

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 14th August 2012 at 7.30p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman B. Darby
Cllr. C. Leedham, G. Whitehead, P. Nixon, R. Parkes and
Mrs J. Crowe
Parish Clerk Mrs L Hoptroff
Cllr Robert Hardwick

Mr S. Langston for part
Mr and Mrs R. Ford for part

ACTION

<p><u>APOLOGIES:</u> Cllr N. Andrew and M Robinson. <u>MINUTES OF MEETING 10th July 2012:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Parkes Cllr. Seconded: Cllr. Whitehead <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</u> <u>Playgrounds:</u> <i><u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u></i> Cllr. Leedham reported that the corners of the matting needed attention and that the Rock Spinner had been picked/pulled on the handles. It was agreed to wait until the Annual Report came in before making repairs in case there were any more, they could all be done at the same time. <i><u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</u></i> Cllr. Leedham reported with similar concerns for the corners of the safety tiles. As with Silver Lane it was decided to wait for the annual report. <i><u>Forestside Football Pitch:</u></i> Chairman Darby gave the Cllrs. who were not present at the handover ceremony a brief update. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite Mr. Syers of Evans of Leeds to one of the Parish Council meetings as per his request, also to send Mr Syers a copy of the Chairman's report for the Parish Magazine which included thanks for the work carried out by their representative on the field prior to the handover. <i><u>Green Lane:</u></i> Chairman Darby informed the meeting that Green Lane would be closed over the crossing on 28th August until 14th September for repairs. Notices would be put on Noticeboards. <u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u> <i><u>Highways:</u></i> Chairman Darby read an email from a resident at Marchington Woodlands regarding his request that Highways clean out grips etc. on verges in the woodlands to alleviate flooding at Woodroofes Cliff. His concerns were noted and it was agreed the clerk would chase Highways on his behalf and Cllr. Nixon to contact the resident. <i><u>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</u></i> Clerk reported that the team had been in Marchington during the week 23rd July she was still waiting to receive the list of work completed by them which was expected after the meeting. <i>Post meeting note: All requested work had been carried out.</i> <u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u> Cllr. Whitehead informed the meeting he had seen PC Boulter in the village today and had agreed the next police surgery would be on 29th September 2012 at the village shop. Clerk to confirm with PC Boulter. <u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u> The next meeting is due in October. Clerk to contact prison for suitable dates. <u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> The clerk reported that nothing further had been received from SCC, Highways todate – clerk to chase.</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH/PN</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>
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<p>Forestside Footpaths: The clerk reported that she had been contacted by a resident of Forestside for information on the footpaths. This had been given.</p>	
<p>The footpath known as "The Dingle": The clerk reported that Bloomin' Gardens now recommended that the work be carried out in October when there would be less chance of regrowth. This was agreed. Clerk to confirm with Bloomin' Gardens.</p>	LH
<p>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee: Cllr. Darby asked the two members of the committee to update the meeting on their progress. They said they had hoped to have plans drawn up for the council to look at but had not as yet been able to find anyone willing to do the drawings, ESBC want plans of the area and sideview's of skatepark ramps etc. The committee members had been around the village selling a Quiz and gaining public opinion, they said most people were in favour with just a few people not liking the idea; they now have nine people on the committee which was up and running. They were approaching Tesco community award scheme, they had spoken to several people at the village fete who would be willing to help, also possible help from JCB Demonstration team. They said lots of people said show us the plans and we could be interested. They had spoken to PCSO Hunt/PC Boulter who were keen to push the project and could possibly help with matched funding. Following a discussion it was agreed they would contact the equipment makers for views/dimensions etc. of the possible equipment if they could not help then they may recommend someone. It was also agreed they could apply for planning permission in the name of the Parish Council who would cover any necessary fees. Cllr. Hardwick agreed to discuss this with planning officers at ESBC.</p>	LH
<p>Best Kept Village Competition: The clerk informed the meeting she had attended the Awards Presentation. Marchington has won First Prize in the East Staffordshire District small village competition; we have also taken the East Staffordshire Community Council Trophy and cheque for £200.00. This is a large sign which will be erected for the year. It was agreed that Cllr. Crowe would contact ESBC to arrange for a site meeting at the village hall as the clerk is away. Dates for the ceremony were given to the clerk to contact Community Council of Staffordshire; the village hall committee would provide refreshments. It was agreed to give handyman a token of appreciation for his help in keeping the village clean and tidy. A discussion arose on how to spend the £200.</p>	LH
<p>Marchington Village Hall Committee: Cllr. Crowe informed the meeting that the ladies toilets were still under discussion. There would be a new fund raising breakfast on 28th Oct. She also told the meeting that sadly Mrs Rhodes would be standing down from her role as booking manager etc. They will be advertising for a maintenance person.</p>	JC
<p>Marchington Cricket Ground: The clerk told the meeting that no further correspondence had been received from Rolleston Cricket Club on this matter, she was asked to contact them to see if the matter was now closed.</p>	LH/JC
<p>STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY at Silver Lane: Mr Langstone was present at the meeting and informed the council he had now spoken to most of his neighbour's in Silver Lane and sent all a letter of explanation. Following a request by one neighbour the proposed turning area would be positioned nearer to the proposed gate off section. Chairman Darby thanked Mr. Langston for the update and suggested we await the next stage in his application for the "Stopping up of the Highway".</p>	LH
<p>ESBC Local Plan: Councillor Hardwick recommended the parish council make comments on the Local Plan web-link. A discussion followed on the Local Plan. Cllr. Leedham was given the hard copy to peruse; he will pass on the Cllr. Crowe. To be returned to clerk after for files.</p>	CL/JC
<p>PLANNING:</p>	
<p>Planning Applications Received:</p>	
<p>P/2012/00917 – Alterations to roof including raising of ridge height to provide additional living accommodation, erection of two storey front and rear extensions, front bay window, first floor side extension including balcony, chimney to side</p>	

