

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.30p.m.  
 At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman B. Darby  
 Cllr. C. Leedham, G. Whitehead, Mrs J. Crowe and M. Robinson  
 Parish Clerk Mrs L Hoptroff  
 Cllr Robert Hardwick

Mr Mark Flavell - resident of Draycott in the Clay - for part  
 Mr Steve Langston – for part  
 Mrs Miller – for part

### ACTION

1.	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> Cllr. N. Andrew, P. Frampton, R. Parkes and P. Nixon.	
2.	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012:</b> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. Leedham.	
3.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</b>	
3.1	<b>Playgrounds:</b>	
a)	<i>Silver Lane, Marchington:</i> The Chairman reported it was very disappointing the lock the Parish Council had put on the gate at the entrance to the playground had been stolen. He also said there would now be no point in making a small side gate for easy access to the park for pushchairs, bikes etc. so this was now on hold for the time being. He also reported that a panel to the play area fence had been removed and put in the brook, this had been recovered by the Handyman and reinstated on the fence. The Clerk reported that the far section of the playground under the trees by the brook had been turned into an impromptu skate park where soil had been moved from the field and the brook side to make ramps with wood pieces. She reported that a tree had been cut off at about 3 foot high and the branches had been thrown into the brook, low branches had been cut off other trees and bark on most trees in the area had been defaced with large pieces of bark stripped off. The clerk reported that the handyman had needed to collect a substantial amount of rubbish that had been left in the area. She reported that the handyman would also attempt to retrieve the branches from the brook to stop them causing a blockage should they work their way down stream in high rains. The Chairman agreed to include all these items/incidents in his chairman's report for the Parish Magazine. The clerk had contacted P.C. Boulter requesting he patrol the area. Cllr. Whitehead suggested all councillors check the area when out walking across the playing field especially during the school holidays. Mr S. Langston also told the council he would keep a look out for damage being caused as he lived closeby. Cllr. Leedham submitted his inspection report. Clerk to report the overflowing bins to ESBC.	BD LH All cllrs
b)	<i>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</i> The clerk reported that the handyman was waiting for dry weather before he could re stain the benches. Cllr Whitehead submitted his inspection report. Clerk to discuss with Handyman. Cllr. Robinson reported he had been approached by residents of Forestside about the ducks that have taken up residence on the green in Hilsea Crescent/opposite Barns. They are concerned/distressed over the number of ducks and ducklings that were being killed on the B5017 as they crossed the road. Cllr Robinson requested signs "Ducks crossing" be put up to warn traffic. He also said that toads/frogs were also being killed on the road. Cllr Hardwick suggested he contact SCC for signs but a better	LH

	<p>solution would be to move the ducks from the roadside or try to fence them in. Following a discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Robinson contact Staffordshire Wildlife for a long term solution.</p>	MR
c)	<u>Green Lane:</u> Nothing to report at present.	
3.2	<b><u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u></b>	
a)	<u>Highways:</u> Mr Mark Flavell attended the meeting to request that following his discussion with Mr Richard Rayson and Cllr. Bob Fraser, of SCC, that Marchington and Draycott in the Clay parish council's join forces to liaise with SCC, Highways on the speed reduction of the B5017 from the Bag Lane junction in Marchington to the Junction with the A515 in Draycott in the Clay. The Chairman read an email that Marchington Parish Council had received from Richard Rayson of Highways on the proposal for the speed reductions to either 30 or 40 depending on the section of road. Mr Favell outlined his understanding of the proposed speed reductions. Following an indepth discussion with advice from Cllr. Hardwick it was agreed that Marchington Parish Council would contact Richard Rayson and request that the section in Marchington be restricted to 40 mph. This would be subject to represatations from the Marchington residents.	
b)	<u>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</u> Nothing to report until the team is next in Marchington.	LH
3.3	<b><u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u></b> See Silverlane.	
3.4	<b><u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u></b> The next meeting is due in October.	
3.5	<b><u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u></b> The Chairman read an email received from Mr R. Rayson of SCC Highways regarding the land in Marchington Woodlands it informed the council that the SCC, legal team would be looking into the ownership of the Triangle with a view to serving notices required for the removal of any illegal vehicles parked on the highway. Mr Rayson would keep the Parish Council informed.	
3.6	<b><u>Barrack Block Site, Forestside: Evans of Leeds:</u></b> The clerk reported the Tenancy at Will was now completed/signed/exchanged. The original would be sent to the Solicitor. The clerk had spoken with T. Beaumont who hopes to complete the preparation work on the Football Field in the next two weeks subject to the weather. He would also quote for the mowing of the field after it was handed over to the council.	LH
3.7	<b><u>Forestside Footpaths:</u></b> The clerk has still to contact the Treasury solicitors on this matter.	
3.8	<b><u>The footpath known as "The Dingle":</u></b> The clerk reported that Bloomin Gardens were waiting for the rain to cease before attempting the work.	LH
3.9	<b><u>BMX/Skateboard Track:</u></b> Chairman Darby reported that he had received a letter of complaint from a resident about the proposed Skate Park. He also informed that planning permission would be required if a skatepark were to be built. Mr Langston enquired if it would it be a noise problem. Cllr Whitehead pointed out it would be on a playing field where a certain amount of noise would be expected. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would consult residents should funding/grants be forthcoming. Chairman to respond to the resident.	BD
3.10	<b><u>The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons :</u></b> The clerk reported she had heard that the event at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall had been a success.	
3.11	<b><u>Best Kept Village Competition:</u></b> This is now underway and the judges will be visiting the village in both May and June.	
3.12	<b><u>Marchington Village Hall Committee:</u></b> The Chairman explained that following a letter from the Parish Council to the Village Hall Committee refusing a request for the sum of £1,000.00 be paid towards the refurbishment of the Ladies Cloakroom, he had received a personal letter from Mrs Miller (a member of the Village Hall fund raising committee) taking exception to the letter sent to the Village Hall Committee. This letter was responded to by the Parish Council as it referred to a letter sent by the Parish Council. This then sponsored a series of emails between the Chairman and Mrs Miller. Mrs Miller was present at the Parish Council meeting whilst this was discussed.	

