

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 9th October 2012 at 7.30p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman Brian Darby
Cllr. C. Leedham, G. Whitehead, P. Nixon, and
Mrs J. Crowe, M Robinson.
Mr Richard Ford and Mr Andrew Mann
Parish Clerk Mrs L Hoptroff

Mr. Alan Syers, Portfolio Director, Evans Property Group
Ms. Angela Lewis, Regional Manager (West Midlands), Fields in Trust

Mr Alan Syer, of Evans Property Group addressed the meeting to see what the councillors and residents of Marchington would like to see happen at the 50 acre Barrack Block site at Forestside. He informed the meeting that although they had verbally received planning consent subject to the Section 106 agreement for the solar panels installation it was unlikely that they would implement that consent, due to the drop of subsidies.

Mr Syers stressed that Evans of Leeds were a family owned company and were responsible owners who would like to do something with what is potentially a dangerous site in the long term following risk assessments, consultations with the parish council, residents and planning officers etc. During the discussion with Mr Syers options discussed were: high and low cost housing, self-build projects, agricultural use (dismissed), allotments, hotel and leisure facilities, public open space and industrial use (dismissed), footpath through to Marchington village etc. He informed the meeting that they had not attempted to include this site in the Local Plan because they did not see it as urgent. He was asked if they would be likely to sell the land and this was also something they had not looked at in the short term. It was generally agreed that the removal of the Barrack Block buildings as opposed to renovation was the best option. Mr Syers stressed that infrastructure was the key to whatever would be permitted within the site by the planning authorities but whatever it was it would be done with consultation with the local community and the parish council.

Following Mr Syers presentation it was discussed and agreed that all councillors would consult with the residents of Marchington (especially at Forestside) on an informal basis to see if anyone had ideas on what they would like to happen with the site, if anyone had suggestions not already discussed with Mr Syers and the parish council, or if anyone had strong views on the suggestions/ideas already discussed. The parish council would contact Mr Syers with those suggestions/ideas/comments. Chairman Darby thanked Mr Syers for addressing the meeting.

Angela Lewis of Fields in Trust – formally the National Playing Fields Association explained to the parish council that the aim of the Trust during the Queen's Jubilee year and the Olympic year was to protect green spaces, playing fields etc. by means of dedication. She explained how the Deed of Dedication would work with the parish council and third parties and what the advantages were of dedicating open spaces, securing their future for years to come. She said the closing date for making these dedications was the 31st December, but that Fields in Trust would keep going after that date. Each site would have a plaque to display and a Royal Oak sapling, up to three sites could be nominated. The costs to the Parish Council would be legal fees for our solicitor to look over the Dedication document and the costs by the Land Registry to register the Deed. Ms Lewis outlined funding opportunities that they had secured (but already released) she explained that they were actively fundraising for QE2 sites which may be available for the future, she informed the councillors that parish councils that had taken up the Deed stood a better chance of funding with other organisations/charities such as Sport England.

Following Ms. Lewis's presentation it was discussed and various sites were proposed. Cllr. Whitehead agreed to discuss the proposal with the owners of one site in particular

It was agreed that the parish council would look at the nomination forms and complete them. Proposer Cllr. Robinson and Seconded Cllr. Nixon.

