

Marchington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2017 at Marchington Village Hall – 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies for Absence

PCSO Hadfield

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – In relation to voting on precept grants item 7.a

Marchington Community Shop – Cllr Husey and Cllr Mann

Chawner Alms Houses - Cllr Morgan

Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann

3. Public Participation - None

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval of minutes of meeting held on 8th November (previously circulated) Proposed- Cllr Morgan Seconded – Cllr Nixon

5. Matters of Report/Discussion of Public Participation – Matters arising from Minutes of Public Participation not included elsewhere on the Agenda – None to Report

6. Planning

a. Planning Applications Received

P/2016/01657 – Thorn Tree Farm – Allens Lane – Marchington

Listed Building application for internal works to include bricking up of first floor fireplace, rebuilding of brickwork around new metal liner and insertion of a new steel beam following fire damage.

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

b. Planning Decisions Received

The Dog and Partridge – Church Lane - Marchington - P/2016/01255

Erection of a single storey rear extension, retention of replacement windows to ground floor front and installation of replacement windows to side and rear elevations.

APPROVED

c. Planning Appeals Received - None

d. Councillor Questions -

7. Finance and Administration

a. Agreement of Council Budget 2017/18 and voting on precept grants.

Cllr Mann spoke to the meeting, explaining how the budget had been put together with the Clerk and Cllr Hayes and using some additional money from Marchington Solar Park.

Cllr Husey put forward a suggestion of honouring all requests this year by using some of the reserve. After a discussion this was decided against by a vote.

Each individual external request for funding was then voted on (see attached sheet)

Note - Voting was initially based on the Chairman's recommendations but if not agreed by Cllrs then a 2nd vote was undertaken on a revised figure. The vote with a majority was approved.

b. Cllrs were asked to vote as to whether they approved of the Parish Council proposed budget for 2017/2018 - all Cllrs agreed.

Estimated income (2017/18) £36,584.44 (including £5000 from Marchington Solar Park)

Budgeted Expenditure (2017/18) £35,570.00

c. Report on Payments to be made –

Receipts

Interest	£ .34
Total Receipts	£ .34

Expenditure

Catherine Thompson Salary expenses & travel	£ 423.80
Clerk Tax - HMRC	£ 1.40
Henry Hall	£ 306.10

Reimbursement of Fencing Materials Cllr Morgan	£ 100.00
ESBC – Trade Waste Collection	£ 351.00
ESBC – Road Sweeping and Litter Collection	£ 71.63
Total Expenditure	<u>£1287.26</u>

Gold Account Balance as at 31 st December	£ 38,210.44
Current Account Balance as at 31 st December	£ 1,001.51

Proposed – Cllr Darby Seconded – Cllr Nixon

d. Councillor Questions

8. Properties and Grounds

a. Silver Lane Playing Field Report – received from Cllr Morgan.

i. **Request for funds and discussion of Phase One of Silver Lane Play Area Redevelopment.**

Cllr Hayhurst spoke to the meeting; an additional grant of £7,500 has been received from the ESBC Neighbourhood Development fund. Together with the Tesco Grant we now have secured £19,500 towards the project. Cllr Hayhurst requested another £3000 from the Parish Council Reserve to be added so that Phase One could be completed in full as per the quote from our preferred supplier Play Dale.

Note - Additional quotes had been received from 2 other suppliers.

Voting took place on whether to agree to this additional funding from the Parish Council reserve to which all Cllrs agreed.

