

Marchington Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday 8th February 2022

Present - Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Tomkins
Parish Clerk – Becci Ede
The Chair of FOMS – Kate Cotterill
3 Members of the public

Meeting opened 19:30

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – **Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock**
2. To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – **Cllr Tomkins declared an interest in planning application P/2021/01672**
3. To approve and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 11th January 2021 - Proposed – **Cllr Hayhurst**
Seconded – **Cllr Mann**
4. Solar Farm Grant Application from FOMS. **Cllr Morgan asked all councillors if they had seen the application and asked for any questions. The Council discussed the application and queried if it was in the rules of the Solar grant, all agreed that it was. A vote was taken, all councillors voted in favour of granting £1000 from the Solar Farm account to be paid by cheque once the work is complete.**
5. Other Organisations –To receive reports from outside organisations.
 - a. ESBC – Update from Cllr Hudson – **Item took place at 20:35 on Cllr Hudson’s arrival**
Cllr Hudson updated the Council on the Burton project, MPC did not have any comments to be taken forward on the project.
Cllr Hudson informed the council of the Compassionate Community Project, being led by Cllr David Allen – The team are proposing to put together an app which holds information about local organisations that are available to help and support the local community.
Regarding the Marchington Woodlands Triangle, The Police are due to serve a 28-day warning for vehicles to be removed. If this is not adhered to, the owner will be prosecuted.
Cllr Hudson left the meeting at 21:06
 - b. Staffordshire Police – Update previously circulated
6. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
 - a. Planning Applications Received –
 - i. P/2022/00068 - Pruning of overhanging branches by up to 2 metres of 1 Leylandii tree. 8 Allens Croft., Marchington, Staffordshire , ST14 8PX – **No Objection**
 - ii. P/2022/00067 - Removal of two lower branches and pruning of 1 Plum tree by up to 2 metres. Yew Tree House, High Street, Marchington, ST14 8LD – **No Objection**
 - iii. P/2021/01667 - Erection of a two-storey rear extension and rear porch. Gwencliffe, Birch Cross, Marchington, ST14 8NX. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - iv. P/2022/00055 - Retention of handrail and balustrades to first floor balcony on rear elevation. 15 Windmill Drive, Marchington, ST14 8JP. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - v. P/2021/01672 - Erection of a first floor side and rear extension. 3 Moisty Lane, Marchington, ST14 8JY. **Cllr Morgan has received a call from a resident who was contacted by a 3rd party regarding the application. Residents of neighbouring properties are concerned about the loss of light to their property. Marchington Parish Council agreed that an extension for comments would be appropriate to allow for more time for the neighbours and for the Council to understand the impact before registering any comments – **Action Clerk, request extension from ESBC.****
 - b. Decisions Received – None
 - c. Enforcement Updates – None
7. Council owned property updates -
 - a. Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -
 - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report. **Cllr Mann, Leaves, and tree debris need to be cleared, the benches require sanding and re painting.**
 - ii. Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report. **Cllr Tomkins reported that the playground is looking good. The grass needs to be cut as soon as weather allows. At the football pitch there are broken fence posts and the catch on the gate does not work, Cllr Mann will add to the Handy Mans list to be reviewed. The**

property is owned by Evans, the Council agreed that the Clerk should contact Evans regarding the maintenance of the fence, **Action Clerk**. Signage needs to be replaced, **Action Clerk**

- b. Marchington Village Hall. Cllr Mann reported that the Hall continues to be busy with bookings.
8. Cricket Club drainage. Cllr Morgan advised that the work has started, all Councillors agreed to the works being done at the cost provided. The agreement was made via email before the meeting due the urgency.
9. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall. Cllr Hayes advised that the committee meeting had taken place in the previous week and that no issues have been raised to the Council.
10. Finance, Cllr Morgan
 - a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

Appendix A -February 2022

Date	Monies received:	£
18/01/22	Western Power	£26.23
04/01/22	Interest	£0.42
TOTAL OF RECEIPTS		£26.65

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No
12/01/22	Marchington Village Hall - Budget Meeting	£30.00	£0.00	£75.00	2486
14/01/22	Marchington Village Hall - Broadband Meeting	£45.00	£0.00		
08/02/22	Clerk Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£481.45	2485
08/02/22	Clerk travel and expenses	£32.65	£0.00		
		£556.45	£0.00	£556.45	

As of 28th January 2022

Current Account	£1,001.96
Gold Account	£41,931.48
Solar Account	£49,859.55
	£92,792.99

