

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 12th February 2014 at 7.30 p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr. C. Leedham
Cllrs. B. Darby, P. Nixon, R. Parkes, Mrs J. Crowe, R. Ford,
Parish Clerk Mrs L. Hoptroff
Cllr. R. Hardwick
Mrs M. Brown and Mr R. Nicholson for part
Mr S. Langston and Mr P. Speechley for part

ACTION

<p>1. <u>APOLOGIES:</u> Cllrs. A. Mann, G. Whitehead and M. Robinson.</p> <p>2. <u>MINUTES OF MEETING 14th January 2014:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Darby Seconded: Cllr. Nixon</p> <p>3. <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</u></p> <p>3.1 <u>Playgrounds:</u></p> <p>a) <u>Silver Lane, Marchington:</u> Cllr. Leedham verbally reported on the condition of the Silver Lane Playing field. The Councillors asked how Henry Hall was and the clerk said she though he was improving. The Councillors reiterated previous good wishes for speed recovery.</p> <p>b) <u>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</u> Cllr. Ford submitted his report on the play area. He requested the benches be re-varnished in Spring. Molehills were evident also branches and garden waste had been left over the wall.</p> <p>c) <u>Forestside Football Pitch:</u> Cllr. Ford had not visited the Football Pitch.</p> <p>d) <u>Green Lane:</u> Cllr. Crowe had been down Green Lane but reported it was still very wet and muddy.</p> <p>3.2 <u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u></p> <p>a) <u>Highways:</u> The Clerk reported that according to the email from Mr Hunt, SCC. Arbourfield Road/B5017 did not qualify for a grit bin. The email had already been forwarded to councillors as it contained the criteria for grit bin status. The Clerk reported that work on the sinking verge at Houndhill had now been carried out by SCC. Cllr. Ford requested the clerk report the running water and potholes on Marchington Cliffe.</p> <p>b) <u>Hedges:</u> The clerk reported that the Hedge around the Old School House had now been cut. Cllr. Nixon reported that house had been sold and hopefully the hedge would be cut on a regular basis. The clerk reported that the hedge in Church Lane was in discussion with SCC, Trevor Mellor and the School so hopefully that would be sorted out and cut soon. She also reported that SCC had yet again written to the owners of the hedges in Bag Lane, to ask them to cut it back.</p> <p>d) <u>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</u> The team is due in April 2014.</p> <p>3.3 <u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u> The clerk reported no Police Surgery had been agreed to date as far as she knew.</p> <p>3.4 <u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u> The Chairman reminded Cllrs that he and Cllr. Robinson and P.C. Boulter would be attending the Prison Liaison meeting at the Prison on Thursday 13th February 2014. He hoped to discuss village traffic and the balancing ponds at the meeting.</p> <p>3.5 <u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> The Chairman read out a series of emails that had passed between Chris Mitchell, SCC and the clerk regarding this matter. SCC hoped to arrange a meeting between them the householder, ESBC and the Police they had requested a Councillor attend. Cllr. Nixon agreed to be the Parish Council representative. Clerk to make the arrangements with Mr Mitchell.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>CL/MR</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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3.6	<p><u>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee:</u> Cllr. Ford informed the meeting that following discussions with his Skateboard Committee they were thinking that the Skateboard Track could be changed to a simple BMX Track because of the opposition of a concrete base being a contributing factor to the flooding issues. Mrs Brown questioned the number of young people who actually wanted the Track/BMX park. Various options/situations were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr. Ford establish what it is that the young people/committee really want to proceed with if anything.</p>	RF
3.7	<p><u>Best Kept Village:</u> The clerk reported she had notified that BKV Committee that Marchington would be entering this year and would be sending out the notices etc. in February.</p>	Clerk
3.8	<p><u>Marchington Village Hall Committee:</u> Cllr. Crowe informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee had met with Hanbury Designs and hoped to come up with designs to improve the outside of the village hall with new double doors and new canopy. Cllr. Darby asked if they had considered Solar Panels for the roof, but she replied the roof sloped in the wrong direction She outlined the fund raising ideas for the next month or two.</p>	
3.9	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan/ESBC Local Plan:</u> The Clerk informed the meeting that the letter had been sent to ESBC for designation of Marchington Neighbourhood Plan, that ESBC Notices had been put on the Noticeboards and the website for the six weeks consultation process. A form for a grant had also been submitted to Locality Supporting Committee for funds to enable the Neighbourhood Plan to commence. Further forms for Support would be submitted on 25th February when the applications from Parish Councils were opened again. A draft notice was circulated amongst the Cllrs requesting residents to volunteer to join the Committee to progress the Neighbourhood Plan should the funding application be accepted. This was discussed in detail and it was agreed to put the notice in the Parish Magazine, on the Notice Boards and on the Web-site to hopefully bring to the notice of Marchington, Marchington Woodlands and Forestside. Cllrs. were asked to consider if they would volunteer to be on the committee.</p>	Clerk
3.10	<p><u>Emergency Plan 2012:</u> This item is on hold until the Neighbourhood Plan etc. has been put into effect.</p>	
3.11	<p><u>Flooding Issues:</u> As neither Cllr Robinson nor Cllr Mann were in attendance the chairman reported that they had attended the flooding meeting in January at the same time as the Parish Council meeting and they had felt it had been a successful meeting with hopefully positive results. Mrs Brown who also had attended the meeting informed the Cllrs her views on the situation and also updated the Cllrs on how the brook/flooding had been since the work on the drains had be carried out. The discussion covered several points of view on how the village is affected by the flooding. It was agreed to wait and see what the Environment Agency, SCC, Seven Trent and ESBC were moving forward on over the next six week period.</p>	
4.	<p><u>PLANNING:</u></p>	
4.1	<p><u>Planning Applications Received:</u> <u>P/2013/01534</u> - Erection of a two story extension on west elevation of 1 & 2 Bridge Cottages, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffs. ST148LJ The Parish Council wish to make no comment. <u>P/2014/00127</u> - Erection of a single storey side and rear extension at The Poplars, Hall Road, Marchington, ST14 8LG The Parish Council wish to make no comment. <u>P/2014/00097</u> - Felling of one Horse Chestnut Tree, One Oak Tree, One Cypressus Leylandii and crown thinning by 25% and removal of one branch from one Ash Tree at James House, Jacks Lane, Marchington. The Parish Council wish to make no comment</p>	
4.2	<p><u>Decision Notices Received:</u> <u>P/2013/01447</u> – Formation of a turning head and change of use of public highway to domestic curtilage at Frostfields, Silver Lane, Marchington, Staffs ST14 8LL.</p>	

