

# Marchington Parish Council

## Minutes, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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 (part)  
Parish Clerk – Becci Ede  
2 members of the public (part)

### Meeting commenced at 19:37

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – **None Received.**
2. To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – **None Received.**
3. To approve and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - **Proposed – Cllr Leivers Secoded –Cllr Bullock**
4. Other Organisations –To receive reports from outside organisations (**moved to after item 11 when Cllr Hudson arrived**)
  - a. ESBC – Cllr P Hudson – **Conversations have taken place with Abbots Bromley PC regarding Coppice Farm, the outcome of the conversation is to be emailed to MPC. SCC may have funds available for footpaths in the Parish, Cllr Hudson will follow up with Cllr Atkins.**
  - b. **Cllr Hayhurst – Enquired about the Uttoxeter Master Plan, a discussion took place.**
  - c. Staffordshire Police – Previously Circulated
5. Green Lane Orchard, Cllr Mann - **A member of the public spoke and expressed the desire for more seating/relaxation space. Whilst it is appreciated that the space is in a wild state to attract wildlife it may be beneficial for some if the area kept cut was a larger area. The Council agreed to consider this request.**
6. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
  - a. Planning Applications Received –
    - i. **P/2020/01368-** Field No 9332, Moisty Lane, Marchington, Uttoxeter, ST14 8JY.  
Retention of one detached outbuilding and erection of a further detached outbuilding.  
**The Clerk read out an objection letter received from a resident; the applicant answered the points raised. A discussion took place and the Council agreed that they would not be raising an objection to ESBC.**  
**Marchington Parish Council make no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
    - ii. **P/2021/00085-** St Peters Church, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ  
Removal of branches overhanging neighbouring property by up to 3 metres of two Yew Trees and one Ash tree (T1 T2 and T3) of TPO 145 and removal of overhanging branches of one Ash tree (T4) of TPO 145  
**Marchington Parish Council make no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered, and the work done does not harm the lifespan of the trees.**
    - iii. **P/2020/00635-** Coppice Farm, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire. ST14 8RG  
Erection of 2 additional poultry sheds with associated control room, feed bins & hardstanding. Formation of a 1.5m high soil bund and expansion to existing drainage attenuation pond on an established poultry farm (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION) Comments until the 10<sup>th</sup> February.  
**A discussion took place, the Council agreed that the issues raised on the last application such as traffic issues, loss in water pressure, noise and smell would still stand and should be raised with ESBC.**  
**Action Clerk – Log comments on planning page.**
    - iv. **P/2021/00014-** 31 Didcot Drive, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LT  
Erection of a single storey rear/side extension, front porch and front bow window, installation of a roof lantern to existing roof and conversion of existing attached garage to form additional living accommodation.  
**Marchington Parish Council make no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
  - b. Decisions Received –
    - i. **P/2020/01170-** 17 Windmill Drive, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8JP  
Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension and erection of a first-floor side extension- PERMITTED
    - ii. **P/2020/01250-** Barn End, Houndhill, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LN  
Erection of a single storey extension to the East elevation to provide ancillary accommodation – PERMITTED.
    - iii. **P/2020/01372** - 6 Arborfield Road, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LS  
Erection of a single storey front and part single storey, two storey and first floor side extensions – PERMITTED.
  - c. Enforcement Updates – None
  - d. Alleged footpath between Smallwood Manor and Buttermilk Hill Gate, Marchington (Previous File LG650G) – Comments until 10<sup>th</sup> February - **A discussion took place, the footpath in question was not historically put on the definitive map and the applicant would like it to be reinstated. Marchington PC support the application but would request that the footpath avoid the private garden of Twenty Acres and pass around the edge to Tinkers' lane. Action Clerk – Respond to SCC**

Parish Clerk: Mrs Rebecca Ede – 39 Blounts Drive, Uttoxeter, Staffs, ST14 8TQ - Tel: 07549 164641

