

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7.30 p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

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

Steven Heywood Environment Agency for part.
Numerous residents for part.
Mr. M. Plummer

ACTION

1.	APOLOGIES: Cllr. R. Ford	
2.	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING 11th December 2012:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. Parkes	
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</u>	
3.1	<u>Playgrounds:</u>	
a)	<i>Silver Lane, Marchington:</i> The Chairman reported that the handyman had yet again repaired the panels on the fence around the children's play area.	
b)	<i>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</i> The Chairman reported that the repairs to Multi play unit had been carried out.	
c)	<i>Forestside Football Pitch:</i> Cllr Robinson reported that during the Christmas period strangers not from Marchington had been seen using the football pitch but they had moved on before he had chance to investigate. He reported that the pitch is currently waterlogged. The clerk was asked to order the tent pegs he had sourced.	Clerk
d)	<i>Green Lane:</i> The condition of Green Lane was discussed in detail. The Clerk was asked to report the potholes that have been made worse due to flooding.	Clerk
3.2	<u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u>	
a)	<u>Highways:</u> <u>Blocked Drains in Marchington</u> Following a discussion on the drains in the village it was generally agreed that despite the drains being cleaned out they were again blocked. It was agreed the clerk would re-report them to Highways but that the Chairman would include the report line numbers in his Chairman's report for the Parish Magazine so that residents could also report blockages. It was suggested that checks on the drains could be implemented into the Handyman's rota list. Also to mark drains on the BKV map to make it easier to identify the problem areas. Clerk to discuss with Handyman. Further concern was expressed at the banks in Bag Lane due to water and traffic eroding the banks.	Clerk Chairman
c)	<i>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</i> Nothing to report at present.	
3.3	<u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u> The clerk reported that the Notices for the next Police Surgery (12 th January 2013) have been put on the Noticeboards.	
3.4	<u>Prison Liaison Meeting</u> It was agreed that Cllrs. Nixon, Leedham and Whitehead would attend the meeting on 30th January 2013. P.C. Boulter was also expected to attend. Items for discussion would include the flood overspill lakes behind the Prison and traffic through the village, Mr. Plummer asked for clarification of what traffic was permitted through the village, he agreed to pass on to the Parish Council numbers of cars/vans he suspected should not be travelling through the village.	Clerk
3.5	<u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> The Chairman read out an email from Richard Rayson at SCC, Highways regarding resources for this item. It was agreed that the	

3.6	<p>clerk would continue to keep this item to the attention of Mr Rayson at SCC.</p> <p>Forestsides Footpaths: The Chairman informed the Cllrs. that a letter had been sent to the Treasury Solicitors informing them that the Parish Council were no longer pursuing this matter and would not be responsible for costs incurred by residents of Forestside. Cllr. Robinson stated he had sent out a briefing note to residents with the information obtained by the Parish Council and he had only had one person show an interest who maintained that the land is owned by ESBC. It was agreed to remove this item from the minutes.</p>	Clerk
3.7	<p>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee: The clerk informed the meeting that Cllr. Ford was unable to attend tonight's meeting but had sent an email saying he had received two quotes for the skateboard park and would update further at the next meeting when he had received the third.</p>	Cllr. Ford
3.8	<p>Best Kept Village Competition: The Clerk reported that the post on the Neudrossenfeld sign had been repaired but we were still awaiting the costings for the BKV sign which is hoped to be put below the Neudrossenfeld sign. She also informed the Cllrs. that the entry forms for BKV 2013 had been received and this year there had been changes in the marking system and emphasis was being put on Dog Fouling Awareness. Clerk to progress with letters etc. to village organisations and school.</p>	Clerk
3.9	<p>Marchington Village Hall Committee: Cllr. Crowe updated the Cllrs. on progress with the ladies toilets and requested the Parish Council make a payment on account with reimbursement from Village Hall Committee to the plumber. Proposed Cllr. Nixon, Seconded Cllr. Leedham.</p>	
3.10	<p>ESBC Local Plan: Nothing to report at present.</p>	
3.11	<p>Silverlane Playing Field: Chairman Darby informed the Cllrs. a letter had been sent to the resident in Silver Lane explaining why the Mobility Kissing Gate would be erected where the stile is situated on Silver Lane and not next to the main gate.</p> <p>POST MEETING NOTE: An email response received from the resident too late to present to the meeting had been forwarded to Cllrs.</p>	Clerk
3.12	<p>Fields in Trust – formally the National Playing Fields Association</p> <p>The clerk explained that a meeting with Angela Lewis had been agreed for Thursday 17th January 2012 with Angela Lewis, Cllr. Whitehead. Cllr. Nixon asked if we were still eligible for a plaque, the clerk agreed to ask at the meeting.</p>	
3.13	<p>Emergency Plan 2012 – Cllr Leedham and Cllr. Whitehead informed the meeting they had met with Mr W. Read, ESBC and had walked around the village to assess/progress the Emergency Plan. They said the main issues discussed were flooding or if there is an emergency in the village such as plane, car incidents etc. The Parish Council would need a wide range of people to be involved. It was agreed to put a notice in the Parish Magazine explaining about the commitment to prepare an Emergency Plan and requesting volunteers to be contacts/professionals should the Emergency Plan need to be implemented. Cllr. Leedham explained the plan would be a long and arduous process to prepare and keep up to date. A target date for the Notice would be the March Parish Magazine; in the meantime Chairman Darby agreed to mention it in his Chairman's report.</p>	Cllrs Leedham Whitehead Cllr. Darby
3.14	<p>Fire at Bag Lane/Woodlands Views – Cllr. Crowe informed the meeting that the owner of the property had started to clear the front of the property and it was work in progress. It was agreed that as ESBC, Environmental Dept. had taken responsibility for the clean-up this item would be removed from the minutes.</p>	
3.15	<p>Flooding Issues – Numerous residents attended the meeting to discuss the flooding that had occurred in the village during 2012. Although the Parish Council were unable to have a representative from SCC, Highways and Seven Trent Water at this month's meeting they were able to welcome Mr Steven Heywood from the Environment Agency to discuss the problems with the residents. Mr Heywood listened to the complaints from residents about the flooding, mainly in Church Lane, Silver Lane, Green Lane, Jacks Lane and Fairford areas which are caused by the</p>	

