# Marchington Parish Council Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Marchington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst (Chair), Cllr Mann, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Tomkins, Clare Nash, Parish Clerk 6 Members of the Public

#### Meeting opened at 7.30pm

- 1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Bullock, Cllr Glover and Cllr Hudson
- 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations on items relating to the agenda None
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved & signed as a true record Proposed Cllr Hayes Seconded Cllr Mann
- 4. Public Forum None
- 5. Marchington Woodlands Permanent Agenda Item –request received from a resident for the PC to install fencing & a seat at the Chapel Triangle as previously years ago. The triangle is owned by SCC Highways and the proposal would need their agreement. Parish Councillors would like more input from Woodland's residents & it was suggested that a coffee morning could be held for residents to discuss the proposal. A resident (present at the meeting) will contact MWVH committee to arrange. The PC to be advised of the outcome at the August meeting.
- 6. Forestside Permanent Agenda Item None
- 7. Other Organisations –To receive reports from outside organisations.
  - a) ESBC Chair reported that Cllr Hudson will take up the issue of rural policing with the P & C Commissioner on behalf of the Parish Council. He has warned that funding for grants & schemes is changing which may result in less money for rural areas. PC may want to alert community groups to ESBC funding that will be available for them, but more info required. Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Hudson for more information.
  - b) Staffordshire Police Report previously circulated. Patrols being carried out in the area. Cllr noted that criminals are targeting keyless entry vehicles, this is preventable if a Faraday pouch is used to store the keys when not being used.
- 8. Clerk's Report (previously circulated)
  - a) The Parish Council application for the Bulls Head Pub to be accredited as an ACV has received approval from ESBC.
  - b) HMP Dovegate access to the land for walkers is unchanged.
  - Improved signage at village entrances A Report IT has been previously submitted and will be followed up with SCC Highways.
  - d) Severn Trent outstanding action will be added to August agenda.
- 9. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions, review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
  - a) Planning Applications Received
  - P/2023/00637 Proposal: Erection of a part two storey part first floor office block extension with associated balcony area. Location: CTR Group Limited, Marchington Industrial Estate, 30 Stubby Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LP Grid Ref: 413533 32981 MPC Comments: No comments. Action: Clerk to send information to resident.
  - ii) P/2023/00652 Proposal: Installation of a map lectern Location: Verge Near to Village Hall, Tinkers Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8PF MPC Comments: None
  - iii) P/2023/00588 Proposal: Formation of an Outdoor Horse Riding Arena with associated fencing for private use Location: Higher Stock Lane Farm, Stock Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire, ST14 8PA Grid Ref: 411922 329767 MPC Comments: No objections provided there are no flood lights & it is for personal use only & not commercial.
  - b) Decisions Received
  - i) P/2023/00478- Proposal: Proposed use of existing maize and grass crops (agricultural land) as a maize maze and car park (Class F.2) including kiosk for a 3 month period per year. Location: Dove Fields, Station Road, Draycott In The Clay, Staffordshire, DE6 5GX Decision: Permitted
  - ii) P/2023/00567 Proposal: Cut back Leylandii Conifer hedge back to the boundary wall. Location: White Walls, 2 Jacks Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LW Decision: Permitted

