

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Present: Chairman Cllr. C. Leedham
Cllrs. G. Whitehead, M. Robinson, R. Ford, A. Mann and Mrs J. Crowe,
Cllr. R. Hardwick for part
Parish Clerk Mrs L Hoptroff

ACTION

1.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> Cllrs. B. Darby, R. Parkes and P. Nixon	
2.	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING 12th September 2013:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Whitehead Seconded: Cllr. Robinson	
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</u>	
3.1	<u>Playgrounds:</u>	
a)	<u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u> Cllr. Ford submitted his inspection report. The Clerk informed the Cllrs. the estimate for the replacement panel on the Multi-Play Unit was being sent and hopefully the handyman would be able to replace it. The Handyman would also do the small jobs highlighted in the annual report when the trailer is moved mid-October. The Clerk was asked to chase sandbags and sand.	Clerk
b)	<u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</u> Cllr. Leedham still to submit inspection report. The clerk informed that the handyman had carried out minor repairs highlighted in annual report.	
c)	<u>Forestside Football Pitch:</u> The clerk reported that the grass has been mown, Cllr. Robinson stated that the tent pegs were being damaged in mowing, it was agreed to request resident pitch mower to make a channel behind the nets to avoid damage.	Cllr. Robinson
d)	<u>Green Lane:</u> Nothing to report at present.	
3.2	<u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u>	
a)	<u>Highways:</u> The clerk reported that a hole/subsidence in the verge at Houndhill had been reported to SCC Highways.	
b)	<u>Grit bins:</u> The chairman reported that both Woodlands Views and Station Hill/Allens Lane had been accepted as suitable for grit bins.	
c)	<u>Hedges:</u> The Clerk was asked to chase Highways regarding the various hedges in Church Lane, Bag Lane and Jack Lane.	Clerk
d)	<u>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</u> Nothing to report at present.	
3.3	<u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u> Cllr. Leedham reported on the recent police surgery held at the Village Store.	
3.4	<u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u> The next meeting is on the 5 th November, the clerk reported details had been sent to Draycott Parish Council.	
3.5	<u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> Chairman read an email from Chris Mitchell of SCC on the progress with regard to this matter.	
3.6	<u>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee:</u> Cllr Ford updated the councillors on progress; a discussion arose on the possible size and the planning application for the base. He informed the meeting that he and Cllr. Darby would be attending the Neighbourhood Forum meeting in November. Cllr. Ford to complete and return form.	Cllr.Ford
3.7	<u>Best Kept Village Competition:</u> The Chairman circulated to Cllrs. the Judges' comments on the village, clerk to circulate to organizations in village and put on noticeboard.	Clerk
3.8	<u>Marchington Village Hall Committee:</u> Cllr. Crowe reported on events that had taken place and events that would be taking place in the village hall and funds raised. She also reported that painting had taken place in the John Ellwood Lounge.	
3.9	<u>ESBC Local Plan:</u> The Chairman read the latest email from planning policy on the proposed increase in the settlement boundary in Marchington village. The clerk	

