

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.30 p.m.
At: Marchington Village Hall

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

Mr. D. Hayes – resident of Marchington Woodlands
Mr. C. Wallace - resident of Marchington
Mr. R. Wyatt – Hussey resident of Marchington

ACTION

1.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> Cllrs. Mrs J. Crowe.	
2.	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING 12th February 2014:</u> Minutes accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Parkes Seconded: Cllr. Nixon	
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:</u>	
3.1	<u>Playgrounds:</u>	
a)	<i>Silver Lane, Marchington:</i> Cllr. Mrs Crowe submitted her report this was discussed. The Clerk to ask Henry to look at the gate into the children's playarea that was not shutting correctly.	
b)	<i>David Share Memorial Playground, Forestside:</i> Cllr. Robinson submitted his report this was discussed. Clerk to ask Henry to look at half seat that needs attention and benches when they have dried out. Clerk to contact Terry Beaumont re gate that has moved again. Cllr. Robinson agreed to send a letter to residents asking that they close the gates and not allow dogs to foul the playarea stressing that dog faeces is toxic.	Cllr. Robinson
c)	<i>Forestside Football Pitch:</i> Cllr. Ford had not visited the Football Pitch. Cllr Robinson submitted his report stating that the nets needed attention due to damage from either dogs or animals; he agreed to include this in his letter to residents.	
d)	<i>Green Lane:</i> Cllr. Mann had been down Green Lane and reported it was still very wet and muddy. The tarmac had been washed away during the flooding. Clerk to ask SCC about repairs/resurfacing due to damage from flooding.	Clerk
3.2	<u>SCC, Highway Matters:</u>	
a)	<i>Highways:</i> The clerk reported that she had tried to report the potholes and water running down Marchington Cliffe but had been told the work was already being carried out. The clerk was asked to find out where Marchington and Marchington Cliffe are on the list of priority for resurfacing and potholes. Cllrs. Leedham and Darby gave a report on their attendance at the meeting with SCC, Highways at the Racecourse. This was discussed. The clerk reported on her attendance on the A50 Growth Corridor meeting at the racecourse on 28 th February and circulated a map of how the road would be improved/changed. She said that the follow-up meeting was on and if anyone wished to join her she would be going along. A resident asked if a litter bin could be put on the boundary at the top of Moisty Lane as he had constantly picked up litter.	Clerk
b)	<i>Hedges:</i> The clerk reported she had not heard back from SCC on the progress of getting the hedge cut in Bag Lane but would again chase it.	CL/MR
d)	<i>Neighbourhood Highway Teams:</i> The team is due in April 2014. Cllrs asked if Gully pots could be added to the list. Clerk to action.	
3.3	<u>P.C. Boulter/Police Surgery:</u> P.C. Boulter was not at the meeting so no-one was able to report on the Police Surgery at had taken place on 1 st March at the Shop.	Clerk

3.4	<p><u>Prison Liaison Meeting:</u> The Chairman reported that he and Cllr. Robinson had attended the Prison Liaison meeting at the Prison on Thursday 13th February 2014. He also reported that a complaint had been made to Dovegate about a GeoAmy van that had gone through the village despite being stopped and turned back by a resident. The Chairman agreed to bring this up at the next meeting with the governor on 27th March, 2014 to see what action had been taken following the complaint. Cllr. Hardwick suggested that the Enforcement Officer at ESBC be contacted about the Green Travel Plan agreed when the Prison was built. The Chairman said the governor was looking for some of his officers to do work in the village, to give something back to the village to ensure good relations. It was suggested the playground equipment could be painted. Chairman Leedham agreed to discuss this and the “clean up” day for the Best Kept Village Competition at their next meeting.</p>	RF Clerk
3.5	<p><u>Land at Marchington Woodlands:</u> The clerk read an email from Mr Mitchell, SCC following the meeting that took place between SCC, ESBC the Police and the resident. Cllr. Nixon informed the councillors he had been visited by the resident to discuss the matter. This was discussed.</p>	
3.6	<p><u>BMX/Skateboard Track Committee:</u> The councillors discussed whether or not the BMX/Skateboard Track would proceed in response to the objections of residents of the village, Cllr. Ford said there was nothing for the young people of the village and as a consequence they were getting up to mischief elsewhere, this was disputed by the resident who said that there was football pitches, tennis courts and equipment at the playing field. This was discussed in detail. It was agreed that Cllr. Ford would discuss with his committee what they and the young people wanted to do to progress with a track of some sort or drop it.</p>	
3.7	<p><u>Best Kept Village:</u> The clerk reported she had sent letters to the village organisations for help and the school asking for posters and poems from the children. Also a resident had requested a “clean up day” this was agreed and Saturday 12th April 2014 was chosen at 10.00a.m. meeting at the village hall. Clerk to put details on the noticeboards and chairman to include in his report in Parish Magazine. Chairman would also ask the governor of Dovegate for assistance at the next meeting. The clerk requested a cheque for the application fee and posters. She would circulate the Flyer for approval before it is delivered to residents.</p>	Clerk
3.8	<p><u>Marchington Village Hall Committee:</u> As Cllr. Crowe was not at the meeting Cllr. Mann informed the cllrs. that the Committee room been decorated and is now fresher. He said the Village hall had a quiet spell in January but the beer festival last weekend had been very successful.</p>	
3.9	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan/ESBC Local Plan:</u> The Chairman welcomed the three residents who had attended the meeting to see what joining the Steering Group for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan would mean. The Chairman and clerk outlined what they felt would be involved in the preparation of a neighbourhood plan but expressed this could change as the process was started. As this is a new venture then everyone would learn as they went along. This was discussed in detail. The clerk said she had applied for a Grant and Direct Support forms would be re-submitted on 1st April, however, no response had been received to-date apart from an acknowledgement of the application. It was agreed that an ideal number for the steering group would be ten made up of possibly three councillors, five residents and the clerk. Messrs Hayes, Wallace and Wyatt-Hussey and the councillors agreed to see if they could interest two female residents to give the steering group a balanced approach. The first Steering Group meeting was suggested for 31st March, 2014. Residents to confirm with clerk. Clerk to invite Corinne O’Hare from ESBC and book the village hall, John Elwood Lounge</p>	
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 there was no-one from the Flooding Committee present this</p>	

