

Marchington Parish Council Minutes
of the meeting held on
Tuesday 10th January 2023
at Marchington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Tomkins

Clare Nash – Parish Clerk
7 Members of the public
Cllr Hudson (20:25-21:32)

Meeting opened at 19:30

1. **Apologies for absence received** and accepted from – Cllr Bullock, Cllr Bicknell
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations received** – Cllr Mann – Trustee of Village Hall. No vote on item 15. d. iii
3. **The minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2022 were signed** as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed – Cllr Hayhurst
Seconded – Cllr Roberts
4. **Public Forum** – A resident spoke to Councillors to explain the reasoning behind his retrospective planning application. Chair thanked him for his explanation.
Resident left meeting at 19:40
5. **Marchington Woodlands Permanent Agenda Item** - None
6. **Forestside Permanent Agenda Item** - None
7. **Other Organisations** – Reports received from outside organisations.
 - a) ESBC – Update from Cllr Hudson (took place after item 14) Cllr Hudson wished everyone a happy new year and thanked Cllrs for their hard work. ESBC going to accommodate the National Brewery Centre Museum. The Maltings in Uttoxeter will be coming up for consultation very soon, Cllr Hudson asked Cllrs to let him know of their opinion so he can represent the Parish Council views. Chairman informed him about PC response to Charnwood planning application. **Action: Clerk to copy Cllr Hudson into the PC response.**
 - b) Staffordshire Police – No report from PCSO but there have been recent reports of farm theft in Marchington Woodlands.
8. **To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions, review planning appeals and enforcement issues.**
 - a) Planning Applications Received –
 - i) **P/2022/01341** Proposal: Replacement canopy porch to the front elevation Location: Marchington Village Hall, The Square, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LH Grid Ref: 413446 330919 **PC Comments: No comments**
 - ii) **P/2022/01209** Proposal: Alterations to dormers, erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, alterations to the existing porch and erection of new entrance gates, fencing and walling Location: The Old Chapel, Hodge Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Uttoxeter, ST14 8PE Grid Ref: 410009 329054 **PC Comments: Marchington Parish Council makes no objection assuming all environmental issues are considered and the new developments are in keeping with the historic nature of the existing building.**
 - b) Decisions Received – None
 - c) Enforcement Updates
 - i) P/2022/00581 Charnwood – retrospective application has now been received and discussion took place. The Parish Council objects very strongly to this application and will gather evidence to support this position. **Action: Clerk & Councillors**
 - ii) The Orchard, Allens Lane – PC will wait to see the application when it is available.
9. **Council owned property** - Reports received & actions required
 - a) Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -
 - i) Silver Lane playground monthly safety report - Gates & fencing noted as requiring attention.
 - ii) Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report- not received. **Action: Cllr Morgan will do this.**
 - iii) Silver Lane Playing Field - It was reported that frequently dogs are loose & not under control which poses a risk for children. Dog mess on the football pitches is also problem. **Actions: Chair to use report in in the parish magazine to remind residents of dangers of loose dogs and dog mess. Clerk: To request ESBC to send out dog enforcement officer.**

- b) Marchington Village Hall –The PC has applied for planning to replace the canopy porch. MVH Trustees are fund raising currently for this and applying for grants also
- c) Cricket Club – The clerk is getting quotes for a tree survey. **Action: Cllr Hayhurst to send details of company to clerk.** The owner of the overgrown hedge along the driveway has been contacted by the PC and has agreed to trim back the hedge.

10. **Marchington Woodlands Village Hall** – No issues reported.

11. **Flooding**

- a) Culvert ditch – Clerk has emailed Jamie Cooper regarding this issue.
- b) New Years Eve high water incident – Gauge malfunctioned but has now been fixed.
- c) Driveway in Church Lane – Chair has visited owner and explained planning requirements. Enforcement will not intervene unless there is a contravention.
- d) Bag Lane – water bubbling up where the bank is collapsing. Cllr Hayhurst has reported to SSW.

12. **Map Lecterns & Noticeboard** – Maps are still in progress. Clerk reported that SCC Highways have given permission for noticeboard & lectern to be installed in the Woodlands but need to contact ESBC for the lectern at Forestside. **Action: Clerk to contact ESBC**

13. **Silver Lane bridge project** – It was decided that written permission from the EA should be sought for clarification. **Action: Clerk to contact EA**

14. **Fibre Broadband** – Cllr Morgan reported that a meeting with Lilaconnect has been arranged for 17th January to discuss options for the village and the Woodlands.

Cllr Hudson joined the meeting at 20.25

15. **Finance, Chair**

- a. Payments as listed in Appendix A were authorised.

