

# Marchington Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at Marchington Village Hall – 7.30pm

### Present

Cllr Andrew Mann, Paul Nixon, Ian Morgan, John Chubb, Darron Hayes, Reg Husey, Brian Darby, Richard Ford.

Ward Cllr Stephen Smith – Part

David Hughes SCC – Flood Risk Officer.

James Webster – Civil Contingences Officer

Mr T Heapey – Marchington Flood Group.

5 members of the public.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hayhurst, PCSO Hadfield

### 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None Received.

### 3. Public Participation -

David Hughes, Flood Risk Officer, Staffordshire County Council. Spoke to the meeting; Funding for Marchington has been received from the local levy and central government. For flood prevention schemes at a local level, Amey is currently the preferred consultant. Works suggested include filling the gap at the bridge on Church Lane, clearing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Arch under the Church Lane Bridge, ditch works on the playing field and increasing the height of the bund to the rear of Church Close EA would prefer not to dredge the brook/ditch due to environmental concerns.

PLR (Property Level Resilience) at a basic level for individual properties that may be at risk will be provided by SCC. All residents whose properties are deemed “at risk” will be contacted by surveyors who will carry out a survey and recommend what they can do to protect their property. Bag Lane issues are being investigated where there is a culverted water course under the road that is in a state of disrepair.

Flooding Group expecting to hold a public meeting in the New Year.

#### James Webster – Civil Contingences Officer

Multi Agency support for closing the roads if needed to stop traffic going into the floods and causing problems.

Triggers would be from the Flood Alert and then the cue to act would be the Flood Warning.

Closure Points would be at the Square and outside Dovegate Prison on Moreton Lane.

Training would be needed for volunteers, covering all aspects of Health & Safety.

The next stage is to recruit as many village volunteers as we can so that training can be undertaken as soon as possible.

A resident complained about SCC and Severn Trent not clearing the drains as had been previously agreed. David Hughes to look into this matter.

**Action - Clerk - Send letter re pump to David Hughes and invite to February meeting. Clerk or Parish Councillor to attend meetings from now on.**

**David Hughes– feedback ownership of all drains to Clerk.**

**Chairman – Ask for volunteers in Chairman’s Report.**

### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval of minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November (previously circulated)

Proposed Cllr Darby

Seconded: Cllr Chubb

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

## 6. Planning

### a. Planning Applications Received

- **Dove View Solar Park - P/2016/01551 - Small change in length of active life of solar farm to 25 years from start of production.**  
**The Parish Council wish to make No Comment**
- **Hall Farm – Hall Road – Marchington P/2016/01397**  
Listed Building application for stabilisation of floor joist to first floor bedroom  
**The Parish Council wish to make No Comment**
- **The Dog and Partridge – Church Lane - Marchington - P/2016/01255**  
Erection of a single storey rear extension, retention of replacement windows to ground floor front and installation of replacement windows to side and rear elevations.  
**Actions - Clerk - ask for planning guidelines for works within a conservation area.**
- **Chestnut Cottage – Church Lane – Marchington – P2016/01702**  
Demolition of a conservatory and erection of a single storey side and rear extension  
**The Parish Council wish to make No Comment**

### b. Planning Decisions Received

- **Felling of One Ash Tree – Marchington Cricket Club - APPROVED**
- **Jacks Lane Development - Outline application for the erection of up to 5 dwellings including details of access - APPROVED**

### c. Planning Appeals Received

- **TGC Appeal – Land at Green Lane, Marchington – DISMISSED**

### d. Councillor Questions -

Thanks were given to Ward Cllr Stephen Smith by Mr M Marrison on behalf of MDAG and the PC Chairman for his help with the planning appeal and for his input into the Jacks Lane outline planning permission conditions.

## 7. Finance and Administration

### a. Precept – Agreement on Parish Rate and Budget principles.

- Precept figures have been received from ESBC and they recommend that our Parish rate should remain the same. Cllr Mann proposed that the Council accepts ESBC's recommendations and that the Parish Rate should remain the same. A vote was taken and was unanimous in agreement.
- Cllr Mann asked for the consent of the Parish Council to use some of the Deed of Benefit from the Marchington Solar Park to provide additional finance during the next financial year if needed. A vote was taken 6 for and 1 against.
- Cllr Mann proposed that voting on grants in the January Meeting will be done so by a show of hands. A vote was taken 6 for and 1 against.