		ACTION
1.	APOLOGIES: Cllr. R. Parkes.	
2.	MINUTES OF MEETING 11th September 2012: Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Seconded: Cllr.	
3.	MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:	
3.1	Playgrounds:	
a)	<i>Silver Lane, Marchington:</i> The clerk reported that the Annual Report had taken place but had not yet been received. Cllr. Robinson submitted the monthly report.	
b)	<i>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</i> The clerk reported that the Annual Report had taken place but had not yet been received. Cllr. Nixon had not submitted the monthly report but asked the clerk to resend him the form.	LH
c)	<i>Forestside Football Pitch:</i> Cllr. Nixon to check on the pitch when he completes his monthly report on the playground.	
d)	<i>Green Lane:</i> Nothing to report at present.	
3.2	SCC, Highway Matters:	
a)	<i>Highways:</i>	
b)	<i>Flood defences in Marchington Woodlands:</i> The clerk reported that Richard Rayson, Highways had referred this to the Neighbourhood Highways team for their visit to the village, she had spoken to Sam Griffiths the NHT organiser and hopefully they would be able to look at the problem in November.	
c)	<i>Blocked Drains in Marchington:</i> The clerk reported that she had spoken to the Highways department and manage to get the drains put higher on their list and hopefully the work would be carried out in 2 to 3 weeks' time.	
d)	<i>Bag Lane:</i> The clerk reported on the email sent to Mr Tomlinson and that she had not received a response. It was agreed that the parish council could not do any more on this situation and the item be removed from the minutes.	
e)	<i>Crossroads at Marchington Woodlands:</i> The clerk reported that she had spoken with Highways and they said they had put all the signs they can up by law, they had re-lined and moved signs in an attempt to make people more aware of the crossroads. Cllr. Nixon stressed that he was looking for a Crossroads warning sign to be erected. Clerk to discuss with Highways.	LH
f)	<i>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</i> See 3.2a.	
3.3	P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery: The clerk reported that PCSO Hunt had informed her that the police surgery had been a success.	
3.4	Prison Liaison Meeting: The clerk reported that she was still trying to organise the Prison Liaison meeting dates with the prison.	LH
3.5	Land at Marchington Woodlands: As this was due to be looked at by Highways in October, clerk to chase towards end of month.	LH
3.6	Forestside Footpaths: Nothing further to report on this at present.	LH
3.7	The footpath known as "The Dingle": The work was scheduled for October, clerk to remind Bloomin Gardens.	LH
3.8	BMX/Skateboard Track Committee: Mr Ford informed the meeting this would be discussed at the November meeting.	
3.9	Best Kept Village Competition: The Chairman told the council that the presentation had been a success. He thanked the Village Hall Committee for the refreshments. The clerk reported that she was in discussion with signage at Highways regarding the cost of the BKV sign to be added to the village twinning sign which is currently in need of repair. She requested that councilors agree on the wordage for the sign. The council agreed on "Best Kept Village 2012". Clerk to action.	LH
3.10	Marchington Village Hall Committee: Cllr. Crowe informed the meeting that the work on the ladies toilets had been put back until early January. The Village Hall Committee now had a works/project manager and that a new cleaner had been	