Proposed – Cllr Tomkins

Seconded – Cllr Nixon

- b. To consider, agree and approve the Parish Council budget for year 2023-24 (by show of hands). Current year accounts were reviewed and the proposed budget discussed. Rental income was discussed, and it was decided to review at February meeting. **Action: Cllr Hayes to send a copy of the Parish Garden lease to clerk.** Chair recommended that the Cllrs approve the budget & keep the precept at the current rate. **All Councillors voted in favour of approving the proposed budget.**
- c. To consider, agree and approve the Parish Council Precept Request for year 2023-24 (by show of hands) Chair proposed to maintain the precept at the current rate. **All Councillors voted in favour.**
- d. Precept Grants – To vote on Chair’s recommendations for a grant (by show of hands)
 - i. St Johns Church – **The Chair proposed to award a grant of £2000 to St Johns Church - All Councillors voted in favour.**
 - ii. St Peters Church - **The Chair proposed to award a grant of £2000 to St Peters Church - All Councillors voted in favour.**
 - iii. Marchington Village Hall - **The Chair proposed to award a grant of £2000 to Marchington Village Hall - All Councillors voted in favour (Cllr Mann abstained)**
 - iv. Marchington Woodlands Village Hall - **The Chair proposed to award a grant of £2000 to Marchington Woodlands Village Hall - All Councillors voted in favour.**

3 residents left the meeting at 21.04pm

16. **Highways and Footpath issues, Clerk**

- a. Highways issues

- i. Flooding on road at Birch Cross – reported to SCC Highways, Cllr Hudson and Cllr Atkins contacted for support, resulting in temporary traffic lights. Huge pothole (Cat A) will need to be fixed ASAP. Chair asked Cllr Hudson for support to resolve this issue. **Action: Clerk to email Cllr Atkins to request that SCC fix the issue permanently.**
- ii. Chevron at Birch Cross – **Action: Clerk to keep chasing.** Clerk reported that Quee Lane sign replacement is scheduled for later this month.
- iii. CSW signs & speed indicator signs – CSW signs & costs were discussed. **Action: Clerk to find out more about costs and requirements for CSW signs.** Speed Indicator Devices were discussed. Cost is considerable. **Action: Clerk to find out if Philp Atkins would contribute funds and contact Lisa Hall (SCC) to find out where it could be positioned.**
- iv. Potholes – ongoing. Cllr Hudson reported that SCC are adopting new working practices that should see improvements in fixing potholes. Resident reported that she has contacted the MP and local Cllrs to ask for support to get potholes on Hound Hill repaired.

- b. Footpaths, Clerk

- i. Footpath reinstatement – Clerk has written to landowner regarding this issue.

17. **Correspondence**, Clerk

- i) Leek United Building Society
- ii) Historical note – forwarded to Cllrs. **Action: Clerk to send additional information to Cllr Roberts.**
- iii) Police & Fire Council tax contributions survey – forwarded to Cllrs
- iv) Planning Policy ESBC re Abbots Bromley NP
- v) St Peter’s PCC – replied to request for car boot sale.

18. **Urgent items** for input onto the 14th February 2023 Meeting

- a) Church Close EA Access Design – needs more information and residents should be contacted. **Action: Clerk to write to residents.**
- b) ‘Closing the Gap’ works on the Church Lane bridge carried out on schedule this week.

Meeting closed at 21:32pm

Date of Next Meeting – 14th February 2023

Appendix A -January 2023					
Date	Monies received:	£			
01/12/22	Interest	£16.29			
TOTAL OF RECEIPTS		£16.29			
Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No
31/12/22	John Lloyd (Handyman) - wages	£126.00	£0.00	£126.00	2572
31/12/22	Previous Clerk Back Pay - as agreed at December PC meeting	£225.50	£0.00	£225.50	2573
31/12/22	Clerk salary	£568.40	£0.00	£600.25	2574
31/12/22	Clerk travel and expenses	£31.85	£0.00		
31/12/22	Reimburse Jane Hilton - for trees purchased (SCC Climate fund grant)	£135.42	£27.08	£162.50	2575
31/12/22	Reimburse Karen Perrins for Defibrillator spares (as agreed at September meeting)	£149.99	£30.00	£179.99	2579
21/12/22	ESBC Inv Inv 770321 - Trade refuse bin at MVH	£86.71	£0.00	£86.71	2577
21/12/22	ESBC Inv 770132 - Roadsweeping & litter bins	£539.82	£107.96	£647.78	2576
23.12.22	Marchington Village Hall (booking for Lilaconnect mtg)	£16.00	£0.00	£16.00	2578
TOTAL OF PAYMENTS		£1,879.69	£165.04	£2,044.73	
As of 31st December 2022					
	Current Account			£1,002.30	
	Gold Account			£37,034.03	
	Solar Account			£55,763.16	
				£93,799.49	

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - SMALL GRANTS 2023-24 (PROPOSED)			
Grants given under Section 133,137, 214(6)and 106			
ORGANISATION	Amount Requested 2023/24	Chairman's Suggestions	Agreed Amount
Marchington Village Hall	£2,500.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Woodlands Village Hall	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
St. Peters Church	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
St. John's Church	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Marchington Tennis & Bowls Club	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
Precept Request Totals	£11,500.00	£8,000.00	£8,000.00