

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Tuesday 13th March – 7.30pm
Minutes of Meeting.

Present

Cllr Morgan, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Darby, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Husey, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Mann, Cllr Ford.
Ward Cllr Stephen Smith
Parish Clerk – Catherine Thompson
4 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence -**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - Cllr Morgan – Marchington Village Festival.**
3. **Public Participation -**
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Approval of minutes of meeting held on 12th February 2018 (previously circulated)
Proposed Cllr Darby Seconded Cllr Hayhurst
5. **Matters of Report/Discussion of Public Participation** – Matters arising from Minutes of Public Participation not included elsewhere on the Agenda
6. **Planning**
 - a. **Planning Applications Received**
 - P/2018/00167 - Land adjacent to Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, Uttoxeter - Erection of an agricultural building for livestock and the secure storage of equipment, machinery and feedstuffs. **Action – Clerk - Query the application what it leads too, why the original building not adequate further justification.**
 - P/2018/00228 – Birch Tree Cottage, Stubby Lane, Marchington. Erection of a two storey front extension and dormer window. **Action – Clerk – Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no comment**
 - P/2018/00288 for tree works at Willow Bank, Church Lane, Marchington.
Action – Clerk – Marchington Parish council have concerns that removing the sycamore tree may destabilise the river bank as well as having a detrimental effect on conservation area in particular the view from the Church Lane Bridge. Marchington Parish Council does not have an issue with the removal of the conifer tree mentioned in the application.
 - a. **Planning Decisions Received** – None received
 - b. **Planning Appeals Received** – None received
 - c. **Barracks Development & Relief Road** - Ongoing

7. Finance and Administration

- a. **Precept** – Payment of first half due in April
- b. **Report on Payments to be made**

Interest	£ 8.64	
Total Income	£ 8.64	
Expenditure		
Catherine Thompson Salary	£ 472.12	
Catherine Thompson Travel & Expenses	£ 48.15	Total £ 520.27
Henry Hall	£ 120.65	
Best Kept Village Entry Fee	£ 19.00	
SPCA Annual Subscription	£ 305.00	
E.ON Energy – Cricket Club	£ 26.08	
Marchington Village Festival	£ 300.00	
Total Expenditure	£ 1201.00	

c. Councillor Questions –

8. Properties and Grounds

- a. Silver Lane Playground Report – **Cllr Ford** - Rubber around the roundabout shrinking.
- b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – **Cllr Hayhurst** - Climbing Frame being damaged. Painting and repair needed.
- c. Green Lane Community Orchard – Jane Hilton is researching seating options.
- d. Marchington Village Hall - Cllr Mann
Bookings continue to be high. Car park drain CCTV report showed that repair is needed in one place. Grants are being applied for refurbishment of the committee room.
- e. Marchington Cricket Club -
 - Cllr Morgan requested on behalf of Uttoxeter Cricket club permission for the club to submit a planning application for an extension to the Cricket Pavilion. All Councillors agreed to the application being submitted.
Action – Cllr Morgan – Lease review needed.
Action – Clerk – Report back to JMI planning that no mention of confirming with the neighbourhood plan is in the planning statement.
 - Cllr Morgan read out a request from a resident to hire Cricket Pavilion for a private party. Marchington Parish Council policy is not to hire the pavilion out to private individuals; it can only be used for Parish Council events.
Action – Clerk – inform resident.