elevation and detached garage and render to existing brickwork at Hall Croft House, Hall Road, Marchington ST14 8LG. **The parish council wishes to make no comment.**

P/2012/00905 – Formation of hard standing and construction of vehicular access at The Gables, Moisty Lane, Marchington ST14 8JY. **The parish council wishes to make no comment.**

Decision Notices Received:

P/2012/00741 – Installation of 2500 litre bunded fuel storage tank at Unit 107, Marchington Industrial Estate, Stubby Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire ST14 8LP.

Permitted

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. **Permitted**

Other Correspondence/Matters: None

Appeal Applications Received: None

Appeal Decision Notices Received: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

ESBC – Planning for Change- “Preferred Option” Consultation.

SCC – Temporary Road Traffic Regulation Order at Green Lane.

Audit Commission – Completed Accounts – Notice to be displayed.

Chairman, Draycott in the Clay Parish Council - Complaint re “speed traps for the unwary” report in Parish Magazine.

SLCC – Regional Conference on 12/09/2012.

ESBC – Register for electors request – Completed and returned.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

July 2012

Monies received:

Interest	£8.61
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£8.61

Invoices/Money Paid Out:

Eric Roy Consulting – Web-site annual maintenance	£130.00
Bloomin’ Gardens & Landscapes Ltd – June mowing & Silver Lane	
Brook tree removal	£491.48
Aviva – Insurance Renewal	£1,159.50
Wilkins and Thompson – Lane Registration fees	£1,240.85
Handyman – Salary and Expenses	£114.90
Clerk – Salary and Expenses	£442.35
Total	£3,579.08

Proposed: Cllr. Leedham Seconded: Cllr. Crowe

NEW BUSINESS

New Councillor Co-option: Chairman Darby reported that ESBC has not received a request for election by ten residents so the Parish Council were free to co-opt a new Councillor to the Parish. Interest has been shown by several candidates; this will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Blocked Drains in Marchington: The clerk reported that she had reported to Highways several blocked drains in the village, especially Silver Lane and Jacks Lane.

Bag Lane: The Chairman reported that correspondence had been received from a resident in Bag Lane regarding his requests to SCC, Highways concerning the condition of Bag Lane during the recent floods etc. Also the problems of erosion when buses pass in Bag Lane. The clerk was asked to contact Highways requesting they respond to the resident and Arriva to see if the buses could be staggered so they do not pass in Bag Lane. The Cllrs did not think Highways would make Bag Lane one way because of emergency services; this had been requested years ago and was rejected.

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	<p><u>Resurface of road between Birch Cross and Uttoxeter:</u> Cllr. Leedham asked the clerk to contact Highways to see when the white lines and cats eyes would be returned to the resurfaced road as it was a hazard without them. Other cllrs agreed this was the case. Clerk to action.</p> <p><u>Crossroads at Marchington Woodlands:</u> Cllr. Nixon requested the clerk report again the crossroads at Marchington Woodlands on the road from the Red Cow to Marchington which is used as a rat-run. It is dangerous and an accident waiting to happen as there are no signs on the road from the Red Cow. He reported several near misses recently. Clerk to action.</p> <p><u>Buses in Marchington Woodlands:</u> Cllr. Nixon asked the clerk to contact Arriva to see what was happening with the school buses in Marchington Woodlands as 52 seater buses were being used for a small number of pupils which were having difficulty manoeuvring up the small lanes. Clerk to action.</p> <p><u>Roads in Marchington Woodlands:</u> Cllr. Nixon reported he had been approached by a resident of Marchington Woodlands asking if corners/bends in the woodlands with 90 degree bends could have signs put up. This was discussed and it was agreed that as Marchington Woodlands was a rural agricultural area it was not highways policy.</p> <p><u>Opportunist Robbery in Jacks Lane:</u> Cllr. Whitehead outlined an incident that occurred in Jacks Lane where an opportunist thief had stolen a garden strimmer from a workmans van in broad daylight. Cllrs. were requested to warn people not to leave garages doors open whilst working.</p> <p><u>Web-site update:</u> The Clerk reported that she had discussed with the web-site consultant the need for a notice-board page on the web-site. He had agreed to include this for £50.00 This was agreed. Proposed: Cllr. Darby Seconded: Cllr Leedham</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>
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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45p.m.
 Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 11th September 2012 at **Marchington Woodland's Village Hall** (subject to the alterations being completed) at 7.30 p.m. (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)

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