

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 11th December 2012 at 7.30 p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Vice Chairman C. Leedham (acting Chairman)
Cllrs. G. Whitehead, R. Parkes, R. Ford
M. Robinson, A. Mann, P. Nixon and Mrs J. Crowe
Cllr. Robert Hardwick
P.C. Boulter for part.
Parish Clerk Mrs L Hoptroff
Sara Botham, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, ESBC for part.

Sara Botham, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, ESBC attended the meeting and explained how she worked with communities to identify projects through Neighbourhood Action Plans. She explained that Crown Ward had several projects, including the Village Shop and the Skateboard Park and that she would be available for support and expertise for 2013/2014 funding. She explained that the Village Hall had previously received money for their development fund. She also informed the Cllrs. on the Neighbourhood Forum meeting which had taken place recently that was attended by Cllr. Ford. Sara was thanked for attending the meeting and explaining her role.

ACTION

1.	APOLOGIES: Chairman B. Darby	
2.	MINUTES OF MEETING 6th November 2012: Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Nixon Seconded: Cllr. Whitehead	
3.	MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:	
3.1	Playgrounds:	
a)	<i>Silver Lane, Marchington:</i> Cllr. Leedham read out the monthly reports for November and December. The main concerns were the panels that have been kicked off the children's playarea, Cllr. R. Ford agreed to put the panels back as the Handyman is unable to at the present time.	Cllr Ford
b)	<i>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</i> Cllr. Robinson reported on the playground, main concerns were work which is to be carried out in January and Spring.	
c)	<i>Forestside Football Pitch:</i> Cllr. Robinson reported that the football nets needed new pegs; due to the weather the original (which were small) needed replacing. Clerk to obtain new ones, Tent pegs were suggested as an alternative.	Clerk
d)	<i>Green Lane:</i> Cllr. Mann reported Green Lane has suffered in the recent floods. (This was discussed under Flooding in new business).	
3.2	SCC, Highway Matters:	
a)	Highways: <i>Blocked Drains in Marchington:</i> The clerk reported that Highways had said all drains had been cleared. Cllr. Whitehead to check on the drains at the end of Jack Lane, Bag Lane to see if they were blocked again.	Clerk
c)	<i>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</i> Nothing to report at present.	
3.3	P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery: P.C. Boulter informed the Cllrs. that the next Police Surgery would be on 12 th January 2013 at the Village Shop between 10am. and 11.am. He would arrange for Notices to be given to Clerk for Noticeboards. P.C. Boulter told Cllrs. that he had spoken with the boy and his parents who had caused the damage to the bottle bank lid at the village hall. Cllr. Hardwick agreed to see if there would be any costs incurred in the replacement which would be the responsibility of the boy and his family. P.C. Boulter reported he had also spoken with the driver of a car that had attempted to enter the Silverlane Playground which	Cllr Hardwick

3.4	<p>had been reported by a resident. Cllr. Mann thanked P.C. Boulter for their response and help after the burglary in Windmill Drive recently.</p> <p><u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u> New dates for the Prison Liaison meeting were discussed; P.C. Boulter asked to be included in the meeting. P.C. Boulter to check which of the dates he was available and would let clerk know so she could finally liaise with Dovegate, Cllrs Nixon and Leedham. The clerk reported that she had complained to Dovegate Prison that a Geo Van had travelled through the village (licence number/time and date) had been supplied. Cllr. Hardwick said he had also seen a Geo Van recently going through the village.</p>	Clerk
3.5	<p><u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> The clerk reported that she had chased this item but Richard Rayson, SCC was on holiday until 12th November.</p>	Clerk
3.6	<p><u>Forestside Footpaths:</u> Cllr. Leedham read out the response that had been received from Burges Salmon regarding the Footpaths/Garage areas. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would discuss with the residents and if they wanted to take the matter further the Parish Council would support them in any way they could. Cllr. Robinson to discuss with residents who had shown an interest in the areas of land.</p>	Cllr. Robinson
3.7	<p><u>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee:</u> Cllr. Ford reported on his attendance at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting which he had found helpful and interesting. He said he was still working on obtaining the three quotes necessary to move forward with the grants required.</p>	Cllr. Ford
3.8	<p><u>Best Kept Village Competition:</u> The Clerk reported that she had not yet heard from SCC as to when the new sign would be installed and the Nuedrossenfeld sign repaired. Clerk to chase again.</p>	Clerk
3.9	<p><u>Marchington Village Hall Committee:</u> Cllr. Crowe informed the meeting on future projects and fund raising. She said the Ladies toilets would be started before the new year. This was discussed. She thanked Cllr. Robinson for an excellent concert on Saturday evening and hoped he would be able to return for another in the summer.</p>	
3.10	<p><u>ESBC Local Plan:</u> Cllr. Hardwick updated the Parish Council on the next process in the Local Plan and how the processed worked. The Parish Council would have another opportunity to comment in the future.</p>	
3.11	<p><u>Silverlane Playing Field:</u> Cllr. Whitehead asked the clerk to write to a resident of Silver Lane explaining why the new Mobility Kissing Gate would be sited at the end of the footpath and not alongside the main gate, which is now closed and locked during the night-time. This was discussed and clerk to action.</p>	Clerk
3.12	<p><u>Fields in Trust – formally the National Playing Fields Association</u> The clerk explained that a meeting with Angela Lewis had not materialised but she had sent the form which would be completed as far as possible so the Parish Council could register an interest in making the Parish Council section of the Playing Field and Community Orchard part of Fields in Trust before the end of year deadline. It was stressed that this was not binding.</p>	Clerk
3.13	<p><u>Emergency Plan 2012</u> – Cllr Leedham and Cllr. Whitehead informed the meeting they had been in contact with Mr W. Read and were arranging dates to meet in January to walk the village to progress the Emergency Plan.</p>	Cllrs Leedham Whitehead
3.14	<p><u>Fire at Bag Lane/Woodlands Views</u> – Cllr. Crowe informed the meeting that the owner of the property had started to clear the area.</p>	
4.	<p><u>PLANNING:</u></p>	
4.1	<p><u>Planning Applications Received:</u> P/2012/01434 – Installation of a 65kW 24 metre high wind turbine and associated equipment cabinet at Smallwood Manor Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, Staffs. ST148NR. The Parish Council will be sending a letter objection to the planning application, a copy of which is available from the Parish Clerk. P/2012/01456 – Raise height of existing roof to provide first floor living</p>	

