

Marchington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 14th February 2017 at Marchington Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present Cllr Mann, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Chubb, Cllr Darby, Cllr Ford, Cllr Morgan
Parish Clerk – Catherine Thompson
Ward Cllr – Stephen Smith
5 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Husey
Cllr Nixon
PCSO Hadfield

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Morgan – Alms Houses
Cllr Hayes – Woodroffes Cliff Planning Application
Cllr Morgan – River Hayes Planning Application

3. Public Participation - None Received

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval of minutes of meeting held on 10th January (previously circulated)

Proposed - Cllr Morgan 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/2016/01849 – Brickhill Farm, Marchington – Erection of a new stable block and associated concrete walkway.

A member of the public spoke to the meeting raising their objections to the Application.

The Council are concerned about the access, the size and position of the proposed stables and muck heap in relation to the neighbouring property. Disruption of views from neighbouring property. All Cllrs agreed to object to this application on these grounds.

Action – Clerk – Feedback Council comments to Planner.

P/2017/00018 – Woodroffes Cliff Cottage, Marchington Woodlands – Proposed single storey extension on South East Elevation.

Action – Clerk – The council wish to make no comment.

P/2017/0087 – River Hayes – Moisty lane - Proposed 2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front single storey porch revised.

Action – Clerk – The council wish to make no comment.

P/2017/00126 – Crown Reduction Silver Birch – Buttyard Croft – Church Lane

Action – Clerk – The council wish to make no comment.

P/2016/01661 - Crown reduction by 40% one Oak tree, remove isolated branches of one Oak tree, one Hornbeam tree and one Maple tree and felling of one Sycamore tree – St Peters School

Action – Clerk – The Council wish to make no comment.

b. Planning Decisions Received

P/2016/01551- Dove View Solar Farm – Extension of life of solar farm by 6months – **APPROVED**

P/2016/01657 – Thorn Tree Farm - Listed Building application for internal works to include bricking up of first floor fireplace, rebuilding of brickwork around new metal liner and insertion of new steel beam following fire damage – **APPROVED**

P2016/01702 Chestnut Cottage – Church Lane

Demolition of a conservatory and erection of a single storey side and rear extension – **APPROVED**

c. Planning Appeals – None Received

7. Finance and Administration

a. Precept – Request from Chawner Alms Houses.

Cllr Mann read the request from the Chawner Alms Houses for the £650 grant given towards the refurbishment of the bathroom in Cottage No. 2 at the January meeting. To now be put towards the

unforeseen costs of a replacement boiler in No.1. Chairman of the Alms Houses Mr Pelham spoke to the meeting and answered Councillor Questions. The boiler was replaced in November at the cost of £1500, Work has started on the bathroom in Number 2 refurbishment and costs are now likely to come in at £350 to £400 rather than the £2000 predicted. Mr Pelham did say there would be other refurbishment projects in 2017.

Action - Clerk to put onto the March Agenda and take advice from SPCA on the situation.

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

Receipts

Interest	£ .35
Total Receipts	<u>£ .35</u>

Expenditure

Catherine Thompson Salary expenses & travel	£ 439.55
Clerk Tax - HMRC	£ 1.40
Henry Hall	£ 195.65
Gate for Play Area	£ 33.14
Removal of Tree – Cricket Club	£ 280.00
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 669.74</u>

Gold Account Balance as at 31st January 2017 £ 37,250.79

Current Account Balance as at 31st January 2017 £ 1,004.05

Proposed - Cllr Darby Seconded - Cllr Chubb

- c. Councillor Questions

Quarterly accounts were distributed. All Cllrs Agreed the accounts and they are to be published on the website.

Action – Clerk – Upload Accounts onto website

8. Properties and Grounds

- a. **Silver Lane Playground Report – Cllr Husey**

Playground Project Update – Cllr Hayhurst reported to the meeting - Cost of the Project is now £20,043.80 Excl. VAT. Costs have been reduced by £2,500.

All Cllrs agreed to the new costs and to engaging Playdale and the installer AMG Sport Play once we have received confirmation of their professional Indemnity Insurance.

Action – Clerk – Check Insurance, once received place orders.

Post meeting Note – Copies of insurance received – Orders Placed

Quote for Wet pour repairs.

Junior Swing and Springie areas of wet pour need repairs. As highlighted in the 2016 playground inspection. Quote has been received and the cost of £1064 was agreed by all the Cllrs

Action – Clerk – Place order for repair

- b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – Cllr Darby

- c. Green Lane Community Orchard – Henry Hall to remove trees.

Action Clerk - to ensure that Mr Hall is working safely.

- d. Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann reported to the meeting.

