

Marchington Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday 8th March 2022

Present - Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Tomkins
Parish Clerk – Becci Ede
3 Members of the public
Cllr Hudson - 20:30 – 21:04

Meeting commenced at 19:30

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – **Cllr Mann**
2. To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – **Cllr Morgan, item 13**
3. To approve and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 8th February 2021 - **Proposed – Cllr Nixon**
Seconded –Cllr Hayhurst
4. Other Organisations –To receive reports from outside organisations.
 - a. ESBC – Update from Cllr Hudson (took place after item 11)
The update covered the full ESBC Council meeting, Project E (library move) and the Council tax increase. An update on the Marchington Woodlands triangle was not available – It was suggested that MPC write to the Chief Constable for an update on the situation. Action Cllr Morgan and Clerk – Write to the Chief Constable and copy in Ben Adams and Phil Hudson.
 - 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/2022/00134 - Crown reduction in height by no more than 1m and 0.5m from the sides of the leylandii hedge. Yew Tree House, High Street, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LD. **No objection**
 - ii. P/2021/01672 - Erection of a first-floor side and rear extension. 3 Moisty Lane, Marchington, ST14 8JY. *Extension for comments until 9th March.* **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - iii. P/2020/00635 - Erection of 2 additional poultry sheds with associated control room, feed bins & hardstanding. Formation of a 1.5m high soil bund and expansion to existing drainage attenuation pond on an established poultry farm (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION) Coppice Farm, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire, ST14 8RG - **The comments made on the previous application still stand and should be re sent to the planning department - Action Clerk.**
 - iv. P/2022/00140 - Pruning of branches resting on a shed roof to one Ash tree (TPO No 281). Church Cottage, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ. **No Objection**
 - v. P/2022/00182 - Erection of a single storey and first floor side extension, extension of existing first floor dormer to front elevation, modifications to existing roof including new dormers to rear elevation and pitched roof to existing garage and front porch. Brookside, Birch Cross, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8NU. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - vi. P/2022/00109 - Conversion of existing garage into additional living accommodation with associated link extension, front and rear extensions to main dwelling to accommodate a loft conversion and other external alterations. The Orchard, Allen's Lane, Marchington, ST14 8LA. **Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming that all environmental issues are considered.**
 - vii. P/2022/00202 - Felling of 3 Spruce trees. Church Farm, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ **No Comment**
 - viii. P/2022/00194 - Reduction of lateral spread of the crown by 1.0m-1.5m (dependent upon where sympathetic pruning cuts can be made) all round and cleaning of the whole crown during the works of 1 Willow tree. 12 Woodland Views, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8NF **No Comment**
 - b. Decisions 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 – **No Objection**
 - ii. P/2022/00010 - Reduce branches from Elm trees overhanging into garden by approximately 2 metres. Yew Tree House High Street, Marchington. ST14 8LD. **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. **No Objection**
 - c. Enforcement Updates – None
It was noted that the temporary accommodation on the property next to Smallwood has not been removed although the building work appears to be completed – Action Clerk, contact ESBC.

6. Council owned property updates -
- a. Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -
 - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Nixon – **Comments included the poor state of the fence, and that an addition of a noticeboard would be useful. There have been issues with Dogs in play area and off leads plus dog poo bags being left in trees. Action Clerk – Look into better signage options, can we refresh the stickers on dog poo bins.**
 - ii. Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Hayes – **The report will be forwarded in the next week.**
7. Cricket Club, Cllr Morgan
- a. Drainage - **The work is now complete – Action Cllr Hayes, look at mapping the pipes in case of future issues.**
 - b. Memorial request – **A request has been made to place a memorial bench and a plaque at the cricket club for Alan Wainwright, The Council agreed to support with the cost of the plaque, Cllr Nixon volunteered to look at the cost of having a plaque made.**
8. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Cllr Hayes – **The Council agreed that a new noticeboard for PC use should be situated further towards the old schoolhouse on Tinkers Lane – Action Clerk, contact Highways regarding permission and re price the Noticeboard.**
9. Finance, Cllr Morgan
- a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