3.12	<p>was not discussed in detail.</p> <p>Lane off B5017 at Stubby Lane – Cllr. Hardwick reported that Enforcement Officers at ESBC had contacted the owner of the land following objections to the access being opened up and had been told that retrospective planning application for access would be needed. He suggested that the Parish Council contact SCC, Philip Atkins when the application comes forward to object. Cllr. Hardwick to forward the accident data web-site.</p>	
4.	<p><u>PLANNING:</u></p>	
4.1	<p><u>Planning Applications Received:</u></p> <p><u>P/2014/00150</u> - Erection of a single storey side extension at Cliff Grange, Marchington Cliffe, Marchington Woodlands, Staffs. ST14 8ND. The Parish Council wish to make no objection.</p> <p><u>P/2014/00133</u> – Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, new painted render finish to front and side elevation, removal of front bay window and replacement with glazed screen and installation of sliding doors to rear of 12 Allens Croft, Marchington, Staffs ST148PX. The Parish Council wish to make no objection.</p> <p><u>P/2014/00088</u> – Conversion and alteration to existing public house to include partial demolition to form two separate dwellings, rear dormer windows, raising of ridge height and first floor extension over existing kitchen and dining area (conversion 1), erection of two detached garages and erection of three link detached dwellings and a terrace of three dwellings and construction of vehicular access at Blacksmiths Arms, Birch Cross, Marchington, Staffs ST14 8NX.</p> <p>The Parish Council wish to make the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing the new buildings do not have an adverse effect on the drainage and sewage system that runs into the village they do not have a problem with the dwellings. • Providing the new buildings do not have an adverse effect on the flooding issues in the village and flood plain behind the property they do not have a problem with the dwellings. • They are keen to make sure that the affordable housing is firstly offered to residents of the village. <p><u>P/2014/00231</u> – Felling of one Sycamore tree at St. Peters Church, Church Lane, Marchington ST14 8LJ. The Parish Council wish to make no objection.</p> <p><u>P/2014/00222</u> – Pruning and crown reduction to include reducing spread of one Yew tree by 25-30% (T1 of TPO297) at West View, The Grange High Street, Marchington ST14 8LD. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.</p> <p><u>P/2014/00287</u> – Felling of 4 Conifer trees and crown reduction to a height of 3.65 metres to 11 conifer trees at Apple Tree Barn, High Street, Marchington, Staffs. ST14 8LD. The Parish Council wish to make no comment.</p>	
4.2	<p><u>Decision Notices Received:</u></p> <p><u>P/2014/01418</u> – Relocation of existing air conditioning unit to rear elevation Marchington Village Shop, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffs. ST14 8LJ. Permitted</p> <p><u>P/2013/01534</u> - Erection of a two story extension on west elevation of 1 & 2 Bridge Cottages, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffs. ST148LJ. Permitted</p> <p><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. Permitted.</p>	
4.3	<p><u>Planning Committee Meeting Notices:</u> None</p>	
4.4	<p><u>Other Correspondence/Matters:</u></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></p> <p>SCC – A50 Growth Corridor Exhibition 25th February – Clerk attended and reported to cllrs. Also feedback letter – clerk to attend.</p>	

	Community Council of Staffordshire – Good Neighbourhood Schemes – Staffordshire – Cllrs agreed not to pursue this – clerk to complete form and return.	
6.	<u>PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>March 2014</u>
6.1	Monies received:	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£0
6.2	Invoices/Money Paid Out:	
	Mr H. Hall	£39.00
	Clerk Salary and Expenses	£450.68
	Community Council of Staffordshire (BKV Application Fee)	16.92
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£467.60
7.	Proposed: Cllr. Robinson Seconded: Cllr. Darby <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> Chairman Leedham reported that he had been approached by a resident with regard to the opening of Marchington Station. Cllrs agreed this would not be something they could give their support to.	

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.15 p.m.
 Marchington Parish Council's next meeting is planned for 8th April 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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