

# Marchington Parish Council Minutes

## Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Present - Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Tomkins

Parish Clerk – Becci Ede

2 Members of the public

### Meeting commenced 19:30

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – **Cllr Nixon, Cllr P Hudson**
2. To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – **Cllr Mann, trustee of Village Hall, no vote on item 9c,iii**
3. To approve and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 -  
Proposed – **Cllr Bicknell**  
Seconded – **Cllr Tomkins**
4. Other Organisations – To receive reports from outside organisations.
  - a. ESBC – **Councillor Hudson reported to the Chair that there was little to report in early January.**
  - b. Staffordshire Police – Update previously circulated
5. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
  - a. Planning Applications Received –
    - i. P/2021/01583 - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension including pitched roof over existing. 15 Moisty Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8JY. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
    - ii. P/2022/00010 - Reduce branches from Elm trees overhanging into garden by approximately 2 metres. Yew Tree House, High Street, Marchington, ST14 8LD – **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection.**
    - iii. P/2022/00012 - Crown reduction of one Cherry tree by 2 metres and removal of low hanging limb. Yew Tree House, High Street, Marchington, ST14 8LD - **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection.**
  - b. Decisions Received –
    - i. 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 – PERMITTED
    - ii. 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 – PERMITTED
    - iii. P/2021/01278 - Installation of a sewage treatment plant and formation of drainage mound. Swilcar Lawn Cottage, Thorney Lanes, Marchington Woodlands, ST14 8ND - PERMITTED
  - c. Enforcement Updates – None
6. Council owned property updates -
  - a. Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -
    - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Morgan – **Report sent to the Clerk, small branches on the floor, fencing looks very tired. All planned repair work is now complete.**
    - ii. Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Bicknell – **Report handed to the Clerk, no issues to report.**
  - b. Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann – **The boundary wall has been repaired and repointed. The water heater in the gents' toilets has been replaced, the next project is to replace the urinals in March. The Broadband meeting is to be postponed due to current Covid restrictions, MPC agreed that this should take place asap.**
7. Cricket Club drainage, Cllr Morgan  
**Excavation work is due to start in the next week. The contractor that has agreed to look at the work is awaiting the survey information from Seven Trent; a quote will be submitted once the information is available.**
8. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Cllr Hayes – **No update, the monthly meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> January. There has been a request to ask if MPC will support the cost of the jubilee celebrations.**

9. Finance, Cllr Morgan  
 a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

Appendix A -January 2022

Date	Monies received:	£
01/12/22	Interest	£0.39

TOTAL OF RECEIPTS

**£0.39**

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No
22/12/22	ESBC Roadsweeping and Litter Picking	£514.60	£102.92	£617.52	2482
22/12/21	ESBC Trade Refuse Emptying	£82.68	£0.00	£82.68	2483
11/12/22	Clerk Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£554.32	2484
11/12/22	Clerk travel and expenses	£94.27	£11.25		
		<b>£1,140.35</b>	<b>£114.17</b>	<b>£1,254.52</b>	

As of 20th December 2021

Current Account	£1,009.48
Gold Account	£49,841.06
Solar Account	£49,859.55
	<b>£100,710.09</b>

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

- b. To agree and approve of budget FY 2022/23 (by show of hands) – **All Councillors were in favour of approving the proposed budget.**
- c. To vote on Chairs recommendations for a grant (by show of hands)
- St Johns Church – **The Chair proposed to award a grant of £2000 to St Johns Church - All Councillors voted in favour.**
  - St Peters Church - **The Chair proposed to award a grant of £2000 to St Peters Church - All Councillors voted in favour.**
  - Marchington Village Hall - **The Chair proposed to award a grant of £2000 to Marchington Village Hall - All Councillors voted in favour (Cllr Mann abstained)**
  - Marchington Woodlands Village Hall - **The Chair proposed to award a grant of £2000 to Marchington Woodlands Village Hall - All Councillors voted in favour.**
10. Solar Grant Projects, Cllr Morgan – **There are three projects that are outstanding 1) Map lecterns 2) Cricket Club Benches 3) Silver Lane Footbridge. The projects should be completed as soon as possible. The Council agreed that more costs should be presented for approval in the February meeting. Cllr Hayhurst (maps), Cllr Mann (benches) and Cllr Morgan (footbridge) will gather necessary information.**
11. The Queens Jubilee celebration– **Cllr Morgan proposed a budget of £1000 be put forward to support with local events. The grant will need to be advertised and residents of the Parish can apply – All Councillors voted in favour.**
12. Community Heroes, Cllr Morgan – **Two residents have been spending time litter picking around the Parish. A resident has come forward and asked if there should be some formal community heroes awards/special recognition for local people. A discussion took place, the Council agreed that recognition in the Parish Magazine would be appropriate.**
13. Flooding and Drainage issues, Cllr Morgan – **The flooding and sewage on Church Lane has been reported to Seven Trent who say they are not able to fix the issue - the Council agreed that further action should be taken. The flooding on Birch Cross has been reported to Highways as urgent, the Highways agency have responded to say its not critical and has been added to the schedule. The Council agreed that this is a danger to life and to be escalated Philip Atkins, Ben Adams, and Darryl Eyers. The EA cancelled the 26<sup>th</sup> January preferring a team’s electronic meeting on the 9th February.**
14. Cllr Vacancy update, Cllr Morgan – **A second application has been received, the Council agreed to review all applications and vote to Co-opt a new Councillor at the February meeting.**
15. Parish Council meetings and COVID, Cllr Morgan – **The Council agreed to continue with the current arrangements. Clerk to inform the bookings secretary.**

16. Highways and Footpath issues -

- a. To report Highways issues – **It was noted that the repair to the pothole in Allen’s Lane is already eroding. Cllr Tomkins is to take a photo of the repair now and then review again in 2 weeks’ time.**
- b. To report Footpath issues – **On Bag Lane the footpath has become impassable due to water, this is to be reviewed once the rain has cleared.**

17. Correspondence, Clerk

Temporary Vacant Seat Scheme – Cllr Philip Atkins

Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Statement of Gambling Policy 2022-2025 – ESBC

Seven Trent Community Funds – Cllr Philip Atkins – **Cllr Bullock asked if this would suite the gates for the footpaths.**

East Staffs Grants for people in Higher Education – Cllr Philip Atkins

ADSO and LLG remote meetings petition – Andrea Davies ESBC

18. Urgent items for input onto the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Meeting –

**Cllr Tomkins asked if there was an update from Huntscroft – Action Clerk, write to the owners.**

**Cllr Hayhurst asked if there was any information on Bagshaw’s sale – Concerns were raised that the developers may try and overturn what has been agreed in the neighbourhood plan.**

**Date of Next Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Meeting Closed – 21:19**