brook overflowing during the rains. He explained where responsibilities lay with the Environment Agency, Farmers, SCC, Highways and Seven Trent Water. Flood Warnings to residents were discussed as these seemed to differ between residents. Flood defence measures were discussed along with how funding works with various parties contributing such as government grants/ county and local funding/contributions by parish council and residents to implement barriers etc. He explained the way forward would be to liaise with residents to identify where the water is coming from and what measures could be taken to reduce the risk of flooding to houses, roads etc. Road closures and blocked gully pots, sandbags and aqua sacs were also discussed. At this point it was decided Mr Heywood and Cllr. Hardwick would stay with the residents to take their details, concerns, information etc. and the Parish Council would adjourn to the Committee Room to continue with the Parish Council meeting. Mr Heywood agreed to return for next month's meeting to update the residents and discuss with SCC, Highways and Seven Trent Water who it was hoped would also be in attendance. The clerk gave residents the contact number of the representative of Seven Trent Water who could not attend this meeting but would be at next month's meeting so they could contact her direct with their questions/complaints.

3.16 Damage to verge outside 52 Jacks Lane – Cllr. Whitehead gave the clerk a letter from the owner of 52 Jacks Lane regarding the problem of the verge being churned up by buses etc. Clerk to send copies to all Cllrs for their comments.

3.17 Wind Turbine Planning Applications - The Clerk circulated the Letters of Objection that had been sent to the Planning Department under Planning Applications:

P/2012/01503 – Installation of a 50kW 36 metre high wind turbine at Dunsfield Farm, Thorney Lanes at Buttermilk Hill, Marchington Woodlands DE13 8RY and

P/2012/01434 – Installation of a 65kW 24 metre high wind turbine and associated equipment cabinet at Smallwood Manor Farm, Uttoxeter Road, ST14 8NR. She informed the Cllrs that the next Planning Committee meeting is due on 21st January 2013 and she would inform Cllrs if these applications were on the list. If so then representations from the Parish Council would be required.

4. PLANNING:

4.1 Planning Applications Received:

P/2012/01553 – Felling of one Ash Tree at Tumbledown, 3 Jacks Lane, Marchington, ST14 8LW – **The Parish Council wish to make no comment.**

P/2012/01551 - Felling of one Cherry Tree and one Ash Tree at 33 Woodland Views, Marchington ST14 8NF – **The Parish Council wish to make no comment.**

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 – Local Council Tax & Precept – Tax Base for 2013-14.

6. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

6.1 Monies received:	<u>December 2012</u>
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>0</u>
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6.2 Invoices/Money Paid Out:	
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Wickstead (Repairs to Forestside Multiplay Unit)	£610.58
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Digley Associated Ltd (Annual Inspections)	£120.00
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Clerk – Salary and Expenses	£408.40
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ESBC – Trade Refuse - Advance Charges to 31/03/2013	£66.82
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Total	<u>£1,205.80</u>
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Proposed: Cllr. Leedham Seconded: Cllr. Mann

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1	Over Hanging hedge in High Street, Marchington – The clerk reported that following complaints about the overhanging hedge she had reported it to SCC, Highways who were looking into it.	
7.2	Dog Poo Bins – The clerk reported she had been contacted by a resident of Windmill Drive requesting more Dog Poo Bins in the Moisty Lane/Station Lane area. This had been passed on to ESBC to see what costs would be incurred.	

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30p.m.
 Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 12th February 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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