

# Marchington Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Marchington Village Hall – 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr Mann, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Darby, Cllr Ford, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Husey, Ward Cllr Stephen Smith  
Parish Clerk – Catherine Thompson  
5 members of the public including 2 Draycott Parish Councillors  
Evans of Leeds – Alan Syers-  
Barton Wilmore – Faith Wright - Senior Planner.  
Barton Wilmore – Kevin Parker – Master Planner.

**1. Apologies for Absence – None Received**

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Morgan – Alms Houses

Cllr Husey – Marchington Shop Planning Application

**3. Public Participation -**

Representatives from Barton Wilmore and Evans of Leeds spoke to the meeting with regard to the Barracks Site. They are proposing a housing development of approximately 50 units. This would be low density housing and the plan includes a new access onto Stubby lane. Barton Wilmore hopes to move forward to submit a planning application within 3 to 4 months after more detailed work has been carried out.

Councillors and Members of the public then asked questions

- Breakdown of housing may include social housing to meet ESBC requirements
- Issues with highways and drainage will need to be addressed as well as ecology surveys before planning will go forward.
- Limited clearance around the barracks buildings has been undertaken recently. Soil sampling and contamination studies will be required.
- Demolition of the Barracks Block would depend on a successful planning application. Clearing of asbestos in current blocks will be undertaken as soon as possible.
- Cllrs stated that a direct cycle/pedestrian link to the main village and its amenities would be very beneficial to the current Forestside community and the new development.
- Cllr Smith suggested that the consultants involve Draycott Parish Council.

**Action - Clerk to forward David Hughes and John Chubb details to Faith Wright. Clerk to contact Faith Wright before every meeting. Add item on to Agenda.**

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval of minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January (previously circulated)**

Proposed - Cllr Hayhurst

Seconded - Cllr Darby

**5. Matters of Report/Discussion of Public Participation – Matters arising from Minutes of Public Participation not included elsewhere on the Agenda**

**6. Planning**

**a. Planning Applications Received**

P/2017/00212 – Bramley Cottage, Church Lane, Marchington – Crown Reduction by 50% of Holly Tree

**Action – Clerk – The Parish Council wishes to make no comment**

P/2017/00214 - Tree Works - Yew Tree House – High Street, Marchington

**Action – Clerk – The Parish Council wishes to make no comment**

P/2017/00088 – Marchington Community Shop – Replacement Gates and Railings.

**Action – Clerk – The Parish Council wishes to make no comment**

P/2017/00197 – Land Adjacent to Church Farm, Church Lane, Marchington – Removal of 4 x Sycamore and 2 x Wild Cherry Trees.

**Action – Clerk - The council would like to object to the removal of these trees as it would be detrimental to the character of this important entrance to the Village.**

P/2017/00271 – Church Farm – Church Lane – Removal of one Norway Maple Tree – Damaged

**Action – Clerk – The Parish Council wishes to make no comment**

**b. Planning Decisions Received**

**P/2017/00018 – Woodroffes Cliff Cottage, Marchington Woodlands** – Proposed single storey extension on South East Elevation – **APPROVED**

**P/2017/00087 – River Hayes – Moisty lane** - Proposed 2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front single storey porch revised – **APPROVED**

**P/2017/00126 – Crown Reduction Silver Birch – Buttyard Croft – Church Lane – APPROVED**

**c. Planning Appeals – None Received**

**7. Finance and Administration**

**a. Precept – Request from Chawner Alms Houses.**

A discussion took place as to how to proceed with the request from Chawner Alms Houses to swap their grant offer from one item of expenditure to another.

Councillors agreed to put all options to the Chawner Alms Houses Committee so they could make an informed choice as to whether to proceed with the original grant application or to withdraw and submit a new application

**Action – Clerk – Forward options to Chawner Alms Houses and await their response.**

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

**Receipts**

Interest	£ .30
Groundworks UK – Tesco Bags of help grant	£ 9000.00
Annual Rent for Parish Garden	£ 40.00
Total Receipts	<b>£ 9040.30</b>

**Expenditure**

Catherine Thompson Salary expenses & travel	£ 476.03
Clerk Tax - HMRC	£ 1.40
Henry Hall	£ 358.90
Playdale – Silver Lane Project deposit	£ 8343.78
Eon – Cricket Club	£ 53.75
Best Kept Village Entry and Posters	£ 19.70
Total Expenditure	<b>£ 9253.56</b>

Gold Account Balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> February £ 45,701.09

Current Account Balance as at 28th February 2017 £ 1,005.48

**Proposed - Cllr Husey    Seconded - Cllr Hayhurst**

**c. Councillor Questions**

**8. Properties and Grounds**

**a. Silver Lane Playground Report – Cllr Ford**

Action - Cllr Morgan - Provide costs and a picture of proposed nets

Action – Clerk – Ask Henry Hall to collect branches and tidy round.

