

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 10th October 2017 at
Marchington Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present - Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Mann
Ward Cllr Stephen Smith
Graham Hunt SCC
1 member of the public
Catherine Thompson – Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence – PCSO Hadfield, Cllr Ford, Cllr Husey

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None Received

3. Public Participation - Graham Hunt

Graham Hunt Staffordshire County Council Community Partnerships Officer spoke to the meeting after being contacted about residents' concerns due after accidents on Marchington Cliff.

He gave background information on how roads are prioritised for improving their safety. In the past 5 years there have been three recorded serious accidents on the cliff, two of which the road surface was classed as a contributory factor.

As a result of a site meeting Tim Buxton Community Traffic Management Officer was tasked with looking at 2 areas of concern

Signage - The signage has been reviewed and deemed adequate, additional road markings on the 2nd bend Near Forestside Farm may be an option. If the community is willing to pay for additional signage then it could be a possibility further down the line.

Overhanging trees causing the road surface to be damp – Due to the nature of the banked roadsides to clear the overhanging trees would have a massive impact on the area, and may result in destabilising the banking. The way the road drains did cause concern along with the negative cambers. Mr Hunt has forwarded the problem to Cllr Atkins asking for further investigation by a drainage engineer.

Mr Hunt answered questions from Councillors, and explained the process needed to change the speed limit.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval of minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2017 (previously circulated)

Proposed – Cllr Nixon Seconded – Cllr Hayhurst

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/2017/001150 – 17, Windmill Drive, Marchington - Extension and Alterations at 17, Windmill Drive.

Action –Clerk – Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no comment.

P/2017/01044 – Dove View, Moisty Lane, Marchington - Extension of term of solar farm until 11th September 2041.

Action –Clerk – Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no comment.

P/2017/01104 – Brookfields, Church Lane, Marchington - Tree Works – Crown reduction in height by 3m and side reduction by 3 – 3.5m of American Red oak to clear adjacent property. TPO 339.

Action –Clerk – Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no comment.

P/2017/01211 – East View, High Street, Marchington - Tree Works – Reduction of two lower branches from one giant Sequoia tree by up to 2 metres.

Action –Clerk – Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no comment.

P/2017/01223 – 54, Jacks Lane, Marchington - Erection of a single Storey side and rear extension and front porch

Action – Clerk - Extension of comments until after next meeting.

- b. Planning Decisions Received – None Received
- c. Planning Appeals Received – None Received
- d. Barracks Development - Relief Road Proposal,
Cllr Morgan spoke to the meeting giving background information. The concerns of Draycott in the Clay Parish Council are the increased HCV traffic on Stubby Lane. They are looking for ways to alleviate the problem. It was stressed that it was unfortunate that Draycott had not informed Marchington Parish Council of their concerns before they met with interested parties.
Cllr Smith stated that the issue needs to be taken seriously as it could have a number of positive outcomes for Marchington and the surrounding area.
The point was raised that if this was dealt with on an incremental basis there would be no money for investment. Even with the Local and Neighbourhood plan the government need for housing may become the priority.
Graham Hunt – Staffordshire County Council spoke to the meeting about how the project may be funded. Funds would have to be raised from other sources as the road would not fulfil Staffordshire County Councils criteria e.g. Job creation. The only other way for the county to get funding would be through developer contributions. Traffic on Stubby Lane is being monitored by SCC. Mr Hunt said that the cost of any road would be raised as it the proposed route is over a brownfield site.
Cllr Morgan expected to be invited to a meeting with ESBC shortly.
Action – Clerk – Contact Draycott asking to be kept informed from now on and work together.
- e. Councillor Questions – Confirmation of TPO – No 340 – Adjacent to church Farm, Church Lane.

7. Finance and Administration

- a. Precept
2nd half of grants to be paid this month.
Timetable for next year's application process was discussed.
Action – Clerk – Forward timetable to all Cllrs.