Mrs J Crowe who is the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee stated she was present at the Parish Council meeting in her capacity as Parish Councillor. An in-depth discussion arose on the following topics.

- The tone/contents of the letters.
- The history on the formation of the Village Hall Committee to manage the village hall owned by the Parish Council.
- The current role of the Village Hall Committee and the implications for the Parish Council should further major repairs/refurbishment be urgent/required.
- The future of the Village Hall Committee.
- The funds raised by the Village Hall Committee for such repairs/maintenance.
- The contractors used/goods obtained by the Village Hall Committee and the VAT implications/refunding by the Parish Council.
- The two Village Halls included in the Parish of Marchington and Marchington Woodlands.
- The precept funding.

It was agreed that a sum of £1,000.00 would be advanced to the Village Hall Committee against the precept for 2013/2014 to be used towards the refurbishment of the Ladies Toilets. The Village Hall Committee was also advised to apply for further funds at the precept meeting in November 2012.

**4. PLANNING:**

**4.1 Planning Applications Received:**

**P/2012/00608/EW** – Erection of a front dormer window and rear dormer extension to form first floor living accommodation at Brookfields, Church Lane, Marchington ST14 8LJ. **The Parish Council wish to make no comment.**

**P/2012/00338/EW** – Formation of first floor by the raising of ridge height including the installation of dormer windows and erection of a single storey rear extension (Amended Scheme) at 33 Woodlands View, Marchington, ST14 8NF. **The Parish Council wish to make no comment.**

**P/2012/00685** – Erection of a detached carport and store with office above at Brick Hill Farm, Birch Cross, Marchington ST14 8NX. **The Parish Council wish to make no comment on the planning application but ask the applicant to take down the steel fence which borders the roadside at the front of the property and replace it with something more in keeping with the countryside.**

**4.2 Decision Notices Received:**

**4.3 Other Correspondence/Matters: None**

**4.4 Appeal Applications Received: None**

**4.5 Appeal Decision Notices Received: None**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**5.1 Audit Commission** – Consultation on appointment of external auditor or 2012/13 and future years.

**5.2 SCC, Lighting & ITS Section** – Street Lighting – Energy Conservation Initiative

**5.3 ESBC** – Consultation Notification for Strategic Framework & Public Realm Implementation Plan for Burton Town Centre – forwarded to Cllrs.

**5.4 Staffordshire Environmental Fund** – Landfill Tax Grant Aid – Silverlane Playground and Fencing – reply sent.

**5.5 ESBC** – Parish Council Election confirmation of membership – reply sent.

**5.6 ESBC** – Revised Ethical Framework – New Code of Conduct – Current Code of Conduct to be returned.

**6. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

**June 2012**

**6.1 Monies received:**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

Nil

**Invoices/Money Paid Out:**

<b>6.2</b>	Mr P. Speed (Garden Guild) Renewal of plant box	£39.92	
	Bloomin' Gardens & Landscapes Ltd – April mowing	£457.77	
	Handyman – Salary and Expenses	£164.55	
	Clerk – Salary and Expenses	£482.89	
	Marchington Village Hall Committee (Advance payment on 2013/2014 precept.	£1,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS.</b>	£2,145.13	
	Proposed: Cllr. Robinson Seconded: Cllr. Leedham		
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b>		
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Marchington Cricket Club:</b> Cllr. Whitehead outlined a dispute that had arisen between the Parish Council and Rolleston Cricket Club over the distribution of dog excrement along the footpath to the Cricket Club from Jacks Lane by the grounds man following a cricket match, which had to be picked up by a village resident. He read out the letter of complaint from the Parish Council to Rolleston Cricket Club Chairman and the Chairman's response where he apologised but deflected the responsibility onto the residents of Marchington by claiming they are leaving the excrement on the cricket pitch, which they have to collect before a match. He also read the Parish Council's response and a follow-up email from the Chairman informing the Parish Council that they will contact the Parish Council after their meeting on the 18 <sup>th</sup> June.		
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Silver Lane – Mr S. Langston:</b> Mr S. Langston attended the Parish Council Meeting to explain to the Parish Council that he had requested from Staffordshire Highways permission to put a gate up across Silver Lane, next to the bottom entrance of the Playing Field. He requests to be allowed to move the existing gate and fencing into the Playing Field to further along totally at his expense. Following a discussion with Mr Langston and looking at his photographs etc. it was agreed that the Councilors would look at Silver lane before the next meeting.		
			All cllrs

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10 p.m.

Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 10<sup>th</sup> July 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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