

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 13th December 2011 at 7.30p.m.
 At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Acting Chairman Cllr. B. Darby
 Cllrs. G. Whitehead, M. Robinson
 P. Nixon and C. Leedham, Mrs. J. Crowe
 Parish Clerk Mrs L Hoptroff
 Two village residents

ACTION

1.	APOLOGIES: Cllrs. P. Frampton, R. Parkes and N. Andrew	
2.	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING 8th November 2011:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. Nixon	
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</u>	
3.1	<u>Playgrounds:</u>	
a)	<i>Silver Lane, Marchington:</i> Cllr. Mrs J Crowe submitted the monthly inspection report, which highlighted graffiti on the Multiplay Unit and damage to the Height notice on the barrier. The clerk informed that new seats for the swings would cost approx. £32.00 each. See 3.12 Queen's Diamond Jubilee.	LH
b)	<i>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</i> No report was submitted.	
c)	<i>Green Lane:</i> The clerk reported that the alterations to the Community Orchard had been completed by Bloomin' Gardens and Landscaped Ltd and the areas had been reseeded. Potholes down Green Lane have been filled in.	
3.2.	<u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u>	
a)	<i>Houndhill:</i> It was agreed to leave this item until the traffic calming measures had been completed. Cllr. Leedham to inform Parish Council.	
b)	<i>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</i> Nothing to report at present.	
3.3	<u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u> Cllr. Nixon reported that P.C. Boulter had contacted him regarding the incident with dogs. However, there had been repeat incident. It was agreed to remove this item. The Police Surgery had been held at the School on 6 th December, no feedback had been given to date.	
3.4	<u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u> The next meeting is due in March 2012. Clerk put in diary.	
3.5	<u>Web-site:</u> Updates had been made this month to the web. The clerk was asked to enquire from the Web designer how many hits had been made on the site.	LH
3.6	<u>Parish Council Land Registry:</u> The clerk reported that it had been confirmed by SCC that the Triangle at the top of Green Lane was part of the Highway and could not be registered by the Parish Council. The only outstanding registration now is the Bus Shelter, which it was hoped could be concluded soon. The Clerk was asked to consult with the Solicitor about another plot of land in the Woodlands.	LH
3.7	<u>Barrack Block Site, Forestside: Evans of Leeds:</u> The clerk reported on her meeting with SCC. Highways on the proposed footpath to the football field/pitch. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed to progress with Evans of Leeds. Proposed Cllr. Nixon Seconded: Cllr. Robinson. Clerk to contact Evans of Leeds.	LH
3.8	<u>Forestside Footpaths and Garages:</u> The clerk informed the Cllrs that Andrew Griffiths MP was investigating the Footpaths on behalf of the Parish Council with the Treasury Solicitors.	
3.9	<u>Condition of footpath known as "The Dingle":</u> The residents of the adjoining property to The Dingle attended the meeting to discuss the condition of the ditch adjoining the footpath. Following a discussion it was agreed to obtain an alternative quote for the removal of the debris in the ditch.	
3.10	<u>BMX/Skateboard Track:</u> This item was discussed in great detail following the Vice	

	Chairman's meeting with the family requesting the BMX Track/Skateboard along with the meeting between Cllr. Nixon, the clerk and a groundwork contractor. Cllr. Darby informed the meeting of possible funding opportunities. Cllr. Darby agreed to speak with the family to establish exactly what they have in mind, what funding opportunities they had researched etc. Cllr Nixon and Cllr Darby agreed to look into possible funding for BMX/Skateboard areas in both Forestside and Silverlane.	LH
3.11	Bagot's Park: The clerk reported that the request for a screening opinion that had been sent to the Planning Officer, ESBC from Arcus who had been commissioned by Mr. Dale for a wind turbine on a site to the north of Abbots Bromley had been rejected by the Secretary of State.	LH
3.12	The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons : The clerk reported that responses to the letters sent to village organisations asking if they had plans for the Queen's Jubilee had produced several responses. However, only two organisations to date were interested in joining up with the Parish Council to organise an event. Following a discussion it was decided that due to the Bank Holiday's most people would have holidays or alternative arrangements. Cllr. Nixon suggested the new swing seats for the playgrounds could perhaps have references to the Diamond Jubilee. The clerk to investigate.	LH
3.13	Spring Cottage Industrial Estate: Cllr. Nixon asked that ESBC be contacted again regarding Spring Cottage Industrial Estate and/or Dura-Print Driveways Ltd as more portakabin had been put on the site.	LH
4.	PLANNING:	
4.1	Decision Notices Received:	
4.2	Other Correspondence/Matters:	
4.3	Planning Applications Received: P/2011/01370/JI – Conversion of detached double garage to form additional living accommodation together with a single storey extension to form an office and glazed link to dwellinghouse at St. Annes Lodge, Bag Lane, Marchington ST14 8NY. The Parish Council wished to make no comment. P/2011/01372/JI – Internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion of detached double garage to form additional living accommodation together with a single story extension to form an office, glazed link to dwellinghouse and formation of a doorway at St. Annes Lodge, Bag Lane, Marchington ST14 8NY. The Parish Council wished to make no comment P/2011/01388/JI – Felling of two Lime Trees and one Cherry tree and crown raising of 6 Lime Trees to give 2.5 metres clearance at Hall Barn, Green Lane, Marchington, ST14 8LQ. The Parish Council wished to make no comment provided the trees were not subject to Tree Preservation Orders.	
4.4	Appeal Applications Received: None	
4.5	Appeal Decision Notices Received: None	
5.	CORRESPONDENCE:	
5.1	ESBC – Precept request form – Clerk to complete and return.	
5.2	ESBC – Council Tax – Base for 2012 – 2013	
5.3	Community Council of Staffordshire – Refuse collection over Christmas Period – Put on noticeboards	
5.4	SPCA – Newsletter – December 2011 – distributed to Cllrs.	
5.5	Dovegate Prison – Information from the Independent Monitoring Board at HM Prison, Dovegate.	
5.6	ESBC – Exemplar Property – Invitation from Climate Change and Adaptation Officer to Workshops – www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/services/pages/exemplarproperty.aspx	
6.	PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: July 2011	
6.1	Monies received:	
	VAT Refund	£600.58
	AVIVA – Bus Shelter Insurance Claim	£1,175.12
6.2	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£1,775.70

	Invoices/Money Paid Out:	
	ESBC – Empty Litter Bins 01/010/2011 to 31/10/2011	£40.80
	Bloomin’ Gardens Grounds Maintenance – October	£457.77
	ESBC – Re-imbusement of costs of election	£91.13
	Handyman Salary and Expenses	£137.11
	Clerk - Linda Hoptroff – Salary and Expenses	£544.82
	TOTAL PAYMENTS.	<u>£1,271.64</u>
	Proposed: Cllr. Mr Whitehead. Seconded: Cllr Robinson.	
7.	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
7.1	Lanes in Marchington Woodlands: The clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from a resident in Marchington Woodlands who had been in communications with SCC, Highways regarding the lanes in the Woodlands. The resident informed the clerk that following a meeting with a SCC, Highways representative she had been told that lanes in Marchington Woodlands were due to be resurfaced. The Cllrs. were please to hear the news.	
7.2	Handyman’s Salary: It was agreed to increase the Handyman’s Salary to £6.60 per hour from January 1 st 2012. Proposed: Cllr. Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. Nixon	

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.
 Marchington Parish Council’s next meeting is planned for 10th January 2012 at **Marchington Village Hall** at 7.30 p.m. (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)

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