Appendix A -March 2022

Date	Monies received:	£
01/02/22	Interest	£0.33

TOTAL OF RECEIPTS

£0.33

Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No
01/03/22	Marmax Recycled Products - Silver Lane Benches	£1,148.00	£229.60	£1,377.60	2487
14/02/22	Hello Print - Flyers for Broadband Scheme- Reimburse Elizabeth Morgan	£87.98	£0.60	£102.58	2488
01/03/22	Marchington Village Shop, Broadband Scheme Advertisment (facebook post boost) - Reimburse Elizabeth Morgan	£14.00	£0.00		
08/02/22	Clerk Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£526.73	2489
08/02/22	Clerk travel and expenses	£69.03	£8.90		
01/03/22	Wainwright Rhodes Design Ltd - Cricket Club Drains	£1,750.00	£0.00	£1,750.00	2490
01/03/22	Alan Mee - Cricket Club Drains	£3,550.00	£0.00	£3,550.00	2491
		£7,067.81	£239.10	£7,306.91	

As of 28th February 2022

Current Account	£1,005.31
Gold Account	£40,671.81
Solar Account	£49,859.55
	£91,536.67

Proposed – **Cllr Bicknell**

Seconded – **Cllr Hayes**

- b. Clerk's tax payments, Clerk – **All agreed that the Clerk make private tax payments.**
10. Solar Farm Grant Projects, Cllr Morgan
- a. Map lecterns – **Revisit with final costs and designs next month.**
 - b. Cricket Club/ Silver Lane benches – **Marmax benches will arrive this week, Cllr Mann, and Cllr Morgan will arrange the fitting. A vote was taken, all Councillors agreed to spend around £250 on the fitting, all in favour. The Cricket club have ordered 2 benches on behalf of the PC for the picnic area at a cost of £210 – A vote was taken, all Councillors voted in favour of the £210 spend. Both amounts to come from the Solar Fund. Cllr Nixon to enquire about plaques for the benches.**

- c. Footbridge - **Deferred to the next meeting.**
11. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) on the B5017, Cllr Morgan - **A discussion took place, the Council agreed that the cost and management should not be down to the PC.**
12. The Queens Jubilee celebration, Cllr Morgan – **An application form has been created for the fund.**
13. Marchington Village Festival Sponsorship, Cllr Morgan – **All voted in favour of giving £250 to the Marchington Village Festival (Cllr Morgan abstained)**
14. Flooding and Drainage issues, Cllr Morgan – **Kathy Kompfner has taken over from Vicki Liu, the EA have planned a meeting/drop-in session at Marchington Village Hall on the 26th April 4pm-7pm. The Council agreed that MPC pay for the village hall but ask for the EA to reimburse. Severn Trent have been invited to the meeting but are yet to confirm, Cllr Bicknell suggested MPC contact the Consumer Council for Water regarding the Severn Trent sewerage issue, **Action Cllr Morgan and Clerk.** A resident has written to MPC to enquire if the brook should be cleared by the landowners, the council discussed and recommended that they take advice from the EA on the matter. The EA intend to attend the next MPC meeting.**
15. Broadband Update, Cllr Morgan – **A Meeting with BT Openreach took place on Monday the 7th March. A great number of people have been involved and have worked hard to get many households to sign up. Openreach will now put forward the scheme then email all residents who have signed up to ask them to pledge that they will go ahead with this.**
16. Parish Council meetings and COVID – April meeting to be held at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Cllr Morgan - **The PC agreed to return to the John Elwood Lounge for the June meeting.**
17. Antisocial Behaviour, Forestside, Cllr Mann - **Deferred to the April meeting**
18. Highways and - Footpath issues, Clerk
- To report Highways issues – **Woodlands Crossroads sign, chase up – Action Clerk**
 - To report Footpath issues – **Forestside Footpath, awaiting a response from SCC, Clerk to chase up next week and try to contact the landowner– Action Clerk**
19. Correspondence, Clerk
- Complaint from resident re litter on Jacks Lane – **ESBC have been made aware**
 - Response from ESBC regarding litter from refuse vehicle
 - Response from SCC regarding the footpath at Forestside
 - Response from ESBC re fly tipping in the Woodlands
 - Response from ESBC re litter in the Village
 - Response from SCC regarding the flood on the B5017
 - Response from Evans property re footpath at Forestside

Confidential Discussion – Members of the public are asked to leave the meeting.

20. Resident letter received by Cllr Morgan - **A letter from a resident was sent directly to Cllr Morgan’s Parish Council email address regarding the PCs involvement in supporting the Bulls Head. Cllr Morgan has advised the resident that he is not acting on behalf of the Council in this matter and that Marchington Parish Council have no involvement.**
21. Urgent items for input onto the 12th April 2022 Meeting - **There has been an increase in noise coming from industrial estate that can be heard on Silver Lane and Jack’s Lane at all hours of the day and night– Action Clerk – Contact Hortons before the next meeting.**

Meeting Closed at 21:50

Date of Next Meeting – 12th April 2022