

# Marchington Parish Council Minutes

## of the meeting held on

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### at Marchington Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Bicknell, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Roberts, Clare Nash, Parish Clerk

3 Members of the Public

#### Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. **Apologies for absence** received and accepted from Cllr Hayes, Cllr Tomkins, Cllr Hudson
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations received** – None
3. **The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were signed as a true record of the meeting**  
Proposed – Cllr Hayhurst  
Seconded – Cllr Bullock
4. **Public Forum** – No representations made
5. **Marchington Woodlands Permanent Agenda Item** –Parish Council thanked for providing the Christmas Tree.
6. **Forestsides Permanent Agenda Item** - None
7. **Other Organisations** –Reports received from outside organisations.
  - a) ESBC – None
  - b) Staffordshire Police – Previously circulated. There have been several car thefts locally using keyless entry. Residents have noticed a few suspicious sightings of people parking in the village late at night. **Action: Clerk to request more police patrols.**
8. **To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions review planning appeals and enforcement issues.**

Cllr Mann apologised for previous inaccuracy regarding the number of four-bedroom houses identified in the Bagshaws planning application.

  - a) **Planning Applications Received** –
    - i) **P/2022/01230** - Proposal: Retention of 2 portacabins and flue for use as a staff canteen with associated covered outdoor seating area. Location: Marchington Industrial Estate, Stubby Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LP Grid Ref: 413533 329813 **Comments:** Issues of food smells and noise from a generator were raised.
    - ii) **P/2022/01336** - Proposal: Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage on with matters reserved. Location: Land adjacent to Frostfields, Silver Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LL Grid Ref: 413398 330348 **Comments:** Marchington Parish Council objects to this development on the grounds that it is on the flood plain and would therefore be at risk of flooding. It is not in an area identified by the Neighbourhood Plan as being suitable for development and if permitted would degrade the value of the Neighbourhood Plan. It impacts on the turning circle at the bottom of the lane which is used for access to the playing fields & by dog walkers. As a point of information, it is situated in the buffer zone between the village and the Industrial estate.
    - iii) **P/2022/01124** - Proposal: Retention of 4x roof lights and replacement windows. Location: Brookside House, Church Lane, Marchington, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ. **Comments:** Marchington Parish Council objects to this retrospective planning application on the grounds that the property is in the Conservation Area of the village and the rules should be upheld. The building has a very prominent position in the village with a long frontage. All windows have already been installed. The PC thinks that developers know that a retrospective planning application is more likely to be permitted than if applied for in advance
    - iv) **P/2022/01309** - Proposal: Conversion and alteration of existing outbuilding to form a holiday let. Location: Outbuilding at Dog and Partridge, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire ST14 8LJ **Comments:** Marchington Parish Council object to this proposal based on the grounds that the property is in area of the village subject to flooding and the lack of parking already at the Dog and Partridge. If permitted, it should meet the criteria of the Conservation Area and not be permitted to become residential.
    - v) **P/2022/01364** - Proposal: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the continued use of Smallwood Manor as a C2 Residential Institutions. Location: Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, Staffordshire, ST14 8NS **PC Comments:** Marchington Parish Council has no objection to this proposal.

