

- ii. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – Cllr Hayes reported
- b. Clerk Report
 - i. Training Course Booked with SPCA 15th November £40
Proposed: Cllr Darby Seconded: Cllr Husey
 - ii. Purchase of book for ILCA course.
Local council clerks guide £19
Proposed: Cllr Darby Seconded: Cllr Husey
- c. New items for discussion
 - Request for donation towards repair to ceiling from Marchington Village Hall Committee.
Due to Cllr Mann’s interest as a Trustee of the Hall, Vice Chairman Cllr Morgan led this discussion and Cllr Mann did not vote.
Cllrs discussed the request and decided that as the precept was granted to cover maintenance costs and although unplanned and very unfortunate this problem was a maintenance issue then no financial help would be given this time. A vote was taken
1 abstention
5 in favour of not giving financial help.
 - Changes in Address for Marchington Woodlands residents.
Letter from ESBC was read out to the meeting following a request from a Marchington Woodlands resident to standardise addresses in the area.
Action – Cllr Mann to mention in Chairman’s report. Clerk to ask Mrs Bostock to put correspondence in the Marchington Woodlands Village Hall.
- d. Correspondence
 - Letter from Resident re Village Hall and Payment of VAT – Previously circulated.
The letter was read out to the meeting and discussed. The Village Hall Is registered under Marchington Parish Council land registry as the owner and the Parish Council stands by its statement on purchasing and VAT.
Action – Clerk – to respond to resident and include land registry document, and letter and response to SLCC. To update address details on the Land Registry site.
 - Letter from Marchington Woodland Residents regarding provision of a dog poo bin in the Woodlands.
Letter was read out to the meeting. Cllrs discussed various options.
Action – Clerk – to contact ESBC for provision of a bin and to contact Residents and ask them to wait until we hear back from them.
- e. Councillor Questions

12. Any Other Business

- Western Power has removed the damaged transformer and made good all the damage that happened while the travellers were in the Parish. Cllr Chubb requested a letter of thanks be sent to Western Power.
Action – Clerk – Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Western Power.
- Fly Tipping on Marchington Cliff – reported and cleared
- Dead tree on Hall Lane reported to Trent and Dove Housing.
- Silver Lane – Cllr Morgan to investigate reports of bones being found by dog walkers on Silver Lane.

13. Date and time of next meeting. - Tuesday 13th December 7.30pm – John Ellwood Lounge – Marchington Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.37pm