	<p>Permitted. <i>Mr Langston attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss the moving of the Silver Lane second gate entrance to the playing field however, the parish council told Mr Langston that the gate would not be moved prior to the Stopping Up Order being granted.</i></p> <p>P/2013/01472 – Replacement of a wood pole double circuit overhead line with a single circuit wood pole overhead line, Marchington to Hatton Overhead Line. Permitted.</p>	
4.3	Planning Committee Meeting Notices: None	
4.4	Other Correspondence/Matters:	
	P/2014/00129 - A Screening Option for Dove View, Moisty Lane, Marchington, has been received by ESBC. The Planning Office agreed an Environmental Statement would not be required.	
4.5	Appeal Applications Received: None	
4.6	Appeal Decision Notices Received: None	
5.	CORRESPONDENCE:	
	Anonymous – re proposal for Stables and Barns at Moisty Lane – <i>Chairman to respond via the Parish Magazine.</i>	
	SPCA – Email re Planning Course – <i>Previously sent to Cllrs.</i>	
	SLCC – Branch Meeting – <i>Clerk unable to attend.</i>	
	Emily Atwell – Request to advertise on the website – <i>It was agreed not to endorse this request.</i>	
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6.1	SCC, Graham Hunt – County Highways Procedures on 10 th March, 2014 – at the Paddock Suite, Uttoxeter - <i>Cllrs Leedham and Darby agreed to attend.</i>	
	Office of Traffic Commissioner – Unit 30 Industrial Estate	
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	<u>PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>January 2014</u>
	Monies received:	
	SPCA – cheque returned until April	£321.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£321.00
	Invoices/Money Paid Out:	
	Clerk – Salary and Expenses	£448.77
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£448.77
	Proposed: Cllr. Leedham Seconded: Cllr. Parkes	
7.	<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	
	Lane off B5017 at Stubby Lane – The clerk reported that she had met with P.C. Boulter at the land to discuss complaints that an entrance to the site had been made along with new fencing, tree cutting and siting of a caravan. Following the meeting she had reported the situation to Enforcement at ESBC and they had made an inspection and would be issuing an Enforcement Order on the owner for unauthorised entrance onto the B5017.	

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.15 p.m.

Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 11th March 2014 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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