

Marchington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 8th August 2017 at

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present

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

1. **Apologies for Absence – None Received**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None Received**
3. **Public Participation -**
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Approval of minutes of meeting held on 13th July 2017 (previously circulated)
Proposed – Cllr Hayhurst Seconded - Cllr Darby
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/2017/00906 – Tree Works – Old Methodist Chapel, Bag Lane, Marchington
Removal of 5 Trees. Apple, Elder & Silver Birch
Action – Clerk - The council wish to ensure that the landowner is aware of the application, otherwise No comment.
 - P/2017/00837 – Birch Tree Cottage, Stubby Lane, Marchington
Erection of a two storey front extension, dormer window and front porch
Action – Clerk - The council wish to make no comment.
 - b. Planning Decisions Received –
 - P/2017/00616 – REVISED SCHEME – 2 storey extension and front canopy roof. 40, Church Lane, Marchington. **APPROVED**
 - P/2017/00564 - Listed Building application for the installation of gas meter, flue pipe and gas pipe. James House, Jacks Lane, Marchington - **LISTED BUILDING CONSENT GRANTED**
 - P/2016/01627 - Demolition of existing outbuildings, conversion of attached barn structure to form additional accommodation, two storey rear extension, detached single storey garage and workshop, and modifications to existing pond and landscaping. Wood Stock Farm, Tinkers Lane, Marchington Woodlands. **APPROVED**
 - P/2017/00592 - Retention of an agricultural building for the storage of small machinery & animal fodder. Land Adjacent to Kalbarri Cottage, Newlands, Gorsty Hill. **REJECTED.**
 - P/2017/00871- Tree Works – St Anne’s Cottage, Bag Lane, Marchington Removal of 4 Birch Trees and 2 Conifers. **APPROVED**
 - c. Planning Appeals Received – None Received
 - d. Barracks Development - Latest email read out although 80 houses mentioned, 50 are in the plan
Action – Clerk to keep Draycott and Cllr Smith informed.
 - e. Councillor Questions
Planning Issues – Marchington Woodlands
 - Static caravan – Cllr Nixon reported to the meeting. **Action – Clerk - report ESBC.**
 - L’eglise – Chapel Green. **Action – Clerk - take off the agenda.**
7. **Finance and Administration**
 - a. Precept – Advert and Application will go onto website.
A discussion on wording for this year’s advert occurred. **Action - Clerk - get council approval before publishing.**

b. Report on Payments to be made – As shown in Appendix D

Receipts

Interest	£ .34
Total Income	£ .34

Expenditure

Catherine Thompson Salary and Expenses	£ 497.76
Henry Hall	£ 291.55
Bloomin Gardens	£ 468.72
Lawn Mower Spares Ltd	£ 182.99
PB Enterprises	£ 480.00
Came and Company Insurance renewal	£1356.02
Total Expenditure	£3277.04

Current Account £ 1,009.95

Gold Account £35,669.63

Proposed – Cllr Husey

Seconded -Cllr Nixon

c. Councillor Questions –

- Cllr Husey question – Should we have an upper limit to our reserve?
Cllr Smith reported that way councils receive money will be changing in the future. National, Local Government (ESBC) funding will become more challenging in the future. Council decided unanimously to retain a buffer amount in the Gold Account as a contingency rather than actively build a reserve.
- Insurance Renewal – Decision on Quotes previously circulated and payment approval.
Full Council Unanimously approved of Came and Companies recommendation to accept the Inspire quotation.
Action – Clerk –Accept renewal and forward payment.
- Solar Farm – Accounts and agreement on Foresight proposal.
Accounts of money received from Solar Farms shown to council.
Proposal received from Foresight group was discussed. Cllr Husey and Nixon proposed that Cllr Morgan is given authority to negotiate on behalf of the council. All Cllrs agreed this proposal.
Action – Clerk – Arrange meeting with Foresight Group and Cllr Morgan
Post meeting note – Bribery Compliance Forms will need to be requested.
- Savings Account – Clerk Proposed opening a separate savings account for Deed of benefit payments from the Solar Farms in the Parish.
Agreement from all Councillors on the proposal for all Deed of benefit payments received to be paid into this account. This will be used at the Cllrs discretion for projects within the parish and will remain separate to the precept process.
Action – Cllr Hayes to look at savings accounts and Clerk to start process of opening the approved account.

