

Marchington Parish Council

Draft Minutes, Tuesday 9th March 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

Meeting commenced at 19:33

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – **None**
2. To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – **None**
3. To approve and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 9th February 2021 - **Proposed – Cllr Bicknell**
Seconded – Cllr Hayhurst
4. Other Organisations – To receive reports from outside organisations.
 - a. ESBC – Cllr P Hudson to report
Two ESBC meetings have taken place in the last month to establish financial strategy and council tax setting, Council tax has increased by £5 for the year. Frostfields planning application has been withdrawn. Enforcement is looking into the situation. ESBC will be having a further consultation on the Uttoxeter Master Plan in May which they hope to be a face-to-face meeting. Burton Town Plan to be shared with the Clerk for information.
 - b.
 - i. Staffordshire Police – Previously Circulated
 - ii. Police support, Cllr Bullock – **Concerns were raised that we have no officer for our area and that we are unaware of plan for cover going forward. Action Clerk – Request update from Staffordshire Police**
5. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
 - a. Planning Applications Received –
 - i. **P/2021/00215** - Chestnut Corner, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ. Felling of 1 Indian Bean tree **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection but request that the tree is replaced by the planting of another tree.**
 - ii. **P/2021/00173** - Malt House, The Square, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LF. Conversion and alterations to existing outbuilding to form ancillary living accommodation including a two-storey rear extension and single storey front porch. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - iii. **P/2020/00929** - Porters Farm, High Street, Marchington, Staffordshire. ST14 8LD. Demolition of existing timber porch to facilitate the erection of a single storey porch to the South West elevation, erection of a storm porch to the North East elevation, formation of a new access, dropped kerb and parking area and demolition of existing garage (Amended Plans Received) – Comments until 10th March **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered, and that Highways are satisfied that access is safe.**
 - iv. **P/2020/01451** - Little Silver Green, Silver Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LL. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a new outbuilding. Comments until 10th March. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - b. Decisions Received –
 - i. **P/2021/00212**- 15 Windmill Drive, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8JP. Erection of first floor side extension above existing garage, first floor rear extension including balcony, first floor side window and render existing brickwork on front and rear elevations (Non-Material Amendment of planning permission P/2019/00978 relating to the change from brick to render on South elevation) – **PERMITTED**
 - ii. **P/2020/01340** - Woodroffes Hall, Hodge Lane, Marchington Woodlands, ST14 8PE. Erection of a greenhouse - **PERMITTED**
 - c. Enforcement Updates – None
6. Uttoxeter Master Plan, Cllr Hayhurst – **Concerns were raised around the lack of opportunity that MPC had to feed into the Uttoxeter Master Plan. MPC would like the opportunity to have some input and add value to the Uttoxeter Master Plan. Action Clerk – Compile list of views from Councillors and send to ESBC.**
7. Council owned property updates -
 - a. Play areas and outdoor park areas:
 - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Morgan – **Board for the multiplay has been replaced since the report was raised. The safety of the bar on swings is a concern with some movement, repairs to take place as soon as possible. Action Clerk – Place signage on exercise equipment.**
 - ii. Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Hayes – **The fence has been replaced since the report was completed.**
 - b. Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann - **The hall remains closed, future bookings have started to be made.**
8. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Cllr Hayes - **The Hall remains closed, future bookings are being discussed.**

