

Marchington Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Present - Cllr Bullock, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Tomkins, Cllr Robberts
Parish Clerk – Becci Ede
3 Members of the public

Meeting opened 19:30

1. To receive apologies and accept and record approval of absence – Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Hudson
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 10th May 2022 - Proposed – Cllr Hayes
Seconded – Cllr Hayhurst
4. Other Organisations – To receive reports from outside organisations.
 - a. ESBC – No update
 - 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/2022/00492 - Reduce by up to 1.2 metres, cut back to level the bulge by the house and tidy up the sides of 1 Yew hedge. Location: The Grange, East View, High Street, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LD – No comment
 - b. Decisions Received –
 - i. P/2022/00208 - Proposed change of use of existing maize and grass crops (agricultural land) as a maize maze and car park (Class F.2) including kiosk for a three-month period per year Dove Fields, Station Road, Draycott In The Clay, DE6 5GX - Permitted
 - ii. P/2022/00492 - Reduce by up to 1.2 metres, cut back to level the bulge by the house and tidy up the sides of 1 Yew hedge Location: The Grange, East View, High Street, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LD – No Objection
 - c. Enforcement Updates – [Action Clerk, to follow up with enforcement re Charnwood.](#)
6. Council owned property updates -
 - a. Play areas and outdoor park areas, safety checks -
 - i. Silver Lane playground monthly safety report, Cllr Tomkins – Multi-play climbing frame and slide, one of the treads going up has rotted at the end, Cllr Tomkins advised that it should be fixed soon. - [Action Clerk, investigate further and look at repairs.](#)
 - ii. Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report, Cllr Morgan – No issues reported.
 - b. Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann – A significant investment has been made in purchasing a new set of chairs, the old chairs are available for other organisations. The planning application for the work on the frontage will need to be done by the Parish Clerk but the committee will cover the fee.
7. Cricket Club, Chair
 - a. Memorial plate costs – 4 quotes were shared with the Council. All Councillors voted in favour of ordering the plaque from Burton Industrial Engraving Ltd – [Action Clerk, place order](#)
8. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Chair – There has been an agreement between the two Woodlands representatives of MPC on how best to communicate between MWWH and MPC going forward. The Cllrs will no longer attend the MWWH monthly meetings. Instead, all issues will be communicated via email to the representatives and the Clerk – [Action Clerk, confirm this via email to KP.](#)
9. Marchington Woodlands Triangle, Chair – Cllr Hudson has advised that a meeting will take place between ESBC and Staffordshire Police in the coming weeks.
10. Flooding, Chair – The drains have overflowed on Church Lane again, Severn Trent came and fixed the issue. The Council requested a meeting to discuss this issue prior to any further work being done. [Action Clerk – Arrange teams meeting with Seven Trent Reps.](#)
Cathy Kompfner requested to use the car park on Silver Lane for a site meeting regarding the bund works, the Council agreed to this - [Action Clerk, inform CK of the permission.](#)

11. Marchington Industrial Estate Road, Chair – The Chair and Vice Chair are due to attend a meeting held by Draycott Parish Council on the 15th of June. The Chair asked what the Councils view was on the industrial estate road. A discussion took place, the Council agreed that more information is needed on what the plan is, but all agreed that bringing more traffic into a small rural area would not be desirable.

12. Finance, Chair

a. To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

The council agreed to hold off paying the Perennial invoices until all invoices have been re issued.

