

Marchington Parish Council

Minutes, Tuesday 9th November 2021

Present – Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Tomkins
Parish Clerk – Becci Ede
5 Members of the public
Cllr P Hudson (20:52- 21:21)

Meeting commenced 19:32

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – **Cllr Hayhurst**
2. To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – **Cllr Mann, trustee of Marchington Village Hall**
3. To approve and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 12th October 2021 - Proposed – **Cllr Nixon**
Seconded – **Cllr Tomkins**
4. Public Participation – Precept Presentations
Cllr Morgan gave a brief explanation of the process of the Precept application and the approval which will be voted on by MPC in the January 2022 Marchington Parish Council meeting.
 - a. St Johns Church, Marchington Woodlands – Mr M Cleaver
Mike Cleaver presented the application for St Johns Church as previously circulated.
Cllr Nixon questioned if the precept would be used to pay the debt of the unpaid Parish Share, Mr Cleaver confirmed that it would not and would be used for maintenance only.
Mike Cleaver left the meeting 19:38
 - b. St Peters Church, Marchington – Mr T Castle
Tom Castle presented the application for St Peters Church as previously circulated.
Cllr Tomkins questioned the process and cost of applying to manage the trees, the Council agreed that the process must be followed.
Tom Castle left the meeting 19:44
 - c. Marchington Village Hall – Mrs G Flavell
Geraldine Flavell presented the application for Marchington Village Hall as previously circulated.
Cllr Hayes asked if there were bigger maintenance planes for 22/23 which have led to the increase in application amount. Geraldine referred to the application where the maintenance plans were set out.
Geraldine Flavell left the meeting at 19:49
 - d. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall – Mrs Karen Perrins
Karen Perrins presented the application for Marchington Woodlands Village Hall as previously circulated.
Cllr Morgan asked if the grass was going to be levelled and advised that the project may lend itself to a new project grant rather than precept. Roland Lamb advised that the drainage needed to be looked at also.
The committee questioned if the MPC handy man could support with the removal of moss in the car park and the maintenance of the fences at MWVH. Cllr Mann explained that the handy man generally looks after Parish land rather than Village Hall ground. The committee asked if it would be possible to have the triangles kept tidy in the Woodlands, the Council agreed to question this with the County Council in the first instance - [Action Clerk](#)
The members of the MWVH committee requested that the verge mowing outside the Village Hall continue next year. A vote took place, all councillors voted in favour of this continuing for the duration of the current three-year ground's maintenance contract. The committee requested the contractors' details - [Action Clerk](#)
5. St Peter's School – future application for Solar grant, Cllr Morgan
Cllr Morgan explained that FOMS made an application for an outdoor learning space which did not meet the criteria for precept grants. The FOMS committee have been advised to apply for the Solar grant instead, Cllr Bullock volunteered to sponsor the application and talk to the Chair of FOMS.

6. Other Organisations –To receive reports from outside organisation – *Item 6a was deferred until the arrival of Cllr Hudson - the item took place at 21:00*
- a. ESBC – Update from Cllr Hudson
ESBC updates - The annual accounts for the Borough have been signed off. The mayors ball takes place this Friday and remembrance services on Sunday. ESBC have purchased a new fleet of bin lorries, they are not electric as it wouldn't be viable.
HS2 - At the moment it doesn't affect the Crown Ward, but when Newborough joins the Crown Ward in 2023 it will. The plan is to install a power unit for HS2 in Newborough. There will be some community grants available from the project (Cllr Hudson to send link to Clerk).
Uttoxeter Masterplan – the data is all been gathered; a meeting will take place with Cllr Allen and Uttoxeter Town Council in December to discuss next steps.
The Burton Town Deal - this is ongoing, public views can be submitted online.
Marchington Woodlands Triangle – Cllr Hudson is pushing for an update from the Police.
Cllr Hudson left the meeting 21:21
 - a. Staffordshire Police - Report previously circulated – **The Council agreed to request more Marchington specific information including local crime and RTAs within the Police reports. This should also be discussed at the next ESBC Parish Forum – Action Clerk**
7. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
- a. Planning Applications Received –
 - i. P/2021/01323 - Installation of a package treatment plant. Lower Sale Farm, Thorney Lanes, Marchington Woodlands, DE13 8RZ. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - b. Decisions Received –
 - i. P/2021/01075 - Felling of three Leylandi trees, and minor tip pruning of one Yew tree to remove 0.5m of the side branches over driveway. Marchington Village Hall, The Square, Marchington, Staffordshire. ST14 8LF – **No objection**
 - ii. P/2021/01220 - Crown reduction to a height of 5 metres and to a diameter of 2 metres of 1 Variegated Maple tree. Church House, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ – **No objection**
 - iii. P/2021/01001 - Listed Building application to replace 13 existing leaded single glazed softwood windows with new hardwood 18mm double glazed leaded windows. James House, Jacks Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LW – **Permission granted**
 - c. Enforcement Updates –
8. Council owned property updates -
- a. Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -
 - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Tomkins – **The fences have been repaired in play area and benches have been treated. The play equipment all ok except for the Springys which appear to be loose, this needs to be addressed. The Covid signage is no longer in place, the Council agreed that it is no longer necessary. The other signage at the park needs to be updated and replaced – Action Clerk**
 - ii. Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Bullock – **Report to be forwarded to the Clerk later this week.**
 - b. Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann
The Village Hall Insurance now excludes the Defibrillator – MPC to check if it the Defibrillator is covered on their insurance - Action Clerk
The boundary wall is being replaced on the 27th November. The Hall is busy with regular classes and many children's parties. The question was raised if the PC would move back into the John Elwood Lounge to allow the main hall to be booked out at the same time as the PC meetings. The committee would also like an update on when the PC meeting would be held at the Woodlands Village Hall – Action Clerk
9. Cricket Club drainage update, Cllr Hayes
Cllr Hayes and Cllr Morgan have met with several contractors, no response or quotations have been received. Cllr Morgan suggested that MPC pay for the area to be excavated to uncover the drains and allow contractors to view and quote more accurately. This will allow contractors to review and advise if it would be a valid option to move drains away from the trees to avoid future issues.
Cllr Morgan asked the Council if they agreed with this course of action and to go ahead with a local contractor at a day rate of approximately £400. A vote was taken, all Councillors voted in favour to proceed with the excavation.
10. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Cllr Hayes
Cllr Hayes was unable to attend the most recent MWVH committee meeting. Karen Perrins spoke to the meeting and advised that they were looking for more committee members and funding. Cllr Morgan advised that any grant opportunity's that MPC are aware of will be shared with the MWVH committee.
11. Japanese Knotweed, annual checks, Cllr Morgan
Following the contractors last visit, some Japanese Knotweed has been spotted by a resident. The contractor will need to revisit before the payment for the last check is made – Action Clerk

