

# Marchington Parish Council

## Minutes, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

Present (virtual meeting via Zoom) – Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Leivers, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Tomkins

Ward Cllr – Cllr Hudson (part)

Parish Clerk – Becci Ede

1 member of the public

**Meeting commenced 19:35**

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – **Cllr Hayhurst.**
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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 -  
Proposed – **Cllr Bicknell**  
Seconded – **Cllr Bullock**
4. Other Organisations – To receive reports from outside organisations.
  - a. ESBC – Cllr P Hudson to report  
**Frostfields planning application, a call has gone in to ESBC planning, previous comments still stand. Forestside garages and paths, ESBC have written to the landowner and have spoken to environmental health regarding the damp garages – to be updated at the June meeting.**
  - b. Staffordshire Police - **Report previously circulated**
5. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
  - a. Planning Applications Received –
    - i. **P/2021/00440** - Hall Croft Farm, Hall Road, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LG. Cut back branches overhanging the road by up to 6 metres in height of 1 Yew tree pruning of selective branches of 1 Rowan tree to maintain shape and re-pollarding to previous pollarded points of 2 Willow trees. – **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
    - ii. **P/2021/00538** - Frostfields, Silver Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LL. Change of use of the driveway/land for the storage of cars for sale, recovery, and repair business for a temporary period of 9 months – **Marchington Parish Council object strongly to the application, the lane is not suitable for the additional traffic and all previous comments made on the application still stand – Clerk to write to ESBC planning.**
  - b. Decisions Received –
    - i. **P/2021/00381** - West View, The Grange, High Street, Marchington, ST14 8LD. Crown reduction of one Yew tree by 0.9 to 1.2m – **NO OBJECTION**
    - ii. **P/2021/00323** - The Firs, 4 Jacks Lane, Marchington, ST14 8LW. Felling of 2 Leyland cypress trees (T1 and T2) – **NO OBJECTION**
  - c. Enforcement Updates – None
6. Council owned property updates -
  - a. Play areas and outdoor park areas:
    - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Bicknell - **Report to be forwarded to the Clerk during the week. Cllr Nixon referred to his report for the previous month with several areas of concern, the report is to be circulated to the council and items reviewed by the Chair - to be discussed at the next meeting.**  
Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Leivers  
**Report previously circulated.**
  - b. Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann - **The Hall will be used as a polling station on the 7<sup>th</sup> May – More activity will be starting from 17<sup>th</sup> May when restrictions are eased.**
7. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Cllr Hayes - **The Hall will be used as a polling station on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, events are being planned for when restrictions are lifted.**
8. Notice boards project update, Cllr Hayes – **The Clerk is yet to receive an update following MWWH committee meeting – Cllr Nixon had been advised that a noticeboard made from a manmade material is not an option for the committee and a wooden board would be preferred. Await update from the MWWH committee before any further action.**
9. Moisty Lane, Solar park lights, Cllr Hayes – **The lights appear brighter than they were previously, The Clerk will write to the solar farm and ask if the lights have changed. The Clerk is also asked to put together payment schedule from each solar farm.**

10. Recycling, Cllr Hayes suggested that the Council look at adopting a policy where recycled materials are considered for all projects as they have been with the Buddy Bench for the area of reflection. Action Clerk – investigate environmental sustainability Policy for MPC.
11. Finance, Cllr Morgan
- a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

Appendix A -May 2021

Date	Monies received:	£
01/04/21	Interest	£0.33
30/03/21	Marchington Solar Community Benefit	£5,000.00
<b>TOTAL OF RECEIPTS</b>		<b>£5,000.33</b>

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No	
13/04/21	Clerk's Office and Travel Expenses	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	2424	£481.45
13/04/21	Clerk's Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£448.80		
25/03/21	SPCA training - Understanding Code of Conduct	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	2425	
27/03/21	DSK Engineering - Small repair works at Silver Lane and Forestside	£390.00	£78.00	£468.00	2426	
April	Handy Man - Salary	£270.00	£0.00	£270.00	2427	£277.28
	Expenses - Fuel	£6.07	£1.21	£7.28		
20/04/21	Marmax Recycled Products - Buddy Bench (deducted from SCC grant)	£368.10	£73.62	£441.72	2428	
	Transfer Solar Fund to Leek United account	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	2431	
29/03/21	Reimburse Cllr Morgan - Materials for Buddy bench (deducted from SCC grant)	£67.10	£13.41	£80.51	2430	
01/05/21	DSK Engineering - Re issue of cheque for emergency works*	£395.00	£79.00	£474.00	2432	
30/04/21	Perennial Landscapes - Grass Cuts 05/04/21 and 19/04/21	£478.57	£95.71	£574.28	2433	
	Precept 1st Payment - Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Committee	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2434	
	Precept 1st Payment - Marchington Village Hall Committee	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2435	
	Precept 1st Payment - St Johns Church	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2436	
	Precept 1st Payment - St Peters Church	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2437	
		<b>£11,486.29</b>	<b>£340.95</b>	<b>£11,827.24</b>		

