

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 10th September 2013 at 7.30 p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr. C. Leedham
Cllrs. R. Parkes, G. Whitehead, B. Darby, P. Nixon, M. Robinson, R. Ford
Cllr. R. Hardwick,
Parish Clerk Mrs L Hoptroff
SCC Cllr. P. Atkins
Mr. S. Langston and Mr S. Maxwell

ACTION

1.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> Mrs J. Crowe, , A. Mann, (Cllr. Whitehead informed the meeting that Cllr. Mann had broken his arm and would not be attending, the Cllr's asked that Cllr Mann be sent good wishes from them all).	
2.	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING 13th August 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> The Chairman in formed the meeting that the long awaited Kissing Gate had now been installed. He also informed the meeting that Travellers had attempted to park on the playing field but due to the quick reactions of residents and the police they had been moved on (<i>see new business</i>). Cllr Nixon submitted his playground report. The Annual playground report was also discussed; clerk to arrange minor repairs/alterations with Handyman.	Clerk
b)	<u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</u> Cllr. Mann had sent in his report. The Annual playground report was also discussed; clerk to arrange minor repairs/alterations with Handyman.	Clerk
c)	<u>Forestside Football Pitch:</u> Cllr. Robinson reported all was fine with the pitch and the grass would need mowing soon. Cllr. Robinson to contact Mr. Beaumont	
d)	<u>Green Lane:</u> Nothing to report at present.	
3.2	<u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u>	
a)	<u>Highways:</u> The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Atkins to the meeting and various outstanding items were discussed. Cllr. Atkins gave a briefing on the priorities of Staffordshire County Council, the Divisional Highways Programme, Infrastructure Plus, Gritting etc. This was discussed. He also highlighted the opportunities for help with small projects via a Lengthsman, clerk to apply on Website. Funding was also discussed for various projects such as repairs to the village hall via the Local community fund form on the SCC website. Gritbins - The clerk reported that the request for gritbins at the top of Station Road and Woodlands Views had been sent to Highways and an assessment was being made to see if the locations qualify.	
b)	<u>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</u> Cllr. Atkins explained how the Neighbourhood Highways Teams visited villages to undertake small jobs and how important it was that the Parish Council suggested those jobs before them came. The clerk informed the meeting that the Team had installed the bollards in Jacks Lane.	
3.3	<u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u> Unfortunately P.C. Boulter was not at the meeting but the clerk reported that there was a Police Surgery on the 28 th September at the village shop. Cllr. Leedham agreed to attend.	Chairman
3.4	<u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u> The next meeting is on the 5 th November, Cllr Hardwick ask the clerk to send date/details to Draycott Parish Council so they could also attend.	Clerk

