

Marchington Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes, Tuesday 12th October 2021

Present – Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Tomkins
Parish Clerk – Becci Ede
1 Member of the public
From 20:56 – Cllr P Hudson, PCSO Timothy Leathers

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – **Cllr Bullock, Cllr Leivers**
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 14th September 2021 -
Proposed – **Cllr Tomkins**
Seconded – **Cllr Hayhurst**
4. Other Organisations – To receive reports from outside organisations.
Item deferred due to late arrival of Cllr Hudson and PCSO Leathers - Item no.4 took place at the end of the meeting.
 - a. ESBC – Cllr P Hudson
Moreton Lane road safety is a breach of road traffic law and not a Highways issue – Cllr Hudson has raised this with Staffordshire Police and expects a response from Ben Adams.
Forestside – A response has now been sent from ESBC.
 - b. Staffordshire Police - PCSO Timothy Leathers
The Council enquired about the abandoned vehicle on Quee Lane, PCSO Timothy Leathers advised that a job had been raised and the vehicle should be removed soon.
The Council asked if monthly reports could include RTA's. It was explained that the reports are automatically generated to show only the largest percentage increase and decrease in crime. The RTAs are on a separate system and cannot be added to the monthly reports. However, reports are a continuation of how it's been done historically, if PCs would like different information, then it can be tweaked to suit. PCSO Timothy Leathers explained the current shift patterns and cover for the area, Marchington has 3 PCSO'S that cover 80 square miles, Mayfield to Barton, Abbots Bromley to Rocester.
5. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
 - a. Planning Applications Received –
 - i. P/2021/01220 - Crown reduction in height by up to 5 metres and reduce the overall diameter by up to 2 metres of 1 Variegated Maple tree. Church House, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - ii. P/2021/01036 - Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 6 doors and 1 window. Moat Springs Barn, Hodge Lane, Marchington Woodlands, ST14 8PQ. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - b. Decisions Received –
P/2021/00924 - Relocation of existing Summer House. Marchington Hall, Hall Road, Marchington, ST14 8LG - PERMITTED
 - c. Enforcement Updates –
The Frostfields file has been closed.
6. Council owned property updates -
 - a. Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -
 - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Nixon – **Report to be forwarded to the Clerk.**
 - ii. Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Bicknell - **Painting is in progress; grass is well cut. Dizzy discs seem slippery and should be monitored.**
 - b. Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann – **The hall is busy with various bookings. The boundary wall is due to be fixed in the next few months.**
7. Cricket Club drainage issues, Cllr Hayes – **A drainage issue was reported by the Cricket Club. Seven Trent investigated and confirmed that a sewage pipe has burst and that it is on the Cricket Club ground. Four contractors have been contacted but it has been difficult to get them to come out and quote the job. One contractor has visited so far but not yet submitted the quotation and another contractor is due in the next week. Clerk to ask SPCA what happens if we can't get a third quotation – Action Clerk**
When work is complete, a record of sewerage pipe locations should be kept for future reference.
8. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Cllr Hayes
Cllr Hayes and Cllr Nixon attended the monthly meeting, nothing to report.

9. Highways repairs, Green Lane – Cllr Hayhurst

Cllr Hayhurst attended a talk on rights of way, boundary disputes and highways. The talk referred to section 56 of the highways act where the Parish Council could serve legal statutory notice to Highways to repair roads if Highways are not responding to reports of issues. Green Lane is in a terrible state with an abundance of potholes, a poor road service and is dangerous in times of flooding. The Council agreed that a letter be sent to Philip Atkins as a starting point - Action Cllr Morgan and Clerk

10. Finance, Cllr Morgan

- a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

Appendix A - October 2021

Date	Monies received:	£
01/09/21	Interest	£0.38
24/09/21	2nd half precept payment - ESBC	£14,974.85

TOTAL OF RECEIPTS £14,975.23

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No	
August	Handy Man - Salary	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00	2463	£280.00
	Expenses - Gate for Forestside	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00		
29/09/21	Perennial Landscapes - Cuts 07/09/21 & 20/09/21	£478.57	£95.71	£574.28	2464	
12/10/21	Chawner Almshouses - 2nd Precept cheque from 2020	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2465	
12/10/21	Precept 2nd Payment - Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Committee	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2466	
12/10/21	Precept 2nd Payment - Marchington Village Hall Committee	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2467	
12/10/21	Precept 2nd Payment - St Johns Church	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2468	
12/10/21	Precept 2nd Payment - St Peters Church	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2469	
29/09/21	ESBC - RoadswEEPing and litter picking	£514.60	£102.92	£617.52	2470	
29/09/21	ESBC - Trade Refuse collection	£82.68	£0.00	£82.68	2471	
12/10/21	Clerk's Office and Travel Expenses - Includes new printer	£97.83	£11.66	£109.49	2472	£558.29
12/10/21	Clerk's Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£448.80		
		<u>£6,902.48</u>	<u>£210.29</u>	<u>£7,112.77</u>		

As of 30th September 2021

Current Account	£1,003.57
Gold Account	£56,429.83
Solar Account	£49,859.55
	<u>£107,292.95</u>

Proposed – Cllr Nixon

Seconded – Cllr Bicknell

11. Parish Council meetings and social distancing, Cllr Morgan - **The Council agreed to continue with current arrangement.**
12. Staffordshire County Council Webinar, Cllr Morgan - **The webinar included a section on highways, the slides from the meeting have been circulated to the Council. It was apparent that the potholes are a huge issue in the county, budgets are being cut in the coming year. It was advised that AMEY are monitored on filling potholes in adequately.**
13. Forestside, Cllr Morgan
An update from ESBC regarding garages has been received, it is deemed that the garages are not a safety hazard. Clerk to speak to Cllr Leivers regarding possible replacements following his resignation – Action Clerk
14. Highways and Road Signs, Clerk
- a. Damaged road signs and other furniture - Councillors to report any new issues.
Quee Lane – The fence is overgrown and should be cleared to improve visibility on the junction. MPC should write to the landowner and copy in Uttoxeter Rural regarding the health and safety concerns and risk of road traffic accidents – Action Clerk and Cllr Nixon
Also, stop signs should be installed and the crossroad sign needs reinstating. MPC to raise with SCC – Action Clerk
- b. Potholes and road surface - Councillors to report any new issues.
B5017, Hodge Lane – a pipe has become exposed on the culvert, report to be raised on MyStaffs - Action Clerk
The pothole on Allens Lane is getting worse, MPC to escalate in SCC – Action Clerk
Marchington Cliff, potholes need to be reported on the MyStaffs app – Action Clerk

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

16. Correspondence, Clerk

a. Resident Letter – Road safety Moreton Lane

b. Resident Letter – Huntscroft noise complaint – **MPC to send follow up the letter to Lifeways – Action Clerk**

17. Urgent items for input onto the 9th November 2021 Meeting

Email resignation letter received from Cllr Leivers - Cllr Morgan asked if anyone would be interested in the Vice Chair position they should write to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.

BT Fibre Optic Broadband – The project continues to progress costings are being put together by BT.

20:56 – Cllr Hudson and Timothe Leathers arrived

Item no.4 took place.

Meeting Closed – 21:27

Date of Next Meeting – 9th November 2021