

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 13th August 2013 at 7.30 p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

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

ACTION

1.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> None	
2.	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING 9th July 2013:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Parkes Seconded: Cllr. Nixon	
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</u>	
3.1	<u>Playgrounds:</u>	
a)	<u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u> Cllr. Darby to report on playground. Cllr. Whitehead gave the clerk the new keys to the lock on the playing field. The clerk reported that she had spoken to ESBC regarding the condition of the far gate to the playing field, and that she had been informed that as the field was leased from ESBC then the repairs/renewal were the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was agreed that she would discuss this with the Handyman to see if it would be within his remit or otherwise she would look to getting the gates changed to either wood or galvanised steel. The clerk reported that she had chased the kissing gate with SCC, Footpaths Dept. SCC informed the clerk that they had not been able to install the gate earlier in the year due to the excess water on the field; they would now reorder the gate and hoped to install the gate in Sept/Oct with hard core to support the ground. Clerk to monitor.	Clerk
b)	<u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</u> Cllr. Whitehead submitted his report this was discussed. The clerk reported that the swing seats had been provided free of charge by Wickstead and replaced by the Handyman.	
c)	<u>Forestside Football Pitch:</u> The clerk reported the grass had been mown by Terry Beaumont, a discussion arose on the timing/regularity of the mowing. It was agreed that Cllr. Robinson would telephone Mr Beaumont when the grass required mowing even if it had rained. Pegs for football pitch had been purchased and given to Cllr. Robinson.	
d)	<u>Green Lane:</u> The clerk reported that she and the Handyman had removed 4 old tyres and black binbags from Green Lane left by fly-tippers.	
3.2	<u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u>	
a)	<u>Highways:</u> It was agreed that the clerk would email Cllr. Atkins to see when he would be attending a parish council meeting. The clerk reported that SCC had contacted the owners of overhanging hedges in Bag Lane (between Allen's Lane and Jacks Lane) requesting they cut the hedges.	Clerk
b)	<u>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</u> The clerk reported that the team had dealt with the overhanging hedges/trees in Houndhill and hedges covering signage on the B5017. They had also put in posts in Jacks Lane, Marchington to stop Buses and Lorries passing on the grass verge.	Clerk
3.3	<u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u> The Chairman requested PC Boulter's email address. Clerk to action.	
3.4	<u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u> Cllr. Robinson reported that he and the Chairman had attended the meeting with the Prison Governor, Mr Craig Thomson who had given them details on changes being made within the prison system, resettlement	

	programmes, local work for prisoners being released, changes in the release system, trophies won by the prison for garden/landscaping work and the blue ticket system for staff passing through the village. Cllr. Robinson told the Parish Council that Mr Thomson had expressed a desire to attend a parish council meeting or meet with Cllrs. for a Christmas get together.	
3.5	<u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> This would be discussed with Cllr. Atkins when he attends the Parish Council meeting.	Cllr. Ford
3.6	<u>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee:</u> Cllr. Ford informed the meeting that he was yet to organise a meeting with Sara Botham which was proving difficult due to holidays.	
3.7	<u>Best Kept Village Competition:</u> The Chairman informed the meeting that he attended the presentation awards for the BKV competition on the 6 th August and that Marchington had taken First Place in East Staffordshire, Small Village category. The Certificate was given to Cllr. Crowe to be put in the Village Hall alongside previous certificates. Cllr. Whitehead asked for official thanks to the handyman to be made.	Clerk
3.8	<u>Marchington Village Hall Committee:</u> Cllr. Crowe updated the meeting on proposals to refurbish the entrance to the hall and their desire to replace some of the tables. The village hall handyman was now undertaking any repairs. Future projects were to replace part of the entrance to the car park with tarmac or chippings. She also reported that they now had a regular gardener at the village hall and that currently the village hall was being well used.	
3.9	<u>ESBC Local Plan:</u> Corinne O'Hare and Benjamin Williscroft from ESBC, Planning Policy attended the meeting to discuss with the Cllrs the Local Plan Housing Policy for 2012-2031. Marchington falls into a Tier 2 category which is determined on services, population etc. The proposed growth of housing for Marchington they said was 20 houses over the period and the reason for the meeting was to see if the Cllrs. agreed with that assessment and whether the houses could be met within the settlement boundary or if the boundary needed expanding. Plans of Marchington showing proposed/possible extensions to the boundary were shown to the Cllrs. Following a discussion on the boundary and the proposed 20 houses over the period it was agreed that as two likely brown sites were/would be available within the period and with infill, no extension to the settlement boundary would be required. A discussion arose on natural infill of the 20 houses being taken by Forestside, Birch Cross and the Woodlands that had not been included in the plan by ESBC. Ms. O'Hare agreed to send their recommendations to the Parish Council when available.	
3.10	<u>Fields in Trust – formally the National Playing Fields Association:</u> The clerk reported that she had managed to find some stones but was awaiting the estimate for the insertion of the plaques by the stonemasons. She had arranged for the trees to be delivered ready for planting in November. A possible ceremony for when the plaques and trees were erected was discussed.	
3.11	<u>Emergency Plan 2012:</u> Chairman Leedham informed that meeting that progress was being made on the plan and following his meeting with the Prison Governor it was evident that they had excellent facilities that could be incorporated into the plan.	Clerk
3.12	<u>Flooding Issues:</u> Cllrs reported that work had been carried out on the sewers in Bag Lane; they also reported that The Bulls Head cellar was not flooding since the drains/sewers had been cleared out. It was agreed to recall the agencies for the October meeting. Clerk to action.	
4.	<u>PLANNING:</u>	
4.1	<u>Planning Applications Received:</u> P/2013/00885 – Application to renew planning permission P/2010/00535/JI dated 23/08/2010 for the conversion and alterations to existing agricultural building to form 2 holiday units at Forestside Farm, Marchington Cliff, ST14 8NA. The parish council wish to make no comment.	