8. Properties and Grounds

- a. Silver Lane Playground Report – Cllr Mann
Damage at the weekend has been repaired, outstanding damage to fence needs fixing and benches need painting before winter.
Action – Clerk – report to Henry Hall
- b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – Cllr Ford
Fence panel still needs repairing, Fencing at entrance needs checking as loose.
Outstanding Item - Steps to football pitch
Action – Clerk – To arrange meeting with Cllr Morgan and Chubb.
- c. Green Lane Community Orchard – Cllr Morgan
Cllr Morgan proposed replacing a number of the weaker trees.
Action – Cllr Morgan – To ask Jane Hilton for a proposal and costs.
- d. Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann reported to the meeting that the John Ellwood Lounge is nearly completed and Wi-Fi is now available.

- e. Marchington Cricket Club – Cllr Morgan – Feedback from Phil Taylor, Solicitor.
 - Damage has happened to the Cricket Club Pavilion over the weekend awaiting police to visit.
Action – Cllr Morgan – report in September Parish magazine, clerk to contact 101 about damage. Clerk to produce sign for Cricket Pavilion and look into funding for CCTV.
 - Cllr Morgan met with Philip Taylor - Bowcock and Pursail about the issue of Uttoxeter having to run 2 pavilions for a year. Mr Taylor suggested that the Marchington lease is signed with a deferred rental agreement, with a provision that any work undertaken is made good if Uttoxeter decide not to move. All Councillors agreed to Mr Taylors proposal
Action – Cllr Morgan – Inform Uttoxeter Cricket Club.
- f. Councillor Questions -

9. Highways and General Purpose

- a. Neighbourhood Highways Team - Verges in Woodlands have been cut, but the team have been causing issues. **Action – Clerk – Contact Trevor Marshall.**
- b. Highways – Green Lane – Drain blocked and road flooding near solar farm entrance. **Action – Clerk to report**
- c. Footpaths –
- d. Enforcement –
- e. Councillor Questions –

10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports

- a. Police – **Action – Clerk to request a response from PCSO Hadfield**
- b. HMP Dovegate – Liaison meeting due. Travellers are on site at the moment. Prisoners that are released are still coming into the village. **Action - Cllrs – raise issue at next meeting, clerk to chase prison for meeting date.**
- c. ESBC - Cllr Smith spoke to the meeting; a number of consultations are now live Police and Fire Consultation – Joint Governance, Subsidised Bus Travel Consultation, ESBC – Burton Town Centre – regeneration Consultation
Cllr Smith reported the changes to school transport for Thomas Alleyne’s pupils that will come into force on the 5th September.
- d. Flooding Committee – Cllr Smith updated the council.
Flood Wardens - PPE equipment has been procured and signs approved for Flood Warden Scheme. There may be some delay due to signs being made.
Cllr Smith and Mr Heapey are due to meet Severn Trent shortly.
A resident complained that there had been no feedback to the village about what was happening with the flood protection works both for Church Lane and individual properties.
Action - Cllr Smith – report back to the September meeting.
- e. Councillor Questions –

11. General

- a. Chairman’s/Councillor Reports
 - i. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall - It was agreed that village handyman could undertake additional work but Marchington Woodlands Village Hall would be responsible for his payment.
 - ii. Hillsea Crescent – Parking - Ongoing
 - iii. Sign – Woodroffes Cliff Farm – Ongoing
 - iv. Additional Road Signage Marchington Woodlands. **Action - Clerk to finalise signs needed with Cllr Hayes and Nixon.**
Hodge Lane – Single Track Road requested. **Action – Clerk to request.**
Crossroads – Scounslow Green – Quee lane crossroads sign needed. **Action – Clerk to request**
- b. Clerk Report
 - i. Update for Parish website – All Cllrs agreed to the proposal for a new website to go live in Spring 2018. Clerk to register domain name and purchase webhosting through word press.
 - ii. Clerk holiday – 18th August – 4th September.

- iii. Community Speed Watch – Cost Information has been received and next action is to arrange volunteer training. Provisional date for training 9th October TBC.
 - iv. SIDS – Church Lane – Ongoing
 - v. Blocked Drains, Hall Lane and Church Lane reported.
- c. New items for discussion
- i. Best Kept Village – Marchington came 2nd in this year's competition. Complimentary feedback was received about the Community Shop and Bus Shelter and what assets they are.
 - ii. Hall Croft House – Hall Lane – Cllr Morgan to speak to homeowner re fencing
- d. Correspondence
- i. Came and Company – Renewal Information
- e. Councillor Questions
- Cllr Ford - Defib training course and battery replacement due. Clerk to arrange.

12. Any Other Business

13. **Date Of Next Meeting - Tuesday 12th September - 7.30pm – Marchington Village Hall**

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Catherine Thompson – Clerk to the Council