	<p>accommodation include three dormer extensions and increase height of existing chimney at Hertsmere, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffs. ST14 8LJ. The Parish Council have requested the Planning Office, ESBC seek further information regarding the use of the property as alterations include office and meeting room. No comment was made on raising of the roof.</p> <p>P/2012/01503 – Erection of a 50kW 36 metre high wind turbine at Dunsfields Farm, Thorney Lanes At Buttermilk Hill, Marchington Woodlands, DE13 8RY. The Parish Council will be sending a letter of objection to the planning application, a copy of which is available from the Parish Clerk.</p>	
4.2	Decision Notices Received: None	
4.3	Other Correspondence/Matters: None	
4.4	Appeal Applications Received: None	
4.5	Appeal Decision Notices Received: None	
5.	CORRESPONDENCE:	
5.1	ESBC – Parish Precept Requirements for 2013/14 – Clerk completed as agreed in November meeting and returned to ESBC.	
5.2	SCC – Community Focus for Ice Buster – Given to Cllr. Mann	
5.3	NHS – Choose Well Poster – Put on Noticeboards	
5.4	Mr J. Ballantine – Uttoxeter Golf Course Planning Application – It was agreed	
5.5	the the Parish Council would send a letter of objection to SCC.	
5.6	Grounds Trading Services – Grounds Maintenance to Parish Councils – Leaflet to be saved for future reference.	
6.	Staffordshire Police Authority – Election of a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Staffordshire. Noted	
6.1	<u>PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:</u>	<i>December 2012</i>
6.2	Monies received:	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>0</u>
	Invoices/Money Paid Out:	
	Bloomin' Gardens Ground Maintenance – October and The Dingle	£2,442.88
	Handyman – Salary and Expenses	£126.96
	Clerk – Salary and Expenses	£461.08
	Boultons Skip Hire	£156.00
	Total	<u>£3,186.92</u>
	Proposed: Cllr. Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. Parkes	
7.	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
7.1	<u>Flooding Issues</u> – The Clerk informed the meeting the a resident had asked if the Parish Council could invite someone from the Highways Dept. to come to a meeting and explain why the Marchington roads are constantly flooding. This was in addition to another resident requesting an explanation on the flooding in Church Lane and the turning down of the pumping station, the lack of Sandbags when flooding was expected and the various flooding contingency measures in the area of the Dovegate Prison and surrounding areas. It was discussed in great detail and it was agreed that the best solution would be to collate all the information and incorporate it to the Emergency Plan (see 3.13). Clerk to contact SCC, Environment Agency and Seven Trent Water to invite them all to a future meeting.	
7.2	<u>Water in Allens Lane</u> – The clerk reported that a resident had requested water running down Allens Lane from a water meter cover be reported to Highways. This has been done.	
7.3	<u>Former Catholic Church</u> – The clerk reported that a resident had reported that the perimeter fence at the former Catholic Church had blown down leaving the site accessible to all. This had been reported to SCC.	
7.4	<u>Damage to verge outside 56 Jacks Lane</u> – The clerk reported that she was in correspondence with Arriva/SCC Transport regarding the damage caused to the verge following a complaint by the resident.	

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7.5	Street Lighting – The clerk reported she had requested the street light in Church Lane be looked at by SCC following a complaint by a resident that it was not working.	
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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.15p.m.
Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 8th January 2013 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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