

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 14th November 2017 at Marchington Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs Morgan, Cllr Mann, Cllr Darby, Cllr Ford, Cllr Husey, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Hayes,
Cllr Nixon, Cllr Hayhurst.
Ward Cllr Smith.
Parish Clerk – Catherine Thompson
18 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence – None Received
2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations
Cllr Mann – Marchington Village Hall.
Cllr Husey – Marchington Village Shop.
3. Public Participation -
Mr M Marrison – MDAG – Relief Road – Item 6.d

Precept Presentations & Cllr Questions

Cllr Morgan explained the Precept Discussion Process. These tranche of applications are for running costs and maintenance and will be heard in no particular order.

1. *Each presenter will be able to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes.*
2. *Councillors will then have the opportunity to answer questions after each presentation.*
3. *30th November a sub group (Chairman, Finance Officer and Clerk) will meet to discuss and analyse each submission and review the council's budget. This meeting will result in a list of suggestions offered up by the Chairman.*
4. *Before January the Parish Council will be notified what payment (precept) we should expect to receive from for the coming year 2018/19. This will then allow the council decide how much of this precept in total can be gifted.*
5. *On the Parish Council meeting to be held on the 9th January 2018. Each of the Chairman's suggestions will be discussed and voted on.*
6. *In May 2018 there will be a separate meeting held where all beneficiaries from 2017/18 will have to present to the Parish how their grant for that year was spent.*

- St Peters Church – Rev J Jukes, Mr Gordon Marjoram spoke to the meeting. Application for the Parish Magazine Running Costs and for Maintenance of the Churchyard.
£2000 – Churchyard Maintenance
£650 – Parish Magazine.
- St Johns Church – Mr Mike Cleaver spoke to the meeting. Application for the Maintenance of the Churchyard.
£2000 Churchyard Maintenance
- Marchington Shop – Mrs Gill Scarlett – Spoke to the meeting. Application for help with the weekend staffing costs for the future. The shop accounts have been signed off for a year as a going concern and are expected to be trading in 12 months. Mr Reg Husey answered accountancy queries.
£2000 – Weekend Staffing Costs
- Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – Mr Brian Crowther spoke to the meeting. Thanked the council for their support over the last year. 2018 three projects in the pipeline. Fire Exit needs replacing and repair. Flooring in ancillary areas needs replacing.
- £2000 – Ongoing maintenance projects.

- Marchington Village Hall – Mrs Carolyn Blakemore spoke to the meeting asking for a grant to help towards the ongoing maintenance of the hall in particular car park works, gutters and drainage. £2000 – Ongoing maintenance projects.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval of minutes of meeting held on 10th October 2017 (previously circulated)
Proposed- Cllr Mann 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
 - i. P/2017/01338 – The Old Vicarage, Stubby Lane, Marchington.
Replacement of existing conservatory with an open sided canopy. Plus listed building consent.
Action – Clerk - The Parish Council wishes to make no comment.
 - ii. P/2017/01225 – Land at Station Road, Marchington
Erection of a detached garage/store/workshop and use of land as domestic curtilage.
Action – Clerk - The Parish Council wishes to make no comment.
 - iii. P/2017/01369 – Marchington Hall, Hall Lane, Marchington – Tree Works
Felling of One Willow Tree
Action – Clerk - The Parish Council wishes to make no comment.
 - iv. P/2017/01310 – Church Farm, Church Lane, Marchington – Extension to rear of property.
Action – Clerk - The Parish Council wishes to make no comment.
 - b. Planning Decisions Received
 - i. P/2017/01094 - Thorn Tree Farm, Allens Lane - Listed building Application – **APPROVED**
 - ii. P/2017/01114 – Chestnut Corner, Church Lane, Marchington – Tree Works – **APPROVED**
 - iii. P/2017/01104 – Brookfield’s, Church Lane, Marchington - Tree Works - **APPROVED**
 - iv. P/2017/01211 – East View, High Street, Marchington – Tree Works – **APPROVED**
 - v. P/2017/001150 – 17, Windmill Drive, Marchington -Extension and Alterations – **APPROVED**
 - vi. P/2017/01044 – Dove View Solar Farm – **APPROVED**
 - Cllr Question – Query on Kalabarri site as works seem to be ongoing despite planning being refused.
Action – Clerk – Contact ESBC Enforcement.
 - c. Planning Appeals Received – None Received
 - d. Barracks Development & Relief Road – Cllr Morgan read the following statement to the meeting.