9. Highways and General Purpose

- a. Neighbourhood Highways Team & SCC Highways – Clerk has reported numerous potholes throughout the parish. Also requested a site visit for Bag Lane as this has deteriorated dramatically. Green Lane and Hall Road drains still blocked. Salt bin missing – Church lane. South Staffs water repair needs reviewing.
Action – Clerk – report blocked drains to Andrew Griffiths MP
Action – Clerk – Contact SCC and south staffs water re repair.
- b. Footpaths – Stile up at the dingle now over
Action – Clerk to chase
- c. Enforcement –
- d. Councillor Questions –

10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports

- a. Police – Suspected drug use reported, graffiti on Forestside Estate reported
- b. ESBC –
- c. **Flooding Committee** – Cllr Morgan reported that Mr Tony Heapey and Cllr Morgan have written to Andrew Griffiths MP requesting he chair a meeting with all stakeholders. Cllr Smith recommended inviting District County Councillor to meeting.
Flooding 12th March 2018
Fantastic response by the village in helping those affected, unfortunately some volunteers were verbally abused for trying to help.
Action – Cllr Morgan will thank those volunteers in parish magazine ask for respect from villagers who are not affected when dealing with those that are. Take video evidence of any abuse and the police have promised to take action.
Action – Clerk - directions on routes needed.
Action – Clerk - to continue to chase Flood Warden Scheme.
Action – Clerk – Purchase sandbags.
- d. Councillor Questions –

11. General

- a. Chairman's/Councillor Reports
 - i. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall
 - ii. St Peters School – Request for Funds – Cllr Hayhurst ongoing

- iii. Marchington 10k – request for funds – Cllr Mann take off agenda.
- iv. St Peters Church Car Park – Marchington Parish Council thanked St Peters PCC for their quick response in putting the gates back on the carpark. We hope this action will stop the anti-social behaviour in this area.
- v. Silver Lane Play Area gates – Cllr Husey reported that Silver Lane is in need of a general tidy Action – Cllr Husey – Provide a list of jobs.
- vi. World War One Commemoration – Discussion on commemoration and the purchase of lasting memorial to potentially be situated at each church.
Action – Clerk - Write to both PCC's asking if they would be interested in supporting the project.

b. Clerk Report

- i. Forestside Issues – reminder for Clerk to pass new signage onto Cllr Chubb Weight of gate is causing damage – **Action – Clerk – Contact Evans of Leeds.**
- ii. Industrial Estate Complaints – response from Hortons received and was read to council.
Action - Clerk – continue to chase a site meeting, what the meeting is about with Cllr Atkins is about.
- iii. Internal Auditor Appointment for 2018. – Cllr Mann ongoing
- iv. Recognition of voluntary work – A number of residents undertakes voluntary work Clerk would like to recognise their efforts.
Action – Clerk – Check insurance status.
- v. Ice Busters Scheme – Clerk to investigate setting a scheme up within the village in particular for the Village Square.
- vi. Precept payments for churches. New NALC Guidelines
Action – Clerk – Forward to Cllr Morgan and Cllr Hayes.
- vii. Best Kept Village Clean Up Day – 28th April.
Action – Clerk – Publicise date.
- viii. GDPR – Clerk has expressed an interest in taking up the SPCA offer. Costs to follow.

c. New items for discussion

- Marchington Festival Classic Vehicle Display – Ian to look into festival insurance.
- Festival use of Silver Lane Playing Field– Cllr Morgan requested that permission be given for the Marchington Village Festival to use the Silver Lane Playing field to site the festival marquee from 22nd – 24th June 2018. Vote taken all Cllrs agreed.
- Power supply at Silver Lane – Action – Clerk - ask Woodward's to investigate electricity cable.

d. Correspondence

SPCA – Subscription Renewal

Marchington Village Festival Request for donation after discussion Cllr Hayhurst asked for a vote on a donation of £300. Agreed by full Council.

12. Any Other Business

- Dovegate Prison – Cllr Mann reported that amount of rubbish had been collected along Moreton Lane including personal information about released prisoners.
Action – Clerk – raise issue with HMP Dovegate.
- Toilets on Silver Lane Site – Cllr Morgan to investigate options.
- Bin full of glass on Woodruffes Cliff – **Action – Clerk – to report to Darrell Scott ESBC**

13. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday April 10th – 7.30pm – Marchington Woodlands Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 9.40pm

Catherine Thompson – Clerk to the Council