**b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – Cllr Chubb** reported after the meeting that one fence panel has been repaired but another is now damaged.

**Action – Clerk – To contact homeowner**

**c. Green Lane Community Orchard – Trees have been damaged by the recent storms. Henry Hall has been working on removal.**

- d. **Marchington Village Hall** – Cllr Mann – Construction work is continuing hoping to be completed by the 8<sup>th</sup> April.
- e. **Marchington Cricket Club** – Cllr Morgan – Lost one of the poplar trees during Storm Doris. Henry Hall will remove over the next few weeks.  
Thanks were expressed to Mr S & Mr M Langridge for their help in removing another tree from the brook.  
**Action – Cllr Mann to thank in his Chairman’s report.**
- f. Councillor Questions -

## 9. Highways and General Purpose

- a. Neighbourhood Highways Team – Staffordshire County Council
  - Bag Lane Potholes some repaired but other potholes still need reporting
  - Jacks Lane – Some repair work completed other areas still need attention.
  - Action – Clerk - To report potholes in both areas.**
  - It was reported that the drains were blocked in Church Lane and Hall Road.
  - Action – Clerk - To report to Staffordshire County Council.**
- b. Highways – Staffordshire County Council
  - Cllr Mann – A50 Diversion Meeting – Cllr Mann reported that the current works are taking place east of Uttoxeter so there should be no local impact on Marchington at the moment.
- c. Footpaths – Nothing to report
- d. Enforcement –
  - i. Church Lane Hedge – New owner agrees that the hedge needs further cutting back. The council hopes this will happen soon.
- e. Councillor Questions –
  - Do we know what the Amey standards of repair are for potholes?
  - Action - Clerk to check and report back to meeting.**
  - Issue of Speed Signs raised
  - Action Clerk to speak to Richard Rayson**

## 10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports

- a. Police – Nothing to report
- b. HMP Dovegate - Liaison Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Morgan & Cllr Darby to attend.  
Travellers on site are due to be moved by court order this week.  
**Action – Clerk – keep local landowners informed.**
- c. Flooding Committee – Names of volunteers for flood wardens forwarded to Mr Heappey
- d. Councillor Questions –

## 11. General

- a. Chairman’s/Councillor Reports
  - i. Land at Marchington Woodlands – Cllr Hayes produced some information of ownership from 1979.  
**Actions – Clerk – investigate if document is still valid.**
  - ii. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – Drainage works will start as soon land dries out.
  - iii. Parking The Square – ongoing
  - iv. Dog Bin – Marchington Woodlands Village Hall  
**Action – Clerk – to contact Mr and Mrs Hill and let them know there are objections to their proposal.**
  - v. Fly Tipping – Moisty Lane.  
**Action Clerk – to contact ranger and see if liquid residue will be removed**
- b. Clerk Reports
  - i. Station Road – Land Slip – Ground needs some vegetation to secure it.  
**Action – Clerk – Contact Garden Guild**
  - ii. Tree Survey – Parish Council decided to get all trees on Parish Council land surveyed for stability.

**Action - Clerk – to get at least 3 quotes and report back**

- c. New items for discussion
  - i. Works on Hall Road/ Station Road – Cllrs discussed the works and how we can proceed to protect the area. A request to increase the Conservation Area has already been sent to ESBC. Cllr Hayhurst suggested a pro-active approach of protecting certain trees within the parish.  
**Action – Clerk – contact ESBC for a definitive list of Tree Preservation Orders within the Parish**
- d. Correspondence
  - i. The Pensions Regulator
  - ii. Letter of Thanks from Marchington Woodlands Village Hall.
  - iii. Staffordshire Fire Service – Illegal Waste Sites

**12. Any Other Business**

- a. Cllr Nixon requested that Marchington Parish Council is kept informed of any applications by the Turkey Farm on Hodge Lane  
**Action – Clerk – to contact Abbots Bromley Parish Council for updates**
- b. Cllr Ford reminded Clerk that defibrillator training needs to be arranged.  
**Action – Clerk to arrange training for September.**

**13. Date and time of next meeting.**

**Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm – Marchington Woodlands Village Hall**

Meeting Closed at 10.05pm