12. Finance, Cllr Morgan

- a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

Appendix A -November 2021

Date	Monies received:	£
01/09/21	Interest	£0.39

TOTAL OF RECEIPTS

£0.39

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No
October	Handy Man - Salary	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	2473
15/10/21	Shires Weedfree Ltd - Annual Knotweed check	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	2474
29/10/21	Perennial Landscapes - Cuts 04/10/21 & 18/10/21	£478.57	£95.71	£574.28	2475
09/11/21	Clerk's Office and Travel Expenses	£65.12	£7.31	£72.43	2476
09/11/21	Clerk's Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£448.80	
31/10/21	Owen renovations Ltd - Forestside playground equipment painting	£726.00	£145.20	£871.20	2477
October	Volunteer group, bulbs for village planters	£46.00	£0.00	£46.00	2478
		£1,964.49	£258.22	£2,222.71	

As of 29th October 2021

Current Account	£1,004.28
Gold Account	£51,070.22
Solar Account	£49,859.55
	£101,934.05

Proposed – **Cllr Bullock**
 Seconded – **Cllr Bicknell**

13. Parish Council meetings and social distancing, Cllr Morgan (*This item took place after item 9b*)

The Council discussed and agreed that they would need to continue to use the main room in the Village Hall until the end of January at least to continue with social distancing. This situation will continue to be reviewed monthly.

14. Councillor/Vice Chair Vacancy, Cllr Morgan

- a. Update from ESBC - Confirmation of co-option process – **Adverts for the vacancy are on the noticeboards and on the website.**
- b. The Council to vote in a new Vice Chair – **A vote was taken, all Cllr's voted in favour of Cllr Mann becoming the Vice Chair of Marchington Parish Council.**

15. Dovegate Prison, Cllr Morgan

An update meeting with the prison director, dep director and Draycott PC took place. Items are being made at the prison to sell in the village shop.

16. Flooding update, Cllr Morgan

The work is starting again to look at building infrastructure around the Dog and Partridge bridge. The Bund will be looked at in May/June next year. Planting is happening in the Woodlands for natural flood resilience. The Flood Wardens have now been trained and signed off and the group can now officially close the road in times of flooding.

17. Highways and Road Signs, Clerk

- a. Damaged road signs and other furniture - Councillors to report any new issues.
The missing crossroad sign in the Woodlands should be escalate to Staffordshire County Council as an immediate danger – Action Clerk
- b. Potholes and road surface - Councillors to report any new issues.
Green Lane has had resurfacing work done in the last week.

18. Footpaths and stiles, Clerk - Councillors to report any new issues - **None received.**

19. Correspondence, Clerk

- a. Alleged footpath between Smallwood Manor and Buttermilk Hill Gate – Hannah Titchener, SCC
- b. Improving urgent and emergency care services in Staffordshire and S-O-T – Philip Atkins, SCC
- c. S53 application for the addition of a public bridleway near Forestside Farm - Hannah Titchener, SCC (response required by 11th November)
- d. Garages and Footpaths at Forestside – Louise Kemplay, ESBC
- e. ESBC's budget consultation – Jennifer Norman, ESBC (deadline for comments 22nd October)
- f. Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons – SPCA and SCC – **Discuss at December meeting, forward the information to the MWVH committee – Action Clerk**
- g. Polling District Review – ESBC (representations to be sent by 30th)
- h. Doing Our Bit – Volunteer to Feel Good Campaign Launch – Leonie O'Hanlon, SCC
- i. Impact, the Parish level carbon emission estimator – Philip Atkins, SCC
- j. Kind Minds newsletter – Philip Atkins, SCC
- k. ESBC Parish Council Forum – Sara Botham, ESBC – **Cllr Mann to attend on behalf of MPC**
- l. Bag Lane road closure, 30th December 9:30-15:30 - SCC

20. Urgent items for input onto the 14th December 2021 Meeting

The meeting was closed at 21:47