

Marchington Parish Council

Tuesday 14th July 2020

Minutes

Present (virtual meeting via Zoom) – Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Leivers,
Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon
Ward Cllr – Cllr Hudson (Joined at 19:51)
Resident Lisa Harlow (19:30 to 19:45)
Parish Clerk – Becci Ede

Meeting commenced at 19:32

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence –
Cllr Morris
2. To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations –
Cllr Hayhurst – Planning Applications P/2020/00585 & P/2020/00593
3. To approve and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 9th June 2020 -
Proposed – Cllr Nixon
Seconded – Cllr Leivers
4. Gigabit capable/full fibre broadband for the village – A resident has been given permission to address the meeting.
Lisa Harlow – Slides were shared. The Government ambition to upgrade to ‘full fibre’ or gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure by 2030. Community grants are available to install fibreoptic cables from the green boxes to houses and Marchington is eligible. Each householder can claim £1,500 and each business can claim £3,500 in vouchers that can be pooled together in a group scheme for the parish. Funding voucher scheme is available until 2021. In order to get the scheme off the ground, help is needed to encourage residents and business owners to indicate interest and sign up to the scheme – Names and contact details required for at least 200 hundred interested parties would then allow a survey to be done. Would the Parish Council support the project and help to get the word out to residents and businesses?
Cllr Nixon – Is the Woodlands included? Lisa advised that we could include the further reaches in the scheme dependent on the funding.
Cllr Hayes – Woodlands may have issues as the exchange code is split 01283 and 01889 – This would need to be investigated further.
Cllr Morgan – First step would be to gain interest in the village, asks how Broadband at Forestside currently performs?
Cllr Leivers – Forestside is not too bad but could be better.
Cllr Mann –What sort of time frame are we talking about?
Lisa – Openreach will not commit to anything less than 12months. Once vouchers are received, they are valid for 12 months.
Cllr Mann asked the Council if they were interested in pursuing the scheme – A vote was taken - All in favour of supporting.
Lisa to communicate with the Clerk to get the word out to residents.
5. ESBC Report – Cllr P Hudson -
Carpark charges – On 29th June carpark charges restarted; the previously planned April increase was introduced at the same time as charges re started. There have been complaints from residents about the increase. Cllrs have stressed that in future the increase should be gradual over each year rather than a big increase after 4 years. Cllr Hudson is going to investigate the reasoning behind the higher charge for customers paying for parking on mobile phones.
Boundary review – Cllr Hudson recommends the Parish Council and as individuals’ comment on the boundary review online. The proposal is for Crown is to remain the same with the addition of Newborough.
Outdoor play areas in the Borough are open or opening soon, as are toilets and libraries. The toilets at Bramshall Road park have been temporarily closed due to unauthorised caravans taking residency.
ESBC accounts will be available in November rather than August due to delays caused by the pandemic.
Climate change although not a lawful requirement, ESBC will aim to become carbon neutral by 2040.
Kate Griffiths’ A50 Project is currently on hold due to funds with alternative solutions being reviewed.
Homeless funding has been extended; since lockdown began, 4 homeless families have been given permanent accommodation. Currently zero homeless in Burton.

6. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
- a. Planning Applications Received –
 - i. **P/2020/00585** - Siting of a mobile home as an agricultural worker's dwelling for a period of 3 years and installation of septic tank. Land adjacent to, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, Staffordshire, ST14 8NR – **Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no objection.**
 - ii. **P/2020/00593** - Erection of a roof over existing agricultural yard area between two agricultural buildings. Land adjacent to, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, Staffordshire, ST14 8NR - **Marchington Parish Council wishes to make no objection.**
 - iii. **P/2020/00415** - Change of use of land to residential and erection of a detached double garage - 20 Didcot Drive, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LT - **Marchington Parish Council wishes to raise concerns of future development due to the size of the garage.**
 - b. Decisions Received –
 - i. **P/2020/00391** - Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of fodder and machinery. Woodroffes Cliff Farm Woodroffe Cliff Road Marchington Woodlands ST14 8PB – **Final decision, prior approval not required.**
 - c. Enforcement Updates – None
7. Finance
- a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A
 - b. Clerks mobile phone agreement – Clerk to continue searching for an appropriate deal in MPC name.

Appendix A - July 2020

Date	Monies received:	£
01/06/20	Interest	£0.46
12/06/20	SCC Payment for flood box	£149.00
17/06/20	Uttoxeter Cricket Club Rent for year 2020	£250.00

TOTAL OF RECEIPTS **£399.46**

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No	
14/07/20	Becci Ede Office and Travel Expenses	£95.70	£9.80	£105.50	2359	£554.30
14/07/20	Becci Ede Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£448.80		
01/07/20	John Lloyd - Relief Handy Man	£220.00	£0.00	£220.00	2361	
30/06/20	Perennial Landscapes - 1st, 15th, 29th June cuts	£430.29	£86.06	£516.35	2362	
22/06/20	SPCA Subs	£305.00	£0.00	£305.00	2363	
30/06/20	ESBC - Trade refuse collection MVH	£81.90	£0.00	£81.90	2364	
30/06/20	ESBC - Empty litter bins at various locations	£509.00	£101.80	£610.80	2365	
13/07/20	Water Plus - Cricket Club Accounts outstanding	£318.04	£0.00	£318.04	2366	Uttoxeter Cricket Club to transfer £256.49 to MPC account
		£2,408.73	£197.66	£2,606.39		