The Barracks Block is a derelict site next to Marchington Industrial Estate. This Parish Council tried to have the area recognised as part of the Neighbourhood Plan but this was rejected by ESBC. As such I would say the Parish Council would welcome some form of housing developments on the site. This year we had a presentation by the owners of this land (Evans of Leeds) which outlined a development of some 50 houses Plus landscaping on part of the site.

At the last Parish Council meeting in October I raised the subject of a flyer sent to residents of Stubby Lane by Draycott in the Clay Parish Council concerning a potential link/relief road connecting Moreton Lane to Stubby Lane (within Marchington Parish). At this meeting Council agreed that I should “catch up” with this. After several local meetings and investigation I feel I have now caught up.

The idea of a relief road was originally put forward before Dovegate Prison was built, and would have only been built on the back of a substantial development on the Barracks Site and surrounding area, a figure of 800 houses plus infrastructure was considered then I believe.

Reading from Draycott Parish Council’s minutes,

March 2016 – Councillor Renshaw raised the possibility of a relief road.

May 2016 & July 2016 - Extraordinary Parish Council meetings were held in the presence of County Councillor Philip Atkins and ESBC ward Councillor Stephen Smith at which the relief road was discussed.

May 2017 – Chairman Mark Flavell and Councillor Renshaw met with Evans of Leeds to discuss the subject.

October 17th 2017 – Councillor Morgan met with Draycott Chairman Mark Flavell to discuss the leaflet his Parish Council had sent to residents of Stubby Lane which stated that Draycott in the Clay Parish Council

would like to see a new road built from Marchington Industrial Estate to Moreton Lane, with this being funded by the development of the Barracks Block site and the adjacent brown field land. This last point has since been withdrawn after it was pointed out that the land in question is not actually classified as brown field. For information residents of Moreton Lane who would be affected by increased traffic have not been part of this process.

October 23rd 2017 – Councillor Morgan met with Draycott Chairman Mark Flavell to feedback to him the discussion that had taken place at Marchington Parish Council’s October meeting. I stated that Marchington Parish Council would not support such a project.

Councillor Flavell confirmed that Draycott in the Clay had so far asked ESBC for an open discussion about a relief road. ESBC have since come back and said No as the proposal is not part of the Local Plan.

In Summary this subject has been rumbling around for many years in 2011 Draycott Parish Council tried to get the speed limit on the A515 and B5017 reduced to 30mph. Richard Rayson from Staffordshire County Council was involved and no evidence was found to support the proposal Hence the current situation in trying to resolve the traffic issue, involving HGV’s on the B5017 and the junction with the A515. Over the past decade there have been more reported accidents at Birch Cross than on Stubby Lane. More houses will increase traffic through Birch Cross.

This is the current situation.

- Cllr Hayhurst queried Cllr Smith as to whether Staffordshire County Council compulsory purchase land and override the neighbourhood plan. Cllr Smith thought this was unlikely due to the financial situation of the County Council.
- Cllr Hayhurst asked Cllr Smith as a member of the planning committee. If he would be able to vote on any planning decision involving the road as he may have a conflict of interest as a business owner based at Marchington Industrial Estate. Cllr Smith responded that he would have to take legal advice on this if the proposal goes to the planning board.
- Mr M Marrison spoke to the meeting on behalf of MDAG, stating that in response to the email form MDAG there is no community support for this project.
- Mr M Marrison then queried Cllr Smith on his opinion on the relief road. Cllr Smith declined to comment at this time. The question of Cllr Smith representing both councils which have opposing views was raised. Cllr Smith stated he would then have to defer to the Local Plan rather than supporting one council over the other.
- Members of the public asked questions about the Ownership of the land that may be involved and queried about any section 106 payments.
- **Action - Cllr Morgan & Clerk – Letter to Cllr Atkins Copying in Draycott Parish Council, Sal Khan ESBC and Andrew Griffiths stating Marchington Parish Councils current position. Copy to Draycott Parish Council. Invite Andrew Griffiths and Cllr Atkins to December meeting**
A representative should be present from Marchington Parish Council at Draycott Parish Council meetings.

