

# Marchington Parish Council

## Minutes, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Present – Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Tomkins  
Parish Clerk – Becci Ede  
14 members of the public

### Meeting Commenced at 19:32

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – **Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Leivers**
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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 -  
Proposed – **Cllr Nixon**  
Seconded – **Cllr Mann**
4. Other Organisations – To receive reports from outside organisations.
  - a. ESBC – Cllr P Hudson  
**July and August tend to be quiet times for ESBC. An extraordinary meeting was called to receive a petition regarding the burton town centre regeneration and the moving of the library from the washlands to the market hall. More than 2000 people have signed a petition against the move. A motion was put forward not to support the move until a consultation period has taken place and a proper business case been presented. A motion was passed – Where possible ESBC will stop the use of single use plastics.**
  - b. Staffordshire Police - Previously Circulated  
**Cllr Hudson met with Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police and discussed the communication and visibility in the area.**
5. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – **Update from the MWVH committee**  
**A member of the committee spoke on behalf of the MWVH committee – There is a perception that Marchington Parish Council are not visible in the Woodlands and are not communicating well. The committee had three main issues that they wished to address:**
  - 1 – **Chapel Green Road Safety - The issue with abandoned vehicles on the grassy area at Chapel Green has been ongoing for 20 years plus. The aesthetics is not pleasing but the main concern is the road traffic safety issue. The visibility on the junction is poor and it's believed that several laws are being broken. It's unclear if Highways own the land and are responsible for the maintenance or if the owner of the adjacent property owns this piece of land. There are also 3 old tractors further up the road that have been abandoned on the grass verge. Over the years, several agencies including DEFRA and the police have been involved in attempting to have the vehicles removed. The landowner has previously been fined by the courts, but the issues continued.**  
**The Council discussed and agreed to start the process to have the vehicles removed again. Cllr Hudson will support with this by having conversations with contacts in Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire County Council. Cllr Hudson advised that if residents believe that there is an immediate and urgent safety issue they should report directly to the Police.**
  - 2 – **General communication between the Parish Council and residents of the Woodlands - The MWVH committee asked for name plates for future meetings as they were not familiar with all councillors, an introduction of MPC members took place. It was requested that MPC representatives attend the MWVH committee meetings to improve communication between groups. A resident suggested that an open “surgery” where members of the public could attend and have the chance to talk to councillor’s face to face would be beneficial. The Chair explained that the communication is the same for all areas of the Parish and is done via the website, notice boards and parish magazine.**
  - 3 – **The Parish Council spend, and fair distributed between areas - Cllr Morgan talked through the precept and yearly budget to illustrate how the money is spent. Cllr Morgan informed residents of the availability of the Solar Farm fund and how it can be applied for by local groups and residents to be spent on capital projects. The Council were asked to provide examples of things that have been paid for with Solar money in the past and details of how to apply – **Action Clerk****

**Following the discussion, 11 members of the public left the meeting at 20:40, 3 remained for the duration.**

6. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
  - a. Planning Applications Received –
    - i. P/2021/00887 - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling and septic tank. Scounslow Green Farm, Scounslow Green Road, Scounslow Green, ST14 8RE. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered, and the footprint remains the same.**
    - ii. P/2021/00953 - Erection of a single storey side and rear extension installation of rooflight and internal alterations to include relocation of staircase, creation of opening to extension, alterations to first floor bathroom and retention of

ensuite to second floor (amended scheme). Hall Croft Farm, Hall Road, Marchington, ST14 8LG. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**

- iii. P/2021/00956 - Listed Building application for the demolition of existing single storey rear extension, erection of a single storey side and rear extension installation of rooflight and internal alterations to include relocation of staircase, creation of opening to extension, alterations to first floor bathroom and retention of ensuite to second floor (amended scheme). Hall Croft Farm, Hall Road, Marchington, ST14 8LG. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
- iv. P/2021/00924 - Relocation of existing Summer House. Marchington Hall, Hall Road, Marchington, ST14 8LG. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
  - b. Decisions Received –
    - i. P/2021/00800 - Remove 2 branches overhanging neighbouring property (T3) and reduce lowest limb over garden back to branch growing east (T4) from 2 Ash trees of TPO 421 (Revised Description). St Peters Church, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ – **CONSENT GRANTED**
    - ii. P/2021/00735 - Erection of a porch on the front elevation. 3 Brook house Court, Marchington, ST14 8TU - **PERMITTED**
  - c. Enforcement Updates – None

**Item 15 was discussed next before Cllr Hudson left the meeting.**

- 7. Council owned property updates -
  - a. Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -
    - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Mann – **The repaired matting looks good, the Handy Man is yet to sand down and treat benches but will do so once he returns to work in the next few weeks.**
    - ii. Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Nixon **The play area is looking good, the grass is cut well. Lots of litter which was picked up. No area for notices at the Football pitch.**
  - b. Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann - **The Hall is up and running with private functions taking place.**
- 8. Silver Lane Playing Fields – Chair
  - a. Dog walking area – **A discussion took place regarding the size of the proposed area. Cllr Morgan agreed to meet the resident on site to discuss in more detail – Action Clerk**
  - b. Estimate for replacement fencing - **Additional estimates should be obtained for review – Action Clerk**
- 9. Finance, Chair
  - a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A  
**Proposed – Cllr Bullock**  
**Seconded – Cllr Nixon**