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Hayhurst for her work towards this project.

b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – received from Cllr Hayes.

c. Green Lane Community Orchard – Nothing to report.

d. Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann reported to the meeting. Extension to the John Ellwood Lounge to begin in mid February and run through to early April. Grants are being sourced for additional works to renovate the kitchen.

e. Marchington Cricket Club – Cllr Morgan reported that a team of volunteers were working on the hedges. Cllrs expressed their thanks to John Lloyd, Andy and Julia Smith

Action – Clerk – Send letter of thanks to all volunteers

f. Councillor Questions -

9. Highways and General Purpose

a. Neighbourhood Highways Team – Staffordshire County Council

Woodlands Signpost B5017 - **Reported**

Industrial Estate Signpost – **Action - Clerk to report**

Bag Lane – Hedge next to Yew Tree House. **Action – Clerk – contact SCC for update**

Thorn Tree Farm Hedges – **Action - Clerk - Contact land owner.**

b. Highways – Staffordshire County Council

Bag Lane Potholes – Action - Clerk to report to SCC

Jacks Lane Update –A Jacks Lane resident spoke to the meeting about the lack of response from Mr Rayson SCC. Andrew Griffiths MP has responded offering support. The resident asked for council support in chasing the problem to which all Cllrs agreed.

Action – Clerk – Contact Mr Rayson asking for an update copying in all interested parties.

c. Footpaths – Footpath 42 – Bag Lane to Jacks Lane – Stile on Bag lane needs repair.

Action – Clerk report to Rangers

d. ESBC – Ward Cllr Smith reported to the meeting.

Neighbourhood Development Launch – 23rd January Launch at Brewhouse. Clerk to attend.

A50 diversion route to be discussed once a date has been agreed

Telephone Boxes at Arbourfield Road and Knights Farm will be removed.

Unemployment briefing for Staffordshire County Council shows unemployment is falling in the area

e. Enforcement –

- Church Lane Hedge – update - Ongoing.

- Bag Lane Bank excavation – **Cllr Mann to speak to resident.**

f. Councillor Questions –

Overhanging Tree on Hall Road – **Action – Clerk to chase Trent and Dove Housing for removal**

10. Other Organisations – Updates and Reports

- a. Police – Nothing to report.
- b. HMP Dovegate – Awaiting liaison meeting date – **Action – Clerk to Check**
- c. Flooding Committee – Plans of drains currently being drawn up by SCC. This work will need to be finished before the public meeting takes place.
- 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. Barracks Site- metal detecting taking place – **Action - Clerk to inform Evans of Leeds.**
 - iv. Summer Festival 2017 – 24th/25th June. Verbal request for the events marquee to be sited on the Silver Lane Playing Field was made. A written request was asked for.
- b. Clerk Report
 - i. Archive Storage – Cloud storage is available.
 - ii. Staffordshire Branch – SLCC AGM – Clerk now on Executive Committee for Branch
 - iii. Land registry – Clerk is updating Land Registry records to her address for Parish Council properties.
 - iv. Fly Tipping - telephone number for reporting incidents to be circulated and put on all notice boards.
- c. New items for discussion

Cllr Chubb asked for the Marchington sign to be moved closer to The Barn at Forestside. Cllr Chubb also requested a Forestside sign to be placed at the entrance to Arbourfield Road clearly stating the name of the area.

Clerk – Action – contact ESBC for new signage
- d. Correspondence

Debt and Social Care email – previously circulated
All cllrs voted against donating any money to Debt and Social Care

Action – Clerk to report back.
- e. Councillor Questions

12. Any Other Business

Complaint about the trees on Marchington Cliff

Action - Clerk to contact Duchy agent – Savilles - Naomi Bloxham

Silver Lane – Dog Bins need emptying

Action - Clerk contact Waste Management – ESBC

Dog Bin – Marchington Woodlands.

Action - Clerk contact Waste Management – ESBC

Defibrillator training course for Marchington was suggested

Action – Clerk to arrange

Development Control: How to respond to Planning Applications" - Training Course

Course expenditure was agreed – Proposed Cllr Hayhurst, Seconder Cllr Hayes.

Action – Clerk to book Cllrs Hayes, Darby, Morgan, Mann, Husey and Clerk onto course.

13. Date and time of next meeting.

Tuesday 14th February 7.30pm –Committee Room – Marchington Village Hall.

Please note access is up the front steps to the left of the Main Doors.

Meeting closed 9:40pm