	updated the Cllrs. on her telephone conversation with Corinne O'Hare, Planning Policy. Following an in-depth discussion on the proposal and also on the presentation made to the Cllrs. by JVH Town Planning Consultants on the pre planning proposal for the site at The Blacksmiths Arms, Birch Cross it was agreed that the clerk would contact ESBC Planning Policy to relay the comments/observations/updated situation and objections to them prior to the Policy going to consultation. Also to offer a further meeting/discussion if required.	Clerk
3.10	<u>Fields in Trust – formally the National Playing Fields Association:</u> The clerk reported that the plaques would be delivered after the trailer is moved before the installation of the barrier on the 17 th October 2013. It was proposed that Alan Mee be used to fix the plaques in concrete in the appropriate places. Proposed Cllr. Whitehead and Seconded Chairman Leedham. Chairman Leedham to submit a date for the opening of the plaque in Silver Lane, when known clerk to organise, representatives from Fields in Trust and Press.	Chairman/ Clerk
3.11	<u>Emergency Plan 2012:</u> Chairman Leedham and Cllr. Whitehead reported they hoped to re-start work on the Emergency Plan in January when current commitments were completed.	
3.12	<u>Flooding Issues:</u> The Chairman informed the meeting that he had again met with Mr T. Heappy to discuss the progress on the flooding issues/flooding committee. Clerk updated on emails received from the agencies regarding their progress. It was hoped that all agencies would be available and ready with models/reports etc. to meet again at the November Parish Council. Clerk to monitor.	Clerk
3.13	<u>Travellers:</u> The clerk reported that she and Cllr. Whitehead had met with Crime Prevention Officer, Simon O'Brien at Silver Lane Playing Field to discuss the best way of stopping Travellers accessing the field. His recommendation was to put an Anti Ram Telescopic Barrier in the entrance of the field with keys allocated to the organisations/people that would be responsible to ensure that the Barrier is opened and closed responsibly. Purchase of the barrier Proposed Cllr. Leedham Seconded Cllr. Whitehead. Installation of the barrier would be on 17 th October. 2013	Clerk
3.14	<u>Stopping up of Silverlane:</u> Chairman Leedham inform the cllrs. that he had been telephoned by Mr Langstone, Silver Lane regarding the second gate into the playing field. Mr Langstone had offered to pay for a fence to replace the gate. This was rejected by the Cllrs. who preferred to keep the gate and fixed height barrier but it was agreed that the Parish Council would replace the existing broken wooden gate with a metal gate. Clerk to obtain an estimate.	Clerk
4.	<u>PLANNING:</u>	
4.1	<u>Planning Applications Received:</u> P/2013/01047 – Retention of an external air conditioning unity at Woolley & Wainwrights, Church Lane, Marchington ST14 8LJ. The Parish Council wish to make no comment. P/2013/01066 – Conversion and alterations of existing attached building to form dependent relative accommodation at Birchwood Bower Farm, Tinkers Lane, Marchington Woodlands, ST14 8PD. The Parish Council wish to make no comment. P/2013/01111 – Conversion and alterations to existing agricultural buildings to form 3 units of holiday accommodation including installation of new door and windows and erection of stairway on rear elevation at Forestside Farm, Marchington Cliff, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire ST14 8NA. The Parish Council wish to make no comment. P/2013/007688 - Replacement of existing timber windows at Yew Tree Farm, High Street, Marchington, ST14 8LD. The Parish Council wish to make no comment. P/2013/01137 – Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of fodder and equipment at Agricultural building, Newlands Farm Lane from Netherland Green to Highwood Crossroads, Netherlands Green, Staffordshire.	

4.2	The Parish Council wish to make no comment.		
4.3	Decision Notices Received: None		
4.4	Other Correspondence/Matters: None		
4.4	Appeal Applications Received: P/2013/00436 – APP/B3410/A/13/2203622 - Installation of a 50kw wind turbine with a hub height of 23.6 metres and a height to blade tip of 34.2 metres including associated equipment cabinet at Woodland Hall Farm, Wood Lane, Uttoxeter, Staffs. ST14 8JS (Uttoxeter Area)		
4.5	Appeal Decision Notices Received: None		
5.	CORRESPONDENCE: ESBC – Trade Waste renewal note – completed and returned. Office of the Traffic Commission – Central Textiles Ltd on Industrial Estate – Cllrs notified prior to meeting. SPCA – Bulletin – NACL's new book explaining the roles of Parish Councils – Agreed to purchase. Proposed Chairman Leedham Seconded Mrs J. Crowe.		
6.	PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:		September 2013
6.1	Monies received: Precept (Second Half)		£14,7000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>£14,700.00</u>
6.2	Invoices/Money Paid Out: Direct Bollards Ltd P.B. Enterprises Grass Mowing Forestside (October) ESBC Trade Waste Bloomin Gardens & Landscapes Ltd (September) Henry Hall – Ground Maintenance Clerk – Salary and Expenses		£478.80 £156.00 £68.90 £279.17 £129.80 £536.90
	The following four payments are the second part payment (50%) from the November 2012 Precept for the year 2013/2014		
	Marchington Village Hall (Section 133)		£900.00
	Marchington Woodlands Village Hall (Section 137)		£900.00
	St. Peter's Church PCC – Parish magazine (Section 137)		£275.00
	St. Peter's Church PCC – Churchyard Maintenance (Section 214/6)		£925.00
	St. John's Church PCC – Churchyard Maintenance (Section 214/6)		£925.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>£5,068.08</u>
7.	Proposed: Cllr. Ford Seconded: Cllr. Mann NEW BUSINESS Regeneration of The Blacksmith Arms, Birch Cross: Ms. Janet Hodson of JVH Town Planning Consultants attended the meeting to give a presentation to the Parish Council on proposals by her client to regenerate The Blacksmiths Arms and adjoining car park and land. She stressed that the plans were still in the early stages of planning and had not been discussed todate with the Planning Officers at ESBC. The Cllrs. discussed the plans with her and raised question regarding the plans.		

Clerk

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.50 p.m.
Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 12th November 2013 at **Marchington Village Hall** at 7.00 p.m. (This is the precept meeting and starts earlier than usual). This will probably be followed by a flooding meeting at 8.00p.m. if the agencies are ready and agreeable. (Please check the agenda in case there are any alterations to these details.)

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