	employed. She distributed invitations to the councillors to purchase tickets for the art exhibition preview on the 9 th November.	
3.11	<u>Marchington Cricket Ground</u> : The clerk reported that she had received an email from Steve Cooper on the problem with the dog fouling and the siting of a refuse bin in the area. She had invited a representative to the Parish Council meeting to finally resolve the problem. She had also spoken to another representative of Rolleston Cricket Club and given him details of ESBC department that deals with waste collection.	
3.12	<u>ESBC Local Plan</u> : Cllr. Leedham reported that following last month's meeting he had been in contact with Cllr. Hardwick regarding the Parish Council response to the local plan consultation, but as he had been on holiday had not subsequently spoken to Cllr. Hardwick. Cllr. Leedham to chase.	CL
3.13	<u>New Councillor Co-option</u> : Mr Richard Ford was co-opted to the Parish Council. Mr Andrew Mann attended the meeting and he will hopefully be co-opted in November, if there are no requests to ESBC by ten electors for an election before the 18 th October.	
3.14	<u>Silverlane Playing Field</u> : The clerk reported that she had supplied Mr Maxwell with a new padlock for the gate on the Silverlane Playing field. A spare key was given to Cllr Whitehead. The clerk informed the Cllrs. she had sent an email to Footpaths Dept. Highways requesting a small gate to the side of the large gate for pedestrians.	
	<u>PLANNING:</u>	
4.	<u>Planning Applications Received:</u>	
4.1	P/2012/00685 – Erection of a detached carport and store with office above (Revised Information) at Brick Hill Farm, Birch Cross, Marchington, ST14 8NX The Parish council wished to make no comment.	
	P/2012/01245 – Erection of a slurry store at Woodford Hall Farm, Moisty Lane, Marchington, Staffs ST14 8JY The Parish council wished to make no comment.	
	<u>Decision Notices Received:</u>	
4.2	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 elevation and detached garage and render to existing brickwork at Hall Croft House, Hall Road, Marchington ST14 8LG. - Permitted	CL LH
	P/2012/01114 – Erection of a single storey rear extension and erection of a detached double garage/store (Non-Material Amendment – relocation of patio doors from the west elevation to the north elevation and enlargement of east, west and north elevation windows) at Woodford Lodge, Moisty Lane, Marchington, Staffs St14 8JY - Permitted	
	<u>Other Correspondence/Matters:</u> None	
4.3	<u>Appeal Applications Received:</u> None	
4.4	<u>Appeal Decision Notices Received:</u> None	
4.5	<u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	
5.	ESBC – Council Tax Benefit changes – Forwarded to the Cllrs. Put on Noticeboard	
5.1	William Read, ESBC. – Emergency Plan 2012 – <i>Cllr Leedham and Cllr. Whitehead to make initial draft.</i>	CL & GW
5.2		
5.3	SCC, Planning Policy & Development Control – Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy 2010-2026 Development Plan Document. Notice of Consultation on proposed additional modifications following examination – Forwarded to all Councillors.	All cllrs.
	SCC – The 2013 Volunteer Staffordshire Awards – All councillors to consider if they know of any residents who would could be nominated.	All cllrs.
5.4	ESBC, Duane Drew – Dog Control Orders Consultation – Forwarded to cllrs.	
5.5	St. Giles Hospice – Request for Donation – Clerk to respond.	LH
5.6	<u>PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:</u> <u>September 2012</u>	
6.	Monies received:	
6.1	Best Kept Village Prize Money £200.00	

	Second Half Precept	£14,000.00	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		
	Invoices/Money Paid Out:		
6.2	ESBC – Trade Refuse period 31/12/12	£66.82	
	Eric Roy – Web Site Consultant	£50.00	
	Handyman – Salary and Expenses	£149.17	
	Clerk – Salary and Expenses	£791.34	
	Refreshments for BKV Presentation (Cllr. Crowe)	£39.95	
	<i>The following five payments are the second part payment (50%) from the November 2011 Precept for the year 2011/12</i>		
	Marchington Village Hall (Section 133)	£900.00	
	St. Peter's Church PCC – Parish magazine (Section 137)	£275.00	
	St. Peter's Church PCC – Churchyard Magazine (Section 214/6)	£875.00	
	St. John's Church PCC – Churchyard Maintenance (Section 214/6)	£875.00	
	Total	£4,022.28	
	Proposed: Cllr. Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. Crowe		
	NEW BUSINESS		
7.	Bottle Bank Lid: Cllr Crowe informed the meeting that she had reported to the police that young people had jumped from the flat roof of the village hall onto the lid of the bottle bank and dented/distorted it; they had also smashed bottles in the car park. She also said that the worker at the Village Hall had painted the roof with sticky paint to deter the vandalism. The clerk gave Cllr. Crowe the email of ESBC who would hopefully sort the bottle bank problem out.		
7.1			
7.2	Ducks at Forestside: Cllr Robinson requested that the clerk contact Cllr Fraser to ask for a Ducks Crossing sign at Forestside. He informed the Cllrs that at least 38 ducklings had been killed on the road this year.		LH

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.05p.m.

Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 13th November 2012 at **Marchington Village Hall** at 7.00 p.m. (This is the precept meeting and starts earlier than usual). (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)

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