

Marchington Parish Council

February 11th, 2020 – 7.30pm

Minutes

Present – Cllr Mann, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Morgan
6 members of the public
Parish Clerk – Catherine Thompson

1. Apologies and Approval of Absence –
Ward Councillor Hudson. Cllr Bullock, Cllr Morris, Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Leivers, PCSO Hales, PC Lymer
2. To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.
Cllr Morgan – Marchington Village Festival & Marchington Village Shop. – Item 7c i & 7c ii
3. Public Participation – None received
4. To approve and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 14th January 2020
Proposed – Cllr Nixon
Seconded – Cllr Hayes
5. Update on progress from the minutes – The Clerk to update council on progress of action points from previous meetings. (report previously circulated)
6. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
 - a. Planning Applications Received.
 - i. **P/2019/01547 – Red Barn, Riddings Farm, Moisty Lane, Marchington** - Conversion and alterations of existing barn to form dwelling, including pitched roof over existing flat roofed extension, satellite dish and air source heat pump, erection of a detached garage/workshop and installation of sewage treatment plant
Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no comment.
 - ii. **P/2019/ 01562 – Brickhill Farm, Stubby Lane, Marchington** - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a Minor Material Amendment for the erection of stable block and associated concrete walkway without complying with Condition 2 of planning permission P/2016/01849 for amendments to approved plans by way of new door and gable on rear elevation, additional windows on side elevation 2 and door and window configuration on side elevation.
Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no comment
 - iii. **P/2020/00001 – 10 Jacks Lane, Marchington** - Erection of an attached Veranda to the rear of the property.
Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no comment
 - iv. **P/2020/00074 – St Anne's Cottage, Bag Lane, Marchington** – Felling of 3 Silver Birch Trees.
Concern raised over the stability of the bank after removal of the trees, no roots to be removed. Would like new trees to be planted in their place.
 - b. Decisions
 - i. **Frostfields, Silver Lane, Marchington** - Retention of use of part of the driveway & land for the storage of up to 20 LGV vehicles (online sales) for a temporary period of 12 months – **REFUSED**
 - c. Enforcement – Jacks Lane Development- response – Enforcement have been called to review the retaining wall and found that it has been built within the legal parameters this has been reported back to the residents ESBC.
Council will support residents but request that they contact the developer directly with any issues

- d. Acceptance of ACV – The Dog and Partridge – ESBC have confirmed the acceptance of the ACV and there is now an 8-week period for the owners to respond.

7. Finance

- a. To authorise payments as listed below.

Date	Monies received:	£
15-Jan	HMRC VAT Reclaim	£2,254.24
31-Jan	Interest	£11.48
TOTAL OF RECEIPTS		£2,265.72

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No
11-Feb	Henry Hall	£148.75	£0.00	£148.75	2323
11-Feb	Catherine Thompson Office and Travel Expenses	£21.60	£0.00	£21.60	2324
11-Feb	Catherine Thompson Salary	£460.02	£0.00	£460.02	
11-Feb	Lavin's Printers - Flood Meeting Flyers	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	2325
11-Feb	Replacement Cheque - St Peters Church precept	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00	2326
11-Feb	Marchington Village Hall Invoice	£52.00	£0.00	£52.00	2327
11-Feb	Woodlands Road Signs - ESBC	£386.64	£77.33	£463.97	2328
11-Feb	Marchington Parish Magazine - Job Advert	£15.00	£0.00	£15.00	2329
		£1,884.01	£77.33	£1,961.34	

£481.62

Current Account	£1,001.41
Gold Account	£38,369.41
Solar Account	£34,515.51
	£73,886.33

Proposed – Cllr Nixon
Seconded – Cllr Mann

- b. To agree on Grounds Maintenance contractor for 2020/21
Confirm prices on first quotation and if correct it was RESOLVED to accept the first quotation. **Action – Clerk**
- c. Request for grants from Solar Farm Account
- i. Marchington Community Shop – Cllr Morgan
Council discussed that application and after further discussion with the applicant the application was withdrawn.
 - ii. Marchington Village Festival – Cllr Morgan
Application was withdrawn – Cllr Hayes and Clerk to review finances. To be added to March Agenda – **Action Clerk – Cllr Hayes**

