

Marchington Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday 8th December 2021

Present - Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Tomkins
Parish Clerk – Becci Ede
3 Members of the public
Cllr Hudson (part 20:00-20:35)
PCSO Tim Leathers (part 19:30 – 19:59)

Meeting commenced 19:30

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 November 2021 -
Proposed – **Cllr Hayes**
Seconded – **Cllr Tomkins**
4. Request to consider replacing stiles with accessible gates –
Jane Hilton addressed the meeting. During the lockdown many people have used the footpaths around the village more often, the stiles are an issue for some residents and can be slippery and difficult to use. Gates with springs are used in areas such as the Peak district, would this be something that the Parish Council would consider altering in the village to make the footpaths accessible for all. Areas to consider are the two circular walks on Green Lane and the Cricket Ground circular walk. The dingle has a particular high and inaccessible stile and the footpath through hoarcroft barn is inaccessible. A discussion took place. The Council agreed that any stiles that are inaccessible should be managed by the landowner or the rambler’s association. If the PC were to replace some stiles in the Parish, residents may request more to be done which would not be financially viable. Any changes to stiles would need to be agreed by the landowner as they are responsible for maintenance and repair. It was advised by Cllr Nixon that some areas are no longer using kissing gates because of the springs rusting and eroding. The Council agreed that further investigation into available grants should be done for this scheme.
5. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
 - a. Planning Applications Received –
 - i. P/2021/01359 - Change of Use from a tithe cottage to Children's Care Home for one child. 2 Apple Tree Cottages, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, ST14 8NS - **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection.**
 - ii. P/2021/01360 - Change of Use from tithe cottage to Children's Care Home for one child. 1 Apple Tree Cottages, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, ST14 8NS - **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection.**
 - iii. P/2021/01278 - Installation of a sewage treatment plant and formation of drainage mound. Swilcar Lawn Cottage, Thorney Lanes, Marchington Woodlands, ST14 8ND **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - iv. P/2021/01479 - Change of Use from family dwelling house to Children's Care Home for up to four young people. Horn Beam Childrens Care House, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, ST14 8NS **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection.**
 - v. P/2021/01459 - Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension to facilitate loft conversion, erection of a single storey link extension and a single storey front extension. The Orchard, Allens Lane, Marchington, Uttoxeter, ST14 8LA **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - vi. P/2021/01382 - Demolition of existing two storey/single storey structure to rear of existing dwelling to facilitate the erection of a two storey rear extension. The Cottage, Bag Lane, Marchington, ST14 8NY **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered, and the design is in keeping with the conservation area.**
 - vii. P/2021/01488 - Change of Use from a dwelling (Class Use C3) into a Children's Care Home for one child (Class Use C2). The Lodge, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, ST14 8NS. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection.**
 - b. Decisions 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 - PERMITTED
 - ii. P/2021/01323 - Installation of a package treatment plant. Lower Sale Farm, Thorney Lanes, Marchington Woodlands, DE13 8RZ - PERMITTED
 - iii. P/2021/01036 - Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 6 doors and replacement of 1 door with a window. Moat Springs Barn, Hodge Lane, Marchington Woodlands, ST14 8PQ – CONSENT GRANTED
 - c. Enforcement Updates – None

6. Council owned property updates -
- Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -
 - Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Hayhurst – **Small branches to be tidied up and cleared.**
 - Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Hayes – **Some litter but generally ok. Cradle swings had not been changed at time of report. Brick work around new gate could be tidier. Signage needs to be replaced.**
 - Urgent repairs on springer at Silver Lane and replacement cradles at Forestside have been instructed at a cost of £480 +vat – **The Clerk will check that the work is complete before sending the cheque to the contractor.**
 - Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann **Various events have been taking place. The water heater in the gent’s toilets has been replaced. The repointing of the boundary wall is in progress. The Village Hall have been advised that all should always wear masks when in the hall.**
7. Cricket Club drainage, Cllr Morgan - **The contractor has agreed to excavate the ground so that the issue can be investigated properly. Cllr Hayes has found a contractor who is willing to look at the job, they have suggested cutting back the tree routes and installing a resin on the pipe that would be guaranteed for 25 years.**
8. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Cllr Nixon – **The tree lighting event will not take place.**
9. The Queens Jubilee celebration, Cllr Morgan – **Cllr Morgan asked if the Council wanted to consider putting aside funds for a celebration or memorial. The Council agreed that an event should be arranged, and a budget should be agreed. The Chair suggested that Councillors talk to locals and come up with ideas to be discussed at the January meeting where a budget can be considered.**
10. Marchington Broadband update, Cllr Morgan – **The Village Hall has been provisionally booked for the 24th January for an open meeting. With the current sign-up figures, there is enough funding to have gigabit broadband for the Village but not the Woodlands. If agreed, the Village surplus budget can be moved over to the Woodlands pot. The team at BT are unable to meet twice, so the meeting will be held in the village rather than having one in each area. The cost of the village hall booking is £42. The Council agreed that the meeting should go ahead (Covid permitting).**
11. Flooding update, Cllr Morgan – **The EA have written to the occupants of sixteen properties in the Village with information regarding an available grant for flood resilience. The original letter was missing the contact details, but a second letter has been sent. It was noted that the consultancy has been a difficult process. Cllr Morgan to follow up with the EA and find out which properties are included in the sixteen.**
12. Finance, Cllr Morgan
- To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