Proposed – Cllr Tomkins
Seconded – Cllr Hayhurst

11. Solar Farm Grant Projects, Cllr Morgan
 - a. Map lecterns – **The quote for producing the maps is £3,345.00. There are various options of the lectern available, the Council agreed we should look at the longer life materials such as powder coated steel, aluminium, or recycled plastics. The Council agreed to look at further costs and how the lecterns work (maps printed on, maps in lenses) before agreeing on a budget at the next meeting.**
 - b. Cricket Club benches – **Cllr Mann proposed that the Council refurbish the two existing Silver Lane benches and move to the proposed Cricket Club picnic area then replace with two recycled plastic 8-person benches for Silver Lane which are suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. The cost of the benches recycled plastic is £539 +vat. It was noted that to fall into the criteria of the Solar fund benches could not be replaced and that the benches at Silver Lane may not be strong enough to be moved, the Council agreed that two new low-cost wooden benches could be purchased for the Cricket Club picnic area instead of refurbishing the existing Silver Lane benches. Cllr Nixon suggested adding plaques with donation details. All Councillors voted in favour of purchasing 2 Marmax benches at £539 + vat for the Silver Lane play area. Woodend benches can be purchased later for the cricket club, costs to be presented next month.**
 - c. Footbridge - **To be revisited at the next meeting.**
 - d. Noticeboards – **The proposal to have a 2 sided, 2 pane notice board for shared use was discussed. The Council agreed that a 3 pane board in a durable man-made material is required, if this is not possible at MWWH the PC will look for an alternative location for the noticeboard. Action Clerk – Write to the MWWH committee.**
12. The Queens Jubilee celebration, Cllr Morgan – **The Council previously agreed to set aside a budget for events if residents would like to apply, this should be publicised in the Parish magazine and on the website and Facebook page with an end date of the 30th April 2022 for applications – Action Clerk. The Church intend to hold a street party on the 5th June. It was suggested by a resident to have mugs made for all children in the Parish, Cllr Morgan agreed to look at costings for this.**

13. Flooding and Drainage issues, Cllr Morgan – A Teams discussion with the EA is planned for the 9th February for the occupants of the 16 households identified as having a risk of flooding. The work seems to have started on the bund. The EA intend to attend the PC meeting on the 8th March to provide a full update and address any resident queries.
14. Broadband, Cllr Morgan – A meeting was held on the 7th February with local residents and representatives from BT. Some residents from Draycott attended and asked if they could be included within the Marchington scheme. There is a need to canvas people in the local area to increase the registration – Cllr Morgan requested a budget for £100 to produce flyers for Marchington residents – A vote was taken, all Councillors voted in favour.
15. Parish Council meetings and COVID - Cllr Morgan – The Council agreed to continue with the current set up.
16. Highways and Footpath issues -
 - a. To report Highways issues
 - Quee Lane – Cllr Hayes commented that the give way sign is located too far from the junction and should be stop sign rather than giveaway as people do not stop. The crossroads sign still missing which doesn't help the situation. Where there is vegetation blocking the view on the corner, the Landowner is happy for this to be cut back. Cllr Nixon will mark the exact location on the map to be passed over to the village Handyman to address.
 - Houndhill pothole – Clerk to check progress.
 - Allens Lane repairs – Cllr Tomkins reported that the fixed pothole has degraded in the 3 to 4 weeks since it's been done. The Chair suggested that we photograph again in another month and report to SCC.
 - Jacks Lane, Bag Lane junction – There is a trench in the road across Jacks Lane, a report should be raised - **Action Clerk.**
 - b. To report Footpath issues –
 - The Bridge behind the Church has previously been reported, could the PC contact the rambler's group regarding a fix? – **Action Clerk**
 - Forestside Footpath – There is no sign, no style and the Miscanthus is growing over the footpath and blocking access. There is also a barbed wire fence that is obstructing the footpath - **Action Clerk, contact the rambler's association and Evans Property.**
17. Correspondence, Clerk
 - a. Permission to manage tree's Silver Lane, Western Power
 - b. Email from resident re litter on Hound Hill

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

18. Cllr Vacancy – applicant review and Co Option, Cllr Morgan asked the Council if they would like to vote in a new councillor at this stage or leave the vacancy open for a longer period. All Councillors voted in favour of co-opting a new Councillor during the meeting.
The voting process took place. Mrs Rosemary Roberts was voted in (five votes in favour and one vote for the other candidate). **Action Clerk – Write to both candidates.**
19. Urgent items for input onto the 8th March 2022 Meeting

The meeting was closed at 21:58

Date of Next Meeting – 8th March 2022