Work has started on the John Ellwood Lounge. Building work is due to be finished on 8th April. Work on the kitchen will be ongoing. Grant has been applied for from ESBC for wiring and hardwired smoke alarms.

- e. Marchington Cricket Club – Cllr Morgan

Hedge laying now completed. Justin Kenny to be included in letter of thanks.

Cllr Morgan to ask Mr Cawser for permission to burn the brash on his land.

Uttoxeter Cricket Club will bowl first ball in April 2019. UCC have permission to start work on improving the pitch.

Action – Clerk – Send out letter of thanks to volunteers

- f. Councillor Questions –

9. Highways and General Purpose

- a. Neighbourhood Highways Team – Staffordshire County Council -potholes in Jacks Lane, Bag Lane and Marchington Cliff were fully discussed and PC agreed to continue to urge SCC to infill

- b. Highways – Staffordshire County Council.

Cllr Mann is due to attend a meeting re A50 Diversions – Suggestions of signs at all entry points to the village as well as from Toothill Lane.

- c. Footpaths – Nothing to report
- d. Enforcement –
 - Church Lane Hedge – House under new ownership. The Council are still unhappy about the hedge.
 - Bag Lane Bank excavation – Cllr Mann reported to the meeting that he met with the resident. After many visits from SCC & ESBC there is no change. The resident accepts the stability of the bank is his responsibility and proposes to replant the bank with ivy. Amey reports are now closed.

Action - Clerk to remove from the Agenda.

- e. Councillor Questions – None

10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports

- a. Police – Parking & Break In.
Recent break in and attempted break in of new properties on Hall Road was discussed. Thanks to the shop for spreading the message to the village. Cllr Mann to report basic security tips in Chairman's report.
- b. HMP Dovegate – Liaison Meeting 12th April. Cllr Morgan & Cllr Darby to attend.
Action – Clerk – Advise names to Prison
- c. Flooding Committee – Cllr Smith and Mr Heappey have a meeting in March with Severn Trent. David Hughes may attend March Parish Council Meeting.
- d. Councillor Questions –

11. General

- a. Chairman's/Councillor Reports
 - i. Land at Marchington Woodlands – ongoing
 - ii. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – nothing to report
 - iii. Parking The Square – Marchington
Cllr Mann reported to the meeting what had been happening recently in the run up to the cones being places on The Square. Feedback from meeting with Tim Buxton SCC. Cllrs discussed the problem and decided to take further advice.
Action - Clerk to contact Mathew Ellis & Phil Atkins.
Post meeting note – Cllr Mann and Cllr Stephen Smith discussed problem with Graham Hunt (Community Projects Officer) from Staffordshire County Council. Mr Hunt has asked for all the facts to be sent to him before we contact Mr Ellis or Atkins.
 - iv. Barracks Site Update & Discussion – Three Cllrs walked around the site in Early February looking at the clean-up. Barton Wilmore, Planning agents for Evans of Leeds, will be making a presentation to the March meeting.
- b. Clerk Report Reports
 - i. Best Kept Village Competition 2017 - £16 Cost to be approved.
All Cllrs Agreed.
 - ii. Marchington Cliff – Duchy of Lancaster reported back that the Forestry Manager had inspected the cliff and found nothing untoward.
 - iii. Jacks Lane Update – Cllr Mann updated the Council after visit from Tim Buxton from SCC. Resident of Jacks Lane spoke to the meeting about his problems in getting answers from SCC. Cllr Hayhurst to contact Amey
Action - Clerk to contact Richard Rayson, Mark Deville, Cllr Atkins.
 - iv. Neighbourhood Fund Launch – Clerk reported to the meeting the criteria for the new fund and explained the new process.
- c. New items for discussion
Mr Perrins – request for address Change – Clerk read out Mr Perrins request for the Parish Council to agree to the formal process of consultation being started to those residents that may be affected.
Cllrs Agreed 6 votes for – 1 against
- d. Correspondence
Road Closure Order – Station Road Level Crossing.

Request from Chawner Alms Houses.

Request from Marchington Festival Committee for siting of marquee on Silver Lane Football Pitch.

Action - Clerk to contact Festival Committee to say yes to the request as long as adequate insurance is shown.

Marchington Shop Letter of Thanks.

e. Councillor Questions

12. Any Other Business

Draycott Parish Council is concerned about the number of vehicles using Stubby Lane and has been looking at solutions including the option of a link road from Moreton Lane through to the Marchington Cliff.

Request from EON about putting a Smart Meter on the Cricket Club. All Cllrs agreed

13. Date and time of next meeting.

Tuesday March 14th - 7.30pm – Marchington Village Hall – Committee Room

Meeting Closed 10.10pm