Appendix A - June 2022						
Date	Monies received:	£				
03/05/22	Interest	£3.81				
20/05/22	TTTV Grant Award	£702.53				
TOTAL OF RECEIPTS		£706.34				
Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No	
29/04/22	Perennial Landscapes Ltd - April	£492.93	£98.59	£591.52	2502	Hold off until July
31/05/22	Perennial Landscapes Ltd - May	£478.57	£95.71	£574.28	2512	Hold off until July
26/04/22	Wainwright Rhodes Design Ltd - Cricket Club Drains	£140.00	£0.00	£140.00	2517	
26/04/22	Alen Mee - Cricket Club Drains	£687.00	£0.00	£687.00	2518	
14/06/22	Handy Man salary and expenses	£232.17	£0.00	£232.17	2513	
14/06/22	Clerk Salary	£448.80	£0.00	£533.48	2514	
14/06/22	Clerk travel and expenses	£76.50	£8.18			
21/02/22	Marchington Village Hall - EA meeting	£54.00	£0.00	£54.00	2515	
14/06/22	Friends Of Marchington School - Solar Grant (set up transfer from Leek account)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	2516	
14/06/22	Friends Of Marchington School - Solar Grant (set up transfer from Leek account)	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	2519	
		£2,838.47	£8.18	£2,846.65		
As of 30th May 2022						
Current Account		£1,009.59				
Gold Account		£47,253.40				
Solar Account		£53,547.06				
		£101,810.05				

Proposed – Cllr Bullock

Seconded – Cllr Hayhurst

b. Parish Council salary structure

i. The Chair advised that the Clerk has resigned, 3 months' notice will be worked; in that time the Council need to recruit a replacement. The Council agreed to advertise on the website, Facebook page, with the SPCA, and in the Parish Magazine. **Action Clerk – Email job advert to the Chair and Vice Chair for approval.**

The Council agreed that the Clerk Salary should be within the LC2 scale, a pay rise should be awarded and backdated to April 2021 for the current Clerk and the position should be advertised at this rate.

ii. The Handy Man salary – The Chair proposed that the Handy Man have an increase from £12 to £14 per hour. All Councillors voted in favour of increasing the salary to £14 per hour.

Cllr Robberts suggested talking to Sudbury prison for help with jobs such as painting – **Action Clerk, contact Sudbury.**

c. 2021/2022 Accounts to be approved for audit

Approve Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2021/22 - The Council took a vote, all Councillors voted in favour of approving the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2021/22.

The Clerk advised that the current internal auditor is not able to continue supporting and this will be his last year.

d. Mobile phone costs – Costs were shared with the Council, all Councillors agreed that a new phone should be purchased by the Clerk – **Action Clerk, purchase new phone with a budget of around £80-£85**

13. Highways and Footpath issues, Clerk

a. Highways issues – White marks have appeared on the roads around the Parish, it is believed that pothole repairs are planned to take place soon. A resident noted that Hound hill has not been marked and the potholes are getting worse – **Action Clerk, follow up on reports.**

b. Footpaths –

i. Forestside Footpath - The Clerk has spoken to the landowner, they are not willing to have the bridge put in over the ditch, they would prefer to reroute the footpath, this has been referred to the footpaths officer at SCC.

ii. Green Lane Footpaths - The landowner has cut the edge of the field so the path should now be wider. The landowner is happy for the bridge to be replaced by SCC; this has been communicated to the Footpaths officer.

14. Correspondence, Clerk

023832DW - Claimed Right of Way Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – The Council were concerned about the future usage; would this allow bikes and cars? [Action Clerk, request more information](#)
East Midlands Airport – Airspace Modernisation Programme, Stage 2 – **The Chair intends to attend the meeting.**

15. Urgent items for input onto the 12th July 2022 Meeting

Cricket Club Parking - Residents of Jacks Lane have complained about parking for the Cricket Club, the residents were advised by Cllr Bullock that it would be a matter for the Police. The PC have worked with the Cricket Club to communicate to all members that the Silver Lane car park should be used, It may be worth the Council looking to install additional signage. The hedges need to be cut so that signage is visible, this should not be cut until after nesting season in September.

Silver Lane Bridge Project – Cllr Morgan advised that there is a grant available of £1000 from SCC, all agreed that Cllr Morgan should apply for this to go towards the bridge project.

Meeting Closed – 21:15

Date of Next Meeting – 12th July 2022