As of 20th April 2021

Current Account	£1,006.00
Gold Account	£42,717.52
Solar Account	£41,629.55
	<b>£85,353.07</b>

\*Cheque not made out to correct and full company name

Proposed – Cllr Nixon  
Seconded – Cllr Tomkins

12. Virtual Meetings - June meeting, Cllr Morgan asked if all councillors were comfortable waiting until restrictions have been lifted before holding our next meeting which will be face to face, all councillors were in agreement.
13. Flooding update, Cllr Morgan - No new information this month. Flood Warden training is still being chased up with SCC; our contact has left the role; we have not yet been updated with details of a replacement.
14. Grants, Cllr Morgan
- a. SCC grant, buddy bench – The £600 grant has now been spent on the Buddy bench and another metal bench for the reflection area on Green Lane.
- b. TTTV Grant - The Volunteer group have confirmed that they will raise the £300 to take the total match funding up to £825.50 including the PCs £525.50 The terms of the grant have been signed and returned to the TTTV committee.
- c. Others – The SCC Climate Change Fund grant of £240 is due to be paid to MPC soon, the money is to be spent on tree planting at Silver Lane as previously agreed. Cllr Hayes recommended Alder trees to attract more birds to the area. Cllr Nixon suggested a larger Oak tree would be a nice addition to the area.
15. SPCA Code of Conduct course, Cllr Morgan advised that this was a highly informative course and would recommend that all Councillors take part in this course at some stage if time allows.

16. Forestside, Cllr Leivers
- Parking issues - **A Tractor has been parked on the frontages on more than one occasion despite Cllr Leivers asking the resident not to park on the grass. The grass is becoming more torn up and muddy. The Council agreed to consider what options are available to deter people from parking on the grass and discuss at the next meeting.**
  - Footpaths and garages - **The Council agreed to ask the handyman to do some weed killing on the paths and spruce up the noticeboard – Action Cllr Mann. The Handyman is in process of replacing the gate post at the football pitch. The latest information provided by a resident regarding the garage ownership should be forwarded to Cllr Hudson – Action Clerk**
  - Planters, Clerk - **There has been a request from resident to purchase some planters for the Forestside area, costs have been forwarded to the Council. The Council will need to know the specification of the planters and further quotes should be considered before a decision is made and the Council should consider using recyclable materials and local tradesmen. Action Clerk – Ask the resident for more information and specification of the planters. Cllr Leivers is planning to put in some bulbs on the grass frontages.**
17. Dovegate – Any items to be discussed at the next meeting, Clerk – **The Council wish to explore process of having planters made for the Woodlands and Forestside.**
18. Highways and Road Signs, Clerk
- Damaged road signs and other furniture - Councillors to report any new issues.  
**Cllr Tomkins asked for an update on the chevron signs on the corner of bag lane, Clerk to write to Phillip Atkins. Cllr Morgan asked if the work at Green Lane is complete and would expect a couple more posts further up the road. Action Clerk – Write to SCC.**  
**Bag Lane and Hall road – Cllr Tomkins explained the danger in pinch points where the road is one vehicle wide and asked if a one-way system had ever been considered. Cllr Nixon advised it had but the emergency services would not allow it. The Council agreed that it should be reviewed again. Cllr Tomkins agreed to put together a provisional scheme to be discussed at a later meeting. Clerk to enquire with SCC re increased traffic.**
  - Potholes and road surface - Councillors to report any new issues.
19. Footpaths and stiles - Councillors to report any new issues - **Cllr Leivers has provided details of 2 stiles that need repairing, Clerk to raise reports.**
20. Correspondence  
East Staffordshire Family Support Service – Request for donation – **The Clerk should respond that PC money can not be donated.**  
Letter from Luke Hall – Local Authority Meetings  
ESBC – Request for Councillors Register of Interest  
Cricket Club – Parking Complaints - **Action Clerk, order 2 more bollard keys for the cricket club and ask the club to put a better sign out to explain the parking at silver lane.**
21. Urgent items for input onto the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2021 Meeting  
**One way system**

**Meeting Closed 21:11**

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**Date of Next Meeting - 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2021**