7. Finance and Administration

a. Precept –

b. Report on Payments to be made

Interest	£	.29	
Total Income	£	.29	
Expenditure			
Catherine Thompson Salary	£	461.39	
Catherine Thompson Travel & Expenses	£	99.38	Total - £560.77
Henry Hall	£	231.05	
Bloomin Gardens	£	468.72	
Lawn Mower Spares Ltd	£	48.00	
Lawn Mower Spares Ltd	£	96.00	
AED Donate – Defib Batteries	£	99.76	
AED Donate – Training Session	£	99.00	
Peter Speed – Garden Guild Bulbs	£	27.00	
		£1630.30	
Current Account	£		Gold Account
Proposed – Cllr Mann			£
			Seconded – Cllr Hayhurst

8. Properties and Grounds

- a. Silver Lane Playground Report – Cllr Husey
- b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – Cllr Hayhurst
- c. Green Lane Community Orchard – 3rd December 11- 1pm – Planting group. All welcome.
- d. Marchington Village Hall – Dishwasher has been delivered soon to be installed. Village Hall has issues with drainage in regards to the new kitchen and the car park.
- e. Marchington Cricket Club – Vandalism – Update Cllr Morgan. Poster for Marchington Cricket Club.
Action – Clerk – Forward complaints to Cllr Chris Smith.

9. Highways and General Purpose

- a. Neighbourhood Highways Team - Hedges on Jacks Lane. Staffordshire County Council are still pursuing.
- b. Highways –
- c. Footpaths –
- d. Enforcement –

10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports

- a. Police –
- b. HMP Dovegate – Cllr Husey Prison Vans and Newspapers. Draycott raised the road issue and asked for support.
- c. Flooding Committee – Cllr Mann reported back to the meeting that Tony Heapey will be inviting Cllr Mann to any future meetings with Severn Trent.
Road Signage is now in place and St Peter’s School have agreed to the siting of the shed. Flood wardens training to be arranged.
Action – Clerk – query when training could happen.
Action – Clerk – Ask to be consultee on all Stubby Lane applications.
Action – Clerk – forward letter re pumping station to Stephen Smith and Tony Heapey.
- d. ESBC –

11. General

- a. Chairman’s/Councillor Reports
 - i. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall
- b. Clerk Report
 - i. Community Speed Watch Update – 5 people are now trained and once equipment is received we will start going out on duty soon.
More people are needed and another training session will be arranged for the New Year.
 - ii. Rights of Way Survey – Action Clerk to resend and to add to December Agenda.
 - iii. Forestside – Overgrown Trees , Highways to investigate
Action – Cllr Chubb – Contact - Michael Hovers – Open Spaces Manager.
 - iv. Hillsea Crescent Parking – Ongoing.
 - v. Defibrillator Training –Arranged for 7th December – 6pm at Marchington Village Hall.
- c. Correspondence
SPCA – Annual Report and Accounts.
Road Closure – 8th Jan – Houndhill.
Dove Valley Community

12. Any Other Business

- Register of Interests Forms – 1 Form still outstanding.
Dog Walkers – reminder in Chairman’s Report
Village Garden in the woodlands – Trench – **Clerk to contact tenants.**
Tyretracks - Large vehicle movements B5017

13. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday December 12th – 7.30pm – Marchington Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 9.27pm