Appendix A -December 2021

Date	Monies received:	£
01/11/21	Interest	£0.45

TOTAL OF RECEIPTS **£0.45**

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No	
21/11/21	Wychnor Trees - Reimburse Cllr Morgan for Christmas tree's in the village and the Woodlands	£160.00	£0.00	£160.00	2479	
14/12/21	Clerk's Office and Travel Expenses	£50.01	£0.00	£50.01	2480	£498.81
14/12/21	Clerk's Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£448.80		
13/12/21	DSK Engineering Services - Playground Repairs	£410.00	£82.00	£492.00	2481	

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As of 30th November 2021

Current Account	£1,002.57
Gold Account	£47,080.67
Solar Account	£49,859.55
	£97,942.79

Proposed – **Cllr Hayhurst**
 Seconded – **Cllr Bullock**

13. Parish Council meetings and Plan B - Cllr Morgan – **The Council agreed to continue with current arrangements in the large room with social distancing and masks.**
14. Other Organisations –To receive reports from outside organisations - **This Item took place after item 4.**

- a. ESBC – Update from Cllr Hudson – **A Full ESBC council meeting took place with an urgent motion regarding the plan to move the library to the market hall in Burton and to replace the library site with a visitor centre for the Washlands, nothing has yet been decided. If MPC have any views they should let Cllr Hudson know.**
Master Plan – The recommendation is that the Maltings is priority, people agreed it cannot all be retail and that some should be residential. The Wheatsheaf is being sold privately so will not be part of the plan. Trinity road will not be changed. The discussions of the proposed sports hub on the quarry site are positive, the Staffordshire FA will take it on board. The restoration project will take up half of the quarry site where the land will be put back to its original state. Residents will be informed and consulted at all steps taken moving forward.
The Police have not provided an update regarding the triangle in Marchington Woodlands.
Cllr Hayes asked what route will be taken by vehicles carrying the stone for HS2 to be washed in Uttoxeter. Cllr Hudson ensured that he would be asking those questions during planning meetings being on the planning committee. HS2 funding is available to local groups, Cllr Hudson to send the information to the Clerk.
- b. Staffordshire Police – Update from PCSO Timothy Leathers - **PCSO Leathers gave an overview of the latest Police report. Some residents from Birch Cross have complained about the speed of vehicles in the area, PCSO Leathers asked if the PC would consider putting in traffic calming methods such as SIDs in the area. The Council discussed and agreed that MPC should investigate this further.**
The Police are unable to provide statistics on Road Traffic Accidents but the Safer roads partnership should be able to provide some information– Action Clerk
Cllr Hudson advised the cost for SIDs is around £5000 for a pair and it would need to be funded by the Parish Council, although some funds may be available from SCC. SCC would need to be engaged to agree installation positions which would need to be grass verges. Cllr Hudson agreed to support with the process and suggested contacting the Clerk of Uttoxeter and of Draycott for information following their recent installations – Action Clerk
15. Highways and 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.
New water problem on Birch Cross – The Clerk has reported the issue.
Drainage is better on Bag Lane since the visit from SCC
Hound Hill – Large pothole just after Silver Lane to be reported – Action Clerk
16. Footpaths and stiles, Clerk - Councillors to report any new issues - **Nothing new to report.**
17. Correspondence, Clerk
- a. Lifeways - Response re Hunts Croft facility.
- b. Healthwatch Staffordshire – E-bulletin.
- c. SPCA – Western Power Distribution fuel poverty fund.
- d. Resident letter – Dog fouling at Birch Cross
- e. Cllr Hudson – HS2 Follow up information
- f. Cllr Philip Atkins – Covid-19 resident survey
- g. ESBC - Consultation on Removal of Permitted Development Rights from C3 (Dwelling House) to C4 (Small House of Multiple Occupation) in Burton on Trent
- h. Denstone Matters - a possible problem for all communities
- i. ESBC – Marchington Parish Precept 2022-23
- j. ESBC – Full register of electors
- k. SPCA – Annual report
- l. Cllr Philip Atkins - Uttoxeter Quarry - Local Member - notification of a planning application in your area

CONFIDENTIAL – Members of the public must leave the meeting for the next item.

18. Cllr Vacancy - applicant review and Co Option, Cllr Morgan
Cllr Morgan updated the Council on the process that has been taken regarding the vacancy. There has only been one application so far which is from a different area of the Parish to where the vacancy became available. The Council discussed and agreed that a representative from Forestside would be preferable to ensure all areas of the Parish are represented equally. The Council agreed to leave the vacancy open for the time being.
19. Urgent items for input onto the 11th January 2022 Meeting
Cllr Tomkins enquired about a property that is unkept and if the Council can do anything – Could a Section 215 tidy up notice be served by the local authority? Two neighbours have complained, they do not want to take a stance personally and have asked for support from MPC. The Council agreed to investigate the issue further.

Meeting Closed 21:49

Date of Next Meeting – 11th January 2022