3.5	Land at Marchington Woodlands: Cllr. Atkins informed the meeting that this was progressing and although it is extremely difficult to implement measures he would pursue this case. A discussion on highway land was held.	
3.6	BMX/Skateboard Track Committee: Cllr Ford informed the meeting that he had met with Sara Botham and a design had been agreed on. Plans were now being drawn up and then with the help of the Parish Council planning permission could be applied for.	Cllr. Ford
3.7	Best Kept Village Competition: The clerk reported that we were awaiting the feedback from the Community Council of Staffordshire and that the photograph of the Chairman receiving the award was now on the web-site.	
3.8	Marchington Village Hall Committee: As no representative from the Village Hall Committee was present at the meeting this was held over until the next meeting.	
3.9	ESBC Local Plan: The Chairman circulated the plan received from Ben Williscroft and Corrine O'Hare ESBC outlining the proposed increase in the settlement boundary, despite the request by the councillors, expressed at the previous meeting when they were present, that no increase was necessary to accommodate the allocation of 19 homes in Marchington/Marchington Woodlands/Forestside over the next 20 years. Cllrs. discussed this in detail with Cllr. Hardwick and it was agreed to write to Ben Williscroft and Corrine O'Hare objecting to the increase in the boundary and disappointment in their recommendation following an in-depth discussion on what constituted Marchington/Marchington Woodlands/Forestside community and visit to sites in the village. Clerk/Chairman to action.	Clerk/Chairman
3.10	Fields in Trust – formally the National Playing Fields Association: The clerk reported that the plaques are ready for delivery. It was agreed to obtain several quotes for concrete bases for the plaque/stones to be set to make sure they are secure.	Clerk
3.11	Emergency Plan 2012: Chairman Leedham and Cllr. Whitehead had nothing to report at present due to work/family commitments.	
3.12	Flooding Issues: The Chairman informed the meeting that he had met with Mr T. Heappy to discuss the progress on the flooding issues/flooding committee. Some of the information Mr Heappy had told him was that the drains had now been cleaned out. Tanks in Silver Lane had been cleaned out and recapped to use for excess water. The industrial estate had been recently sold and the new owners were cleaning out the drains. All drains/pipes in the village would be cleared every four months. Farmers had been approached about the ditches and some had already been cleared. The Environment Agency were building a model of the village which they hoped to have the data input ready in time for the October/November meeting. These items were discussed. The Chairman stated that the next flooding committee meeting was on the 16 th September and he would be attending.	Chairman
4.	PLANNING:	
4.1	Planning Applications Received:	
4.2	P/2013/01021 – Demolition of former Catholic Chapel and Presbytery to facilitate the erection of 3 detached dwellings, erection of lych-gate to Plot 2 and construction of vehicular access at The Pesbytery, Hall Road, Marchington, Staffs. ST14 8LG. It was agreed that the comments from the parish council would not be to object to houses being built on the site, but that the Parish Council would prefer the housing to be smaller high standard houses, suitable for people downsizing, older people wishing to sell larger houses in the village but remain in the village and young residents wishing to stay in the village when they leave home and start on the property ladder for the first time. There are plenty of large houses currently up for sale in Marchington. Clerk/Chairman to action.	Clerk Chairman
4.3	Decision Notices Received: 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	

4.4	<p>form 2 holiday units at Forestside Farm, Marchington Cliff, ST14 8NA. Permitted.</p> <p><u>Other Correspondence/Matters:</u> <u>P/2013/00826</u> – Application for Installation of 944 ground mounted photovoltaic panels at Thornyhill Farm, Thorny Lanes at Buttermilk Hill, Marchington Woodlands DE13 8RY. The Chairman informed the meeting that he and the clerk had attended Newborough Parish Council to discuss/inform them on the comments made by Marchington Parish Council on the above application. This was discussed.</p>													
4.5	<p><u>Appeal Applications Received:</u> None</p>													
4.6	<p><u>Appeal Decision Notices Received:</u> None</p>													
5.	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u> ESBC – Citizens’ Panel recruitment drive – Put on Noticeboard. Community Council of Staffordshire – AGM 07/10/2013 Staffordshire Playingfield Association – AGM 16/10/2013 Marchington Village Hall Committee – Confirmation of representative (Mrs J. Crowe)</p>													
6.	<p><u>PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:</u></p>	<u>September 2013</u>												
6.1	<p>Monies received: None</p>													
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7.	<p>Proposed: Cllr. Parkes Seconded: Cllr. Robinson</p>													
7.1	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p>													
7.1	<p><u>Hedges:</u> Cllrs requested that the owner of the hedge in Jacks Lane be asked to cut it back as it is overhanging the road. Clerk to contact Highways.</p>													
7.2	<p><u>Travellers:</u> The Chairman explained in great detail the saga of the travellers attempt to park on the Silverlane playing field, he thanked Stan Maxwell for arranging the trailer parked across the entrance as a deterrent. Mr Langston expressed his concerns in the light of the land he has recently cleared adjacent his property and the security measures he would be taking. Possible security measures were discussed in detail alongside access required by the mowers/football team/residents, however it was agreed to purchase a new height barrier lock in the short term and to consult with the police crime prevention officer for advice on long term measures. Clerk to contact P. C. Boulter to access the crime prevention officer for advice on security at Silverlane playing field.</p>	Clerk												
7.3	<p><u>Stopping up of Silverlane:</u> Mr Langstone attended the meeting to discuss his proposal to apply for the stopping up of the road and his discussions with ESBC/SCC. He volunteer to replace/fence the far gate at the bottom end of the playing field should the Parish Council decide it appropriate. He agreed to inform the council when his application was submitted.</p>													

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55 p.m.
 Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 8th October 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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