4.2	<p>P/2013/00826 – Application for Installation of 944 ground mounted photovoltaic panels at Thornyhill Farm, Thorny Lanes at Buttermilk Hill, Marchington Woodlands DE13 8RY. <i>Although Marchington Parish Council are not consultees on this application they had been approached by Newborough Parish Council to make comments on the application. Following a discussion it was agreed to comment to the Planning Officers if they were within the given time. Clerk to contact Planning Officers on timings and if within time agree comments with Chairman. Chairman to discuss with Newborough Parish Council.</i></p>	Clerk Chairman
4.3	<p>Decision Notices Received: P/2013/00668 – Siting of a mobile home to form a temporary agricultural workers dwelling for a period of 3 years, installation of bio-disc sewage treatment plan and extension to existing agricultural building at Land at Smallwood Manor Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green ST14 8NR. Refused P/2013/00638 – Erection of single storey rear extensions to form enlarged lounge, dining room and garage at 17 Moisty Lane, Marchington, ST14 8JY Permitted</p>	
4.4	<p>Other Correspondence/Matters: TPO – Confirmation the TPO Order No 294 on Ash tree at 33 Woodland Views, Marchington ST14 8LB P/2013/00732 – Prior Notification for erection of a single storey rear extension – 3.4m from rear wall of dwelling – 2.4m to eaves – 3.3 to highest part of roof at 40 Church Lane, Marchington ST14 8LJ.</p>	
4.5	<p>Appeal Applications Received: None</p>	
4.6	<p>Appeal Decision Notices Received: None</p>	
5.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p>	
	<p>Cllr R Pritchard Tamworth Borough Council - Appointment of Watchman in Tamworth. Clerk to respond to letter.</p>	
6.	<p>PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:</p>	
6.1	<p>Monies received:</p>	
	<p>Interest</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8.87</p>
	<p>TOTAL RECEIPTS</p>	<p style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">£8.87</p>
6.2	<p>Invoices/Money Paid Out:</p>	
	<p>Insurance – Came and Company</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1,191.30</p>
	<p>Bloomin Gardens & Landscapes Ltd (July)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">407.48</p>
	<p>P.B. Enterprises (mowing at Forestside)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">156.00</p>
	<p>Henry Hall – Ground Maintenance</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">178.90</p>
	<p>Clerk – Salary and Expenses</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">500.92</p>
	<p>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</p>	<p style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">£2,434.60</p>
	<p>Proposed: Cllr. Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. Crowe</p>	
7.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	
7.1	<p>Forestside Estate: Cllr Robinson reported that they he been informed by a resident that a wall on the access road to the garages was dangerous, he and the Chairman had inspected the wall and then they had contacted ESBC Building Control who had also inspected the wall and declared the wall dangerous. ESBC would now take the matter further either contacting the owners of the wall or reducing the wall to a non-dangerous level.</p>	
7.2	<p>Marchington Industrial Estate: Cllr. Darby and Chairman Leedham explained that they had written to the Traffic Commission regarding a notice posted in the Uttoxeter Post (26/07/2013) by Joanne Fitzgerald Trading as Central Textile Ltd of Unit 30 Marchington Industrial Estate for use as centre for 12 heavy goods vehicles and two trailers. The Cllrs had made objections to the traffic commission and suggested that operating hours be restricted to 8a.m. to 8p.m. The clerk informed the Cllrs that a reply had been received from the Traffic commission and this was read by the Chairman. Following a discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Darby/Cllr.</p>	

7.3	Whitehead would contact the Traffic Commission for further clarification/personal objections as they lived within the vicinity of the estate based on environmental grounds. Gritbins: Cllr. Mann requested the clerk contact SCC to request a gritbin at the top of Station Road before the winter weather set in. Cllr. Ford also requested on for Woodlands Views.	Cllr. Darby Clerk
7.4	Potholes in Marchington Woodlands: Cllr. Nixon requested the clerk chase up the filling of the potholes in Marchington Woodlands that had been marked with white lines for some considerable time.	Clerk

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45 p.m.

Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 10th September 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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