As of 30th June 2020

Current Account	£1,004.08
Gold Account	£46,812.62
Solar Account	£34,515.51
	£82,332.21

*£5,000 to be moved from Gold account to Solar account
 *£1000 paid to MVH to be moved from Solar account to gold account

Proposed – Cllr Nixon
Seconded – Cllr Bullock

8. Other Organisations –To receive reports from Outside Organisations.
- a. Police – Report previous circulated

9. Green Lane – Issues with fallen trees and potholes.
The Clerk advised that the issues have been reported to SCC several times to no avail.
Cllr Hayhurst - part of the banking is with County Highways but the land at the top of the bank in the right hand side of the lane belongs to Marchington Hall.
Cllr Morgan - the situation is extremely dangerous, and action needs to be taken.
Cllr Hudson agreed to raise this issue during his next meeting.
Action Clerk, to explore with ESBC if they can help and write to our MP for further support. Clerk to respond to resident with our course of action.
10. Council Owned Properties
- a. Re opening of playgrounds – Clerk to talk through current situation and options. The Council should take a vote on the re-opening of both Silver Lane and Forestside play areas.
The Council agreed that with the correct signage in place, the parks should be reopened as soon as reasonably possible - A unanimous vote was recorded.
 - b. To receive reports about Parish Council owned properties and grounds:
 - i. Silver Lane Playground Report – Reports to recommence following this meeting, regularity to be agreed.
The Clerk advised the Council to carry out weekly health and safety checks during the first month of opening. The Council chose to continue with monthly health and safety checks. Cllr Bullock volunteered to carry out the first check prior to reopening.
 - ii. Forestside Playground and Football Pitch Report – Reports to recommence following this meeting, regularity to be agreed.
The Clerk advised the Council to carry out weekly health and safety checks during the first month of opening. The Council chose to continue with monthly health and safety checks. Cllr Leivers volunteered to carry out the first check prior to reopening.
 - iii. Annual External Safety Check on both play areas – **The Clerk presented 2 cost options. It was agreed that the company with the lower quote should be booked in for September at a cost of £202.50**
Proposer – Cllr Nixon
Secunder – Cllr Hayes
 - c. Silver Lane track update – Cllr Morgan & Cllr Hayes
The date has not yet been set for work to commence, update at next meeting.
 - d. Cricket Club water bill update – Clerk
The outstanding bill for Sewerage has been investigated and MPC and UCC have agreed to pay the portions of the bill that they are responsible for. UCC will transfer the money to MPC and MPC will send a cheque to Water Plus to clear the account. All future bills will go direct to UCC.
11. Flooding
- a. Update on the recent meeting and residents grant scheme from ESBC – Cllr Mann
Minutes previously circulated, Cllr Mann reiterated that the meeting was encouraging, and we should start to see progress soon.
 - b. Residents Email - request for help during flooding – Cllr Mann
MPC will do their best to help in times of flooding – Action Clerk, write to the resident.
 - c. Resident Email - concerns of work pushing water closer to their property – Cllr Morgan
The answers to the resident’s concerns have come in from the EA and Severn Trent. Action Clerk, respond to resident with answers to email from the EA and Seven Trent
12. Football Club agreement for grants – Cllr Morgan
The Council discussed and are happy with the agreement documents that have been presented.
A vote was taken for those in favour of this being pursued – A Majority vote was recorded.
13. Flying flags in the village – Permission to use poles at MWVH and St Peters school has been granted. Flags are available at costs stated in Clerks’ report previously circulated.
The Council agreed to purchase hand sewn flags for both poles at a cost of £40-£50 each – A majority vote was recorded.
14. Community Speed Watch - Clerk
- i. Signage for the village, installation quote received
The Clerk presented a quote of £319.45 to install 5 signs in the village. The Council agreed to the installation costs and cost of purchase of 5 signs at £99.40. The Council took a vote – A unanimous vote was recorded.
 - ii. Volunteers needed
4 people have volunteered at present.
15. Chair/Councillor Reports

- a. COVID-19 – Buddy Scheme update – Cllr Morgan
In abeyance – Volunteers are willing to continue with the service if it is required in the future.

16. Correspondence Received

Kate Griffiths – Flood meeting minutes.

Resident Complaints – Cricket Club

Cllr Morgan advised that the Cricket Club have been given a key to Silver Lane bollard and will ask players to use the car park at Silver Lane - Action Clerk, write to UCC with a request to ensure car park is open and members are asked to use the Car Park. Clerk to respond to resident with the Parish Council's course of action.

Resident Letter to Enforcement – Jacks Lane Development

Cllr Morgan believes that Chevin homes and enforcement have been in touch with the resident. Clerk to contact the resident for an update on the latest correspondence with Chevin homes and Enforcement.

SCC – Road Closure Bag Lane, 10th August 2020

SCC – Road Closure Allens Lane, 10th August 2020

Resident request – To paint village phone box - **BT agreeable to resident painting phone box if correct paint used.**

ESBC – Boundary review update

Action Clerk - send letter in support of the review – All Councillors in favour of the proposal.

17. Urgent items for input onto the 11th August 2020 Meeting

Issues with prisoners - Action Clerk, contact prison governor for a meeting

Internet Banking

Enforcement

Meeting Closed – 21:36

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 11th August 2020 – 7.30pm