9. Notice boards project update, Cllr Hayes - **Map lecterns – Quotes for metal lecterns at 600mmx 600mm average at £700 per lectern (installed) A larger lectern would be around £985. Map options for the lectern are being investigated, costs to be collated and discussed later. A meeting should be arranged to discuss both parties’ requirements for the notice board at the Woodlands. Action – Clerk to arrange a meeting with the MWVH committee.**
A unanimous vote was taken in favour of the cost of the project coming out of the current financial years solar fund.
Cllr Mann - The notice boards at Marchington Village Hall are to be refurbished soon as a gesture of good faith by the contractor who originally made them.
10. Playground repair costs and National Lottery grant, Cllr Mann **Costs for replacing the flooring were reviewed and discussed, the Council voted unanimously in favour of spending up to £2000 on the small repairs and to make good the flooring at both sites. Further quotes should be obtained for the painting of the equipment.**
11. Village Greening and Orchard, and litter pickers for Friends of Marchington Cllr Morgan - **A grant of £200 has been awarded from the SCC climate change fund, a report needs to be written on expenditure in the next 6 weeks. One idea would be to plant a ring of blossom trees. Quotes for benches are being obtained from the prison and from Men in Sheds. Cllr Mann to invite residents to write into the council with any ideas that they have, this can be asked in the next Chairs report in the Parish magazine.**
Cllr Mann - A governor from the school has asked if the Council could engage with the School and involve the pupils in some future projects of planting, picking apples etc. The Council agreed that this would be a good thing to do when restrictions allow. Litter pickers have been purchased by the PC previously, these should be identified before considering purchasing more. Action Clerk – Look into situation.
12. Flooding, Cllr Morgan - **The Environment Agency has provided updates – Church Lane – SCC have raised a job to clear all gullies in Church Lane. Green Lane – Markers for safety posts have been put down to be installed soon. Pumping Station – Seven Trent have confirmed that the pumping station works adequately. Bund behind Church Close – The grant can be used in the next financial year. Grant for flooding - PFR Grant scheme has been extended to June 2022.**
13. Silver Lane Bridge, Cllr Morgan – **The idea is to install a small bridge from Silver Lane to the back of the cricket club – Several quotes have been sought over the years but have all been too expensive. It could be possible to get this done for around £4000 –The Council discussed and agreed that it should be investigated further.**
14. Footpaths to Forestside, Cllr Hayhurst - **An existing footpath from Forestside to Marchington Village would be ideal to link the areas if we were able to get a style put into the fence boundary to make it make it more passable. The fence would need to be clipped and made safe; ramblers could potentially put in a style. Action Clerk – Write to Evans to ask for permission.**
15. Litter, Cllr Hayhurst – **The litter in the area needs to be addressed, verges are very bad on the main roads surrounding the village; Some companies have Policies within their CSR statements on supporting local areas with clean up. Action Clerk – Write to local businesses.**
16. Finance, Cllr Mann

- a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

Appendix A -March 2021

Date	Monies received:	£
01/02/21	Interest	£0.31

TOTAL OF RECEIPTS £0.31

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No	
09/03/21	Becci Ede Office and Travel Expenses	£45.49	£0.00	£45.49	2412	£550.39
09/03/21	Becci Ede Salary including 5hrs overtime	£504.90	£0.00	£504.90		
19/02/21	SPCA Audit Course	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	2413	
01/04/21	SPCA Yearly Subscription	£307.00	£0.00	£307.00	2414	
17/02/21	Hessian Sacks, flood defences - Reimburse Cllr Mann	£9.95	£0.00	£9.95	2415	
06/03/21	DSK Engineering - Replacement climbing board at Silver Lane play area	£485.00	£97.00	£582.00	2416	
		£1,382.34	£97.00	£1,479.34		

As of 19th February 2021

Current Account	£1,008.27
Gold Account	£38,463.61
Solar Account	£42,358.87
	£81,830.75

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

b. The Council voted unanimously in favour of emergency repairs cost for Silver Lane Play area £485 + VAT.

17. Chair and Vice Chair updates -

- a. Council Meetings, Cllr Mann - **Virtual meetings to continue in April.**
- b. Buddies Scheme, Cllr Morgan – **The Buddies scheme is being used less and less, Cllr Morgan suggested some recognition in the future.**
- c. Broadband for Marchington, Cllr Morgan – **The quotation has been received from Openreach for 644 properties, total cost £804,000. The Woodlands secondary scheme has been quoted £338,000 for 98 premises. Staffordshire has 70 applications for the scheme alone, it could be at least a year before anything would start.**

18. Highways and Road Signs, Clerk

- a. Damaged road signs and other furniture
Councillors to report any new issues.
Cllr Tomkins – Enquired about the situation for the chevron signs at the end of Bag Lane. Action Clerk – Contact SCC for an update.
- b. Potholes and road surface
Councillors to report any new issues.

19. Footpaths and stiles

**Cllr Mann – Stiles and footpath signs are being repaired in the local area.
Letter re 20 acres - Clerk to respond with the same comments as sent previously. Following the meeting evidence came to light that the footpath through 20 Acres had never existed.**

20. Correspondence

ESBC – Stay Local Campaign

21. Urgent items for input onto the 13th April 2021 Meeting

Meeting closed 21:51

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 13th April 2021, 7.30pm