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7. Council owned property updates -
- a. Play areas and outdoor park areas:
    - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Mann
    - ii. Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Bullock  
**Weeds around climbing frame and green and slippery – Action Clerk, add to Handyman jobs list.**  
**The Handyman has suggested using scaffolding poles with no sharp edges to replace the wooden fence. The Council agreed that this would be stronger and more durable than replacing with wood, costs will be presented for approval.**
  - b. Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann - **Remains closed; The water heater has been replaced in the Ladies toilets.**
8. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Cllr Hayes - **Remains closed; works around access continue.**
9. Jacks Lane, Cllr Mann - **A meeting took place between a Jacks Lane resident, Cllr Mann, and the Clerk. Marchington PC's position was explained regarding support for their claim for a rates rebate.**
10. Village Greening, Cllr Morgan
- a. Tree's from ESBC for Green Lane - **25 trees donated by ESBC have been planted on Green Lane and in front gardens in Moisty Lane.**
  - b. Hall gardens - **The wildflower garden has the go ahead from Trent and Dove, work is to take place in March.**
11. Flooding, Cllr Morgan
- a. Sandbags and sand - **Sandbags and sand have been purchased to protect the properties on Church Lane. The brook has come over three times in the last few weeks.**
  - b. Green Lane - **There is a potentially dangerous situation where visiting drivers i.e., delivery drivers/ emergency services would not be able to see the edge of the brook – A barrier of some sort or marker posts should be installed, SCC to be contacted.**
  - c. Flood Action Plan – The leads and contacts need to established and more flood wardens recruited.
12. Notice boards project, quote review Cllr Hayes - **Four prices have been circulated. The Council discussed and agreed a further quote should be obtained for a functional, lockable and durable notice board to meet with the Council's requirements. MWWH committee are to be engaged. The Council approved the financing of a durable man-made material notice board not wooden one in view of the experience with wooden notice boards elsewhere in the Parish.**
13. HMP Dovegate
- a. COVID, Cllr Morgan – **Six of the eight prisons in the area have COVID outbreaks but are in a controlled state, 2 including Dovegate were in an uncontrolled state but numbers are coming down.**
  - b. Working with Draycott Parish Council, Clerk - **The Council agreed that it would be beneficial to work with Draycott PC on matters regarding HMP Dovegate. Action Clerk - write to the Clerk of Draycott.**
14. Finance, to authorise payments listed in appendix A -

Appendix A -February 2021

Date	Monies received:	£
04/01/21	Interest	£0.38
<b>TOTAL OF RECEIPTS</b>		<b>£0.38</b>

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No	
09/02/21	Becci Ede Office and Travel Expenses	£29.50	£0.00	£29.50	2407	£478.30
09/02/21	Becci Ede Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£448.80		
19/01/21	Tippers - Sand bags - Reimburse Cllr Mann	£9.90	£1.98	£11.88	2408	
01/02/21	Tippers - Sand and sand bags - Reimburse Cllr Morgan	£67.54	£13.51	£81.05	2409	
31/12/20	Henry Hall - November and December Final pay	£262.45	£0.00	£262.45	2410	
18/01/21	Mazars - External Audit 2020	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	2411	
		<b>£1,018.19</b>	<b>£55.49</b>	<b>£1,073.68</b>		

As of 20th Jan 2021

Current Account	£1,000.77
Gold Account	£40,683.30
Solar Account	£42,358.87
	<b>£84,042.94</b>

TBC	TRANSFER - Move money from Solar account to MPC account to balance Solar account	£783.28
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**Proposed – Cllr Bicknell**  
**Seconded –Cllr Nixon**

15. Grass cutting contract, Cllr Mann - **Cllr Mann discussed the options and proposed a three-year contract with Perennial Landscapes Ltd would be the most cost effective. The Council voted unanimously in favour of this proposal.**  
*Action Clerk – Write to all contractors.*
16. Chair and Vice Chair updates -
- Council Meetings, Cllr Mann - **Continue with Zoom, review at the next meeting.**
  - Buddies Scheme, Cllr Morgan - **Cllr Bullock has agreed to be the auditor for the account holding the grant received for the buddies group.**
  - Broadband for Marchington, Cllr Morgan -**152 registrations received from the first run; the latest batch has increased to 216 applicants. There has been no uptake form the businesses at the industrial estate.**
17. Highways and Road Signs, Clerk
- Damaged road signs and other furniture, Councillors to report any new issues – **None.**
  - Potholes and road surface - **The Clerk confirmed that potholes, blocked drains, and eroding bank on Bag Lane have been reported to SCC. The potholes have been reported as an urgent safety issue.**  
Councillors to report any new issues - **Cllr Leivers expressed the need for an additional grit bin at Forestside to be positioned at the front of the estate. Action Clerk – Put in a request with SCC.**
18. Footpaths and stiles - **Residents have complained about the height of stiles on the footpath from Bag Lane to Jacks Lane. Action Clerk – Put in a request with SCC.**

**CONFIDENTIAL – There were no members of the public in the meeting during the vote.**

19. Cllr Vacancy applicant review and Co Option, Cllr Mann - **The voting process took place. Mr Alan Tomkins was voted in (five votes in favour and three votes for the other candidate). Action Clerk - Mr Alan Tomkins to be advised and to be asked if he accepts the position. Other candidates to be thanked for their interest.**
20. Correspondence:  
Letter sent on behalf of the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire – County’s unsung heroes. **Any suggestions should be emailed to the Clerk.**
21. Urgent items for input onto the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Meeting

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7.30pm**

**Meeting Closed 21:37**