- b. Report on Payments to be made – As shown in Appendix D

Receipts

Interest	£ .29
ESBC Precept Payment	£15,079.72
Total Income	<u>£15, 080.01</u>

Expenditure

Catherine Thompson Salary and Expenses	£ 555.91
Henry Hall	£ 229.05
Bloomin Gardens	£ 468.72
Lawn Mower Spares Ltd	£ 48.00
Eon Electricity – Cricket Club	£ 29.08
ESBC – Trade Refuse	£ 74.49
ESBC – Litter Picking & Road Sweeping	£ 351.00
PB Enterprises	£ 240.00
Grant Thornton Audit Invoice	£ 360.00

2nd half precept payments

Marchington Village Hall Committee	£1000.00
Marchington Village Shop	£ 360.00
M W Village Hall Committee	£1000.00
St Peters PCC and Magazine	£1325.00
St Johns Church PCC	£1000.00
Total Expenditure	<u>£6538.98</u>

Current Account	£ 1,003.69
Gold Account	£46,699.00

Proposed – Cllr Mann Seconded – Cllr Nixon

- c. Councillor Questions –

Clerk asked to split out expenses from salary for transparency.

8. Properties and Grounds

- a. Silver Lane Playground Report – Cllr Morgan - To be received
- b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – To be received.
- c. Green Lane Community Orchard –
Cllr Morgan formally requested that council agree funding this project to regenerate the orchard at a cost of £300. Unanimous approval to approve expenditure from Solar Farm Benefit.
Action – Clerk – Forward council thanks to Mrs Hilton and Mrs Hodges.
Action – Cllr Morgan – Contact Mrs Hilton and ask her to move project forward.
- d. Marchington Village Hall – Committee voted on priorities and a dishwasher will be purchased shortly.
- e. Marchington Cricket Club – Lease has been signed by both parties. Apple Day 15th being held.
Action – Clerk – Contact Mr Hodges re insurance status of event.

9. Highways and General Purpose

- a. Neighbourhood Highways Team -
- b. Highways –
- c. Footpaths –Stile Damaged Footpath 36
- d. Enforcement – Static Caravan planning application due.
- e. Councillor Questions –

10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports

- a. Police – ANPR Leaflet distributed
- b. HMP Dovegate – Cllr Morgan reported back to the meeting on behalf of Cllr Husey , positive meeting with Draycott and Marchington a full report will be given in November.
- c. Flooding Committee –
 - Cllr Smith and Tony Heapey have met with Severn Trent asking for a system specification as to what is going in and out of the pumping station as it appears properties up to Kuehne Nagel on Stubby Lane may be on the Marchington system.
Cllr Ward has contacted Andrew Griffiths MP asking for confirmation of monies available. £464,000 had been proposed in 2016.
Mrs Brown asked for representation from the council at any future meetings.
Action – Cllr Mann – To speak to Mr Heapey about being included in all future meetings.
 - Siting of Flood Warden Equipment – Clerk has contacted St Peter’s School asking if the cabinet can be stored within the grounds of the school. Currently awaiting response from school.

11. General

- a. Chairman’s/Councillor Reports
 - i. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall
 - ii. Hillsea Crescent – Parking – Tim Buxton suggests that the issue is raised with Cllr Atkins.
Action – Clerk, Cllr Chubb – forward photo and plan to Cllr Atkins.
 - iii. Additional Road Signage Marchington Woodlands – 10 Signs have been identified.
Action – Clerk - Ask for a site meeting within the next month.
 - iv. Footpaths – Forestside – Reported onto system awaiting engineer response.
 - v. Marchington Community Shop – Cllr Morgan explained that the shop will be holding a shareholders meeting. The shop is experiencing a period of difficult trading.
 - vi. Dog and Partridge Events – Cllr Hayhurst.
Church Lane resident has complained about the noise from Marquee Events held at the pub.
Action – Cllr Hayhurst to feedback that the resident must complain directly to ESBC.
Cllr Morgan to speak to landlord parking, noise, litter.
- b. Clerk Report
 - i. Marchington Sign, Stubby Lane – Ongoing
 - ii. Parish Council Website – new site is live and clerk is slowly updating.
 - iii. Tree survey – Midlands Tree Surgery preferred supplier
Action – Clerk – request formal quotation
 - iv. Date for Defibrillator Training – to be confirmed.

- v. Community Speed Watch update – Risk assessments being carried out 16/17th October. Volunteer Sign-up sheets to be completed then a training session will be organised.
- c. New items for discussion
 - Cllr Chubb – Tree damage to property reported at Corsham Place.
Action – Clerk - Investigate as tree will be property of Crown Estate.
- d. Correspondence
- e. Councillor Questions

12. Any Other Business

Bulbs – Garden Guild – Request for funds £30 – Unanimous Approval.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

13. **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday November 14th – 7.30pm – Marchington Village Hall.**

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Catherine Thompson – Clerk to the Council