### b. Report on Payments to be made –

#### Receipts

Interest	£ 8.59
Total Receipts	<b>£ 8.59</b>

#### Expenditure

Catherine Thompson Salary expenses & travel	£503.50
Clerk Tax - HMRC	£ 8.80
Henry Hall	£329.25
Jane Hilton – Reimbursement for bulbs	£ 50.10
Eon – Electricity for Cricket Club	£ 28.52
South Staffs Water	£ 45.43
SPCA – Induction for Clerk	£ 40.00
Hire of Village Hall for Neighbourhood Plan meeting	£ 16.00
Total Expenditure	<b>£1021.60</b>

Gold Account Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> November	£40, 060.10
Current Account Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> November	£1007.02
Proposed – Cllr Chubb	Seconded – Cllr Darby

- c. Councillor Questions

## 8. Properties and Grounds

- a. Silver Lane Playground Report – Cllr Ford  
Rotted posts need replacing.  
Goal Nets to be costed.  
**Action – Clerk – Ask Mr Hall to replace rotten posts**  
**Cllr Morgan – obtain costings for new nets**
- i. Grant (£12,000) for playground from Tesco Bags for Help – Clerk updated the council on the successful bid.
- ii. ESBC grant application to be completed before – 22<sup>nd</sup> December.
- b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – Cllr Chubb  
Cllr Chubb reported that the privately owned fencing to the side of the playground is now getting dangerous.  
**Action – Cllr Chubb – report address to Clerk, Clerk – write to resident or land lord asking for repairs to be completed.**
- c. Green Lane Community Orchard – Nothing to report – in good order.
- d. Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann reported that the extension to the John Ellwood Lounge is due to start in February and run through to early April.
- e. Marchington Cricket Club – Cllr Morgan reported that the ash tree has been felled.  
Cricket Club Lease is due to be completed as soon as possible.
- f. Councillor Questions -

## 9. Highways and General Purpose

- a. Neighbourhood Highways Team – Staffordshire County Council –
- b. Highways – Staffordshire County Council  
Clerk updated meeting about meeting with Mr Rayson from SCC Highways with regard to the road condition of Jacks Lane.  
Cllr Chubb asked if the state of Marchington Cliff could be raised again to SCC  
**Action – Clerk – Contact SCC with regard to road surface on Marchington Cliff.**
- c. Footpaths – Nothing to report.
- d. ESBC – Fly Tipping and Tip Charges - Cllrs discussed the impact of how charging at the Uttoxeter recycling facility may increase fly tipping in the Parish.  
**Action – Clerk – Forward council concerns to Cllr Atkins**  
Cllr Smith reported to the meeting and explained the reasoning behind the changes to the Conservation Area. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Launch Event for Neighbourhood Fund is being held at the Broomhouse, Burton on Trent. He also updated the meeting about the changes to the local NHS services
- e. Enforcement –
- Church Lane Hedge – update - Ongoing.
  - Bag Lane Bank excavation – update. Discussions on how we can proceed to get the bank reinforced.
- Action – Cllr Mann – To call on resident.**
- f. Councillor Questions –  
Cllr Chubb enquired about the work being undertaken on the Barracks site.  
**Action – Clerk – Contact Evans Property Group about reasons for work.**

## 10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports

- a. Police – Nothing to report.
- b. HMP Dovegate - Review of Liaison Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November – Cllr Mann reported to the meeting about the successful meeting held with the new Director.  
Action – Clerk – Chase for next meeting date
- c. Flooding Committee – see Public Participation
- d. Councillor Questions –

## 11. General

- a. Chairman's/Councillor Reports

- i. Land at Marchington Woodlands – PCSO Hadfield to speak to resident.
  - ii. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – Village Hall road sign still not repaired  
**Action – Clerk – Ask for an update and report back to Cllr Hayes.**
  - iii. East View, High Street Update – Cllr Mann Reported about his positive meeting with the new resident.
- b. Clerk Report
- i. Feedback from Induction Course.-  
New items that Clerk will be introducing include attendance records, Agenda on Notice board and website one week before meeting, and initiating the Parish Meeting where groups/individuals have received funding from the council report back to the residents.
  - ii. Highways team – No longer in operation from April 2018. There will be an impact on Parish and Budget.  
**Action – Clerk – Find out what Highways team are responsible for.**
  - iii. SLCC Staffordshire AGM – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Clerk will be attending,
  - iv. BT Phone Boxes Arbourfield Road and Holly Farm, Knights land consultation for removal.  
Cllrs discussed and decided not to adopt box at Knightsland, but to ask residents on Arbourfield road if they would like the box adopted.
  - v. Archive storage - Clerk to continue looking at costs of getting archive scanned.
- c. New items for discussion  
Complaints from Hillsea Crescent about parking of car on the Green.  
**Action - Clerk to find out owner/Landlord of the house and write to them asking for vehicle to be removed**
- d. Correspondence
- Social Media Training Course March 2018 – Clerk to attend.,
  - Letter from resident of Moisty Lane.  
**Action – Cllr Mann to write a letter for Clerk to send responding to resident.**
  - Moving to online payments HMRC –discussed and further solutions to be investigated by Clerk.
- e. Councillor Questions

## 12. Any Other Business

More Road Signs in Woodlands needed – **Cllrs Nixon and Hayes to report to Clerk what signs are needed.**

No Through Road Sign replacement to Salmon’s farm – **Clerk to contact SCC for an update**

Dog Bin Provision – Marchington Woodlands – **Clerk to chase ESBC for a response.**

Knightsland Farm – **Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council have contacted the land owner as the issue runs across both parishes.**

**Filling of Grit Bins – Marchington Woodlands – Clerk to contact Tim Buxton again.**

Fly Tipping – Mattress on Quee Lane – **Clerk to report**

## 13. Date and time of next meeting.

**Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – John Ellwood Lounge – Marchington Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed 10.40pm**