Appendix A -August2021

Date	Monies received:	£
01/07/21	Interest	£0.41

**TOTAL OF RECEIPTS** £0.41

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No	
July	Handy Man - Salary	£288.00	£0.00	£288.00	2453	£308.00
	Expenses - Weed Killer	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00		
27/07/21	Came and Co Insurance Renewal	£1,615.03	£0.00	£1,615.03	2454	*Or £1,536.78 for 3 years (£1,600 in budget)
30/07/21	Perennial Landscapes - Cuts 12/07/21 & 26/07/21	£478.57	£95.71	£574.28	2455	
10/08/21	Clerk's Office and Travel Expenses - Includes £83.99 website security renewal	£104.44	£14.00	£118.44	2456	
10/08/21	Clerk's Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£448.80		
		<b>£2,954.84</b>	<b>£109.71</b>	<b>£3,064.55</b>		

As of 30/07/21

Current Account	£1,003.06
Gold Account	£44,704.20
Solar Account	£46,629.55
	<b>£92,336.81</b>

- b. Insurance Quotation – **The Clerk explained the insurance rate would be reduced and fixed if the Council were to commit for the next 3 years – A vote was taken, all Councillors voted in favour of the 3-year fixed rate.**
10. Code of Conduct – To adopt the latest version provided by ESBC, Chair - **A vote was taken – All Councillors were in favour of adopting the updated code of conduct.**

11. Parish Council meetings and social distancing, Chair – **The Chair proposed to continue with face to face council meetings with current safety measures in place, all Councillors agreed.**
12. Dovegate Prison, Chair
  - a. Covid update – **The second outbreak is now under control. Local COVID figures may be increased due to prison outbreaks in the area.**
  - b. Planters - **Six planters have been gifted to the Parish Council and are now in place around the Parish.**
13. Flooding update, Chair - **Consultation with the landowner is still ongoing regarding the embankment repairs. Grants have been applied for by residents who are able to improve flood defences on their homes. The threshold survey results are due soon. 12 whole farm appraisals have been undertaken to identify where natural flood management measures could be installed.**
14. Forestside, Cllr Leivers - **The Clerk talked through the updates on Forestside in summary in Cllr Leivers absence.**
  - a. Footpaths and garages **Sanctuary housing are investigating the safety of the garage that backs on to the footpath where the wall is damaged.**
  - b. Public Footpath link to the village – **The path is currently inaccessible. To be looked at later in the year when vegetation has died down.**
  - c. Meeting with Evans property group - **The Clerk talked through the options that Evans’s property group have to develop the land. The Council agreed to invite the Evans representative to the next council meeting to discuss. Forestside residents should be engaged following the next meeting. Invite Evans to the next Parish Council meeting, [Action Clerk](#).**
  - d. Weed killing and removal of ivy and brambles – **Brambles and Ivy have been removed from the wall on the play area. Weed killing on the paths to be done again once the Handyman is back.**
15. Uttoxeter Masterplan, Cllr Mann - **Cllr Mann attended consultation meetings where individuals were able to put forward ideas. The 4 principal areas are the Maltings, the Wheatsheaf, Trinity Centre and the Quarry. Consultants are asking residents what they would like to see in these areas and to identify important features. Emphasis was made by residents of the importance of adequate car parking space, the bus station and public toilet facilities. The Maltings was a main focus where residents would like to see shops with flats above. The next meetings which are open to all are to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August and the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. The consultation overall seems to be going well and is a vast improvement on the previous consultation.**
16. Highways and Road Signs, Clerk
  - a. Damaged road signs and other furniture - Councillors to report any new issues. - **No new reports**
  - b. Potholes and road surface - Councillors to report any new issues - **Some work has been done on Moisty Lane.**
17. Footpaths and stiles - Councillors to report any new issues, Clerk to update on previous issues reported. - **No new issues reported.**
18. Correspondence
 

AED Donate - Clothing donation bank request – **MWVH committee would like more details, [Action Clerk](#)**

Thomas Deery – Uttoxeter Masterplan Consultation update #2

Resident Letter – Re Hunts Croft - **Noise complaint, Cllr Morgan to speak with the manager of the facility.**

Everyone Active – Community Support

Thomas Deery – Uttoxeter Masterplan Consultation update #3

Helen Berg – Uttoxeter Masterplan workshop update

Thomas Deery – Burton Towns Fund Project D consultation

Tina Jeffrey, Clerk to Uttoxeter Town Council – Letter to West Midlands Ambulance service – **Marchington Parish Council to write to West Midlands ambulance service, [Action Clerk](#)**

Hannah Titchener, Staffordshire County Council – Application to add a footpath between Smallwood Manor and Buttermilk Hill
19. Urgent items for input onto the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 Meeting - **None**

**Meeting Closed 21:56**

**Date of Next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**