- b) Decisions Received –
    - i) P/2022/00785 - Conversion and alterations of an existing L-shaped outbuilding into an annexe Holly Bank, High Street, Marchington, Uttoxeter, ST14 8LD – **Decision:** Permitted subject to conditions.
    - ii) P/2022/01179 - Proposal: Felling of one Ash tree Location: Church Farm, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ **Decision:** Permitted
  - c) Enforcement Updates
    - i) P/2022/00581 Charnwood – Still awaiting plans to be available. **Action: Clerk to keep chasing.**
    - ii) The Orchard, Allens Lane – Still waiting for a planning application to be made. **Action: Clerk to keep chasing.** It would help the case if residents could also object.
    - iii) Driveway widening at 34 Church Lane – **Action: Clerk to ask Enforcement to if planning permission is required.**
  - d) Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Plan – previously circulated. **PC Comment:** It would be advisable to stipulate where houses can be built.
9. **Council owned property** - To receive reports & action if required
- a) Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks – Cllr Mann & Clerk visited both play areas recently to assess repairs required. Handyman will repair the fence shortly, other repairs to wait for better weather. Safety signs and dog poo signs have also been put up. Chair thanked resident for help with this. Resident suggested additional poo bins at end of Church Lane and Station Road. Discussion followed about the possibility of a noticeboard at Silver Lane to give information to users of the playground and football pitch. **Action: Clerk to look at costs.**
    - i) Silver Lane playground monthly safety report. **Action: Cllr Roberts to send to clerk.**
    - ii) Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report – swing with cracked seat reported but considered ok.
  - b) Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann reported that planning permission has been applied for the new frontage. The application has been entirely funded by the VH.
  - c) Cricket Club – There are a few trees overhanging the Cricket Club garage and some trees are looking dangerous. It was decided that clerk would get quotes for a tree survey for all areas of the village. **Action: Clerk to get quotes.**
10. **Flooding**
- a) EA Briefing Note - previously circulated. The EA do not consider dredging the brook to be beneficial.
  - b) Culvert Ditch – Resident suggested that the new SCC Flood Risk Manager, Jamie Cooper, may be able to assist. **Action: Clerk to contact**
  - c) Bund access design – previously circulated. No comments.
11. **Silver Lane bridge project** – Cllr Morgan informed the council that discussions are ongoing regarding the design.
12. **Fibre Broadband** – Draycott PC have expressed a wish to join our project, discussion followed. Cllr Morgan is arranging to meet with Lila Connect to discuss options.
13. **St Peter’s Church car boot sale at Silver Lane Playing Field.** – More information is required before a decision can be reached. **Action: Clerk to contact.**
14. **CPR training for residents.** Cllr Mann suggested that CPR training maybe more beneficial to residents than the AED. Quotes have been obtained. It was resolved to assess the level of interest by advertising via the Chairman’s report in Parish Magazine. **Action: Chair**
15. **Marchington Industrial Estate** – Issues were discussed at a meeting with Hortons who agreed to remind tenants to keep noise down especially at night. Security guards on 24 hours but don’t have the keys to all the buildings so if alarms go off, they can only contact the tenant concerned. Hortons are aware of flooding issues and drains are cleared regularly. Recent issues of HGV’s lost in the village have been reported to Hortons who have contacted tenants asking them to remind all drivers of the access arrangements. Resident suggested that PC asks for improved signage at entrances to the village. **Action: Clerk to ask SCC Highways**
16. **East Midlands Airspace Modernisation Programme Stage 2** – Cllr Mann attended meeting and considered the impact on the village to be minimal.
17. **HMP Dovegate** – Clerk has received assurance that Prison Director has informed suppliers and GeoArney that they should not travel through the village. Cllr Mann has accepted an invitation from the Chaplain to attend the carol service at the prison.
18. **Finance**
- a. Payments as listed in Appendix A were authorised.
    - Proposed – Cllr Nixon
    - Seconded – Cllr Bicknell
  - b. Budget considerations –. PC needs to budget for election costs which could be as much as £5000
  - c. Precept Grants & MTBC application – Cllrs have decided that this application is more appropriate for a Solar Fund grant.

Appendix A -December 2022					
Date	Monies received:	£			
01/11/22	Interest	£16.39			
07/11/22	Transfer from Solar acc. to Gold acc. (materials for Solar bench project)	£109.90			
<b>TOTAL OF RECEIPTS</b>		<b>£126.29</b>			
Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No
30/11/22	John Lloyd (Handyman)	£161.00	£0.00	£161.00	2567
28/11/22	Alan Mee Invoice 15 (Christmas Trees)	£330.00	£0.00	£330.00	2568
30/11/22	Clerk salary	£568.40	£0.00	£662.15	2569
31/11/22	Clerk travel and expenses (inc. playground safety signs)	£83.75	£10.00		
30/11/22	Clerk back pay	£98.00	£0.00	£98.00	
30/11/22	Bob Geofferson (Handyman)	£84.00	£0.00	£84.00	2570
08/12/22	SPCA Invoice SI-915 (Clerk training course)	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00	2571
<b>TOTAL OF PAYMENTS</b>		<b>£1,400.15</b>	<b>£25.00</b>	<b>£1,425.15</b>	
<b>As of 30th November 2022</b>					
	Current Account	£1,007.45			
	Gold Account	£38,347.74			
	Solar Account	£55,763.16			
		<b>£95,118.35</b>			

## 19. Highways and Footpath issues

### a. Highways issues

- i. Chevron at Birch Cross – Clerk has chased this up with SCC Highways again.
- ii. White line at Church Lane corner – discussion took place regarding this proposal. **Action: Clerk to talk to SCC**
- iii. Potholes – ongoing issues. **Action: Clerk to continue to report. Residents need to report also to add weight..**
- iv. Silver Lane flooded road – SCC Highways have been made aware.
- v. CSW signs & speed indicator signs - SID's could be expensive and a lot of work for the PC. Where to be sited?  
**Action: Clerk to ask SCC Highways. Action: Chair to ask for more CSW volunteers.**
- vi. Flooding on road at Birch Cross – SCC Highways are aware.
- vii. Quee Lane – Accident recently. **Action: Clerk to make SCC Highways aware.**

### b. Footpaths –

- i. Houndhill/Forestside footpath – site meeting re-arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> January
- ii. Footpath reinstatement – fields behind Church and from Green Lane to Church have been ploughed right to the edge, leaving no path for walkers. **Action: Clerk to write to landowner to ask for footpath to be reinstated.**

## 20. Correspondence, Clerk

- i) PSE virtual events – circulated as appropriate
- ii) Community Grant Scheme – circulated
- iii) Notification of external auditor - Mazaars
- iv) SPCA Playground Inspection Courses – It was decided that Annual Inspection sufficient
- v) CPRE Invitation to join. – It was decided not to join.

**Confidential – Members of the Public left the meeting at 9.35pm**

21. **Clerk Remuneration** – NALC recent pay award was agreed for both current and previous clerk.

22. Urgent items for input onto the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Meeting - None

**Meeting closed at 9.45pm**

**Date of Next Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**