8. Other Organisations –To receive reports from Outside Organisations.

- a. Police – Report previously circulated.
- b. ESBC – Cllr Hayhurst spoke to the meeting.
- c. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – **Signage requests – Action – Clerk**

9. Flooding and Drainage Issues

- a. Flooding Warden Scheme – letter of complaint to County Councillor, MP, Mark Swain EA/
Borough Councillor – **Action – Clerk**
- b. Drainage and Foul Sewer Issues – Update on the expected works at Jacks Lane was given
- c. 30th January – Village Event – Review – Thanks given to the EA for their support.

10. Highways and Footpath Issues

- a. To report Highways Issues – Number of issues reported
MDAG Help
Jacks Lane Road closure – 17th -21st February
Slades Farm – Tree Clearing up – **Action – Clerk**

11. To receive reports about Parish Council owned properties and grounds

- a. Silver Lane Playground Report – Cllr Mann
 - Gate needs bolt adjusting, and seats will need treating once weather – **Action – Clerk**
- b. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – Cllr Hayhurst – To follow
- c. Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann – Handyman has been appointed – **Action – Clerk**

12. Chair/Councillor Reports –

- a. How Green are we? – Cllr Nixon – Spoke to the meeting and raised the issue of the Parish Council declaring a Climate Emergency – Onto March Agenda – **Action Clerk**
- b. Hortons meeting – Cllr Mann and Cllr Hayhurst – Feedback from meeting.
 - All complaints re vehicles coming through village need to be recorded - date, time and details Registration Plate.
 - Hortons to review signage to aid lorries coming into the estate.
 - Working restrictions – There are no working restrictions on any part of the estate. Now there is only one business that works overnight. Brit European do not work overnight.
 - Actively replacing lights to reduce light pollution.
 - Respond to resident email – **Action – Clerk**
 - Hortons are not opposed to the relief road but are not actively promoting the idea.
- c. Cricket Club – Cllr Hayhurst is liaising with Cricket Club in regard to a residents complaint.
- d. Complaints procedure – previously circulated.
- e. Purchase of 3 x Christmas Trees – Cllr Morgan spoke to the meeting and proposed that the council regularly purchase 3 trees – Ongoing
- f. District & Ward Boundary Review – The following statement was sent into the Boundary Review Commission

As a Parish Council we in principle do not agree with the suggested reduction in councillors from 39 to 37.

We believe there is a proposal to link Marchington into Town Ward. Marchington Parish Council objects to this suggestion for the following reasons

- Geography – the parishes are physically separate.
- To link a small village into the 2nd largest town in the Borough seems ridiculous. The demographic of both areas is completely different and therefore the needs of the residents vary greatly.
- We currently have one ward councillor and would not want this to change.
- We believe that having one ward councillor who is from the local area provides a higher level of support for our residents rather than being in a larger ward with a number of councillors.
- To separate Marchington from our nearest neighbour Draycott in the Clay does not make sense, both parishes and the Ward Cllr work together to solve problems at a local level which benefits everyone involved.

Marchington Parish Council would also like to raise the issue of how poorly this consultation for the Boundary review has been advertised and feel that our residents have not been given fair notice to comment on the review.

13. Clerks Reports

- a. Clerk Vacancy – Interviews to be held Wednesday 19th February
- b. HMP Dovegate – Meeting with Director – Action Clerk

14. Correspondence

- Response from Kate Griffiths MP
- Road Closure Notice Moisty Lane – 14th April
- Complaints re Jacks Lane
- Local Police Changes

15. Urgent items for input onto the March 10th, 2020 Meeting

Meeting closed – 9.45pm

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 10^h March 2020 – 7.30pm – Marchington Village Hall