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- iii) P/2023/00568 Proposal: Cut back one Conifer hedge back to the boundary wall. Location: The Firs, 4 Jacks Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LW Decision: Permitted
- iv) P/2022/01309 Proposal: Conversion and alteration of existing outbuilding to form a holiday let (amended plans received) Location: Outbuilding at, Dog and Partridge, Church Lane, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LJ Decision: Permitted
- c) Enforcement Updates None
- 10. Council owned property To receive reports & action if required.
  - a) Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks
    - i) Silver Lane playground monthly safety report carried out by Cllr Bullock. Some damage to driveway by EA and the Air Skier is broken and currently out of action. Action: Clerk to arrange repair to Air Skier. Clerk to Ask EA for a copy of their pre-start survey.
    - ii) Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report carried out by Cllr Hayes No issues.
  - b) Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann reported that MVH have appointed contractors for the new canopy and work will start soon. No grant funding has been obtained unfortunately. MVH Committee is hoping to arrange a monthly coffee morning for residents.
  - c) Cricket Club An email received on day of meeting regarding the proposed hedge cutting needs consideration by the Parish Council, therefore item postponed to the August meeting.
- 11. Highways & Footpath issues,
  - a) Highways issues
    - i) HGV traffic on the B5017 Chair reported that complaints have been received from residents regarding the A50 diversions causing high volumes of HGV traffic on B5017 & causing danger. Also cars are using Marchington as a shortcut from the A515 to B5017. Cllr Atkins & SCC Highways have said that B5017 is not the defined diversion route but they can't prevent drivers from using it. SCC Highways will ask contractors to add more signage at Stubby Lane junctions. A50 Closure dates extend to the Autumn, concern was expressed about dark evenings. Action: Clerk to respond to Cllr Atkins.
    - ii) Chapel Triangle, Chair visibility issue due to low branches has been reported by resident. Action: Clerk
- 12. Flooding, Chair
  - a) Embankment work started on time and appears to be progressing satisfactorily. Bund will be extended to protect garden wall, resident expressed concern about this, however Cllr Morgan noted that the EA have assured PC that they would never do anything that would cause more flooding downstream. Chair advised resident to contact the EA with their concerns.
  - b) Industrial Estate Hortons are clearing out the drains that go under Silver Lane and this may have an effect on the flooding at Church Lane. Action: Clerk to contact EA.
- 13. Tree Survey, Chair The report (previously circulated) identified 4 trees requiring attention in medium term. Action: Clerk to obtains quotes for work on cricket ground trees, and check if planning permission required. Handyman will remove the tree on Silver Lane. Action: Cllr Mann to speak with Handyman. Clerk is drafting a tree policy and will forward to the Cllrs for comments. Action: Clerk & Councillors
- 14. Finance, Chair
  - a) To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A

Proposed – Cllr Morgan Seconded – Cllr Tomkins

- 15. Insurance
  - a) General Insurance Cover Cllrs consider the cover requested sufficient.
  - b) Handyman Public Liability Insurance Action: Clerk to ask Draycott PC & SPCA about this. Cllr Mann to discuss with Handyman and, if necessary, clerk to assist with obtaining a quotation.
- 16. Parish Council Vacancies Unfortunately no one has put themselves forward to be co-opted. Action: Chair to include in September issue of Parish Magazine.
- 17. Community Fund Accessible toilet at MWVH for walkers/disabled visitors suggested. More information required. Chair asked MWVH committee member to follow up and report back to the PC at the August meeting.
- 18. Village Planters FOMS requested to know if PC would continue to fund these twice a year. All Councillors voted in favour. It was decided that budget to be agreed in advance with payment on receipts. Action: Clerk to ask FOMS for costs.

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#### 19. Correspondence, Clerk

- a) SCC Climate Change Survey circulated to Councillors and posted on Facebook
- b) On two occasions resident reported noise issue from the Industrial Estate followed up with Hortons
- c) Kate Kniveton MP forwarded Flood Scheme Information circulated to Councillors
- d) Cllr Atkins & SCC SCC Health & Wellbeing Initiative circulated to Councillors
- e) E-Volve Broadband contractor Cllr Morgan to contact.
- f) ESBC New Fundraising Platform (local lottery) circulated to Councillors & local groups
- g) Cllr Atkins Family Hub Consultation circulated to Councillors, FOMS & St Peter's Church

## 20. Urgent items for input onto 8th August agenda

- Hedges on Hall Road are overgrown and dangerous for road users Action: Clerk to contact owners urgently to request that they be cut back. Also noted that some hedges in Church Lane & Moisty Lane are also overgrown.
- Ash Tree Felling in Marchington Woodlands Cllr Hayes reported that the Duchy starting this end July / early
  August and progress will depend on the weather. Replanting with native species.
- Councillors visiting Tennis and Bowls Club at 6.30pm prior to August meeting.

### Meeting Closed at 21.19pm

# Date of next meeting 8th August 2023

	Appendix A - July 2023				
Date	Monies received:	£			
01/06/23	RBS Gold Account Interest	£64.01			
	707 J. O. D. G. S.	26424			
	TOTAL OF RECEIPTS	£64.01			
Invoice Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No
30/06/23	Perennial Landscapes Ltd - Inv. 6582	£530.12	£106.02	£636.14	2619
30/06/23	Handyman wages	£612.61	£3.52	£616.13	2620
30/06/23	Clerk Salary	£568.40	£0.00	6622.70	2621
30/06/23	Clerk travel & expenses	£52.68	£1.71	£622.79	2621
26/06/23	ESBC Invoice No 771765 (Election Expenses)	£172.60	£0.00	£172.60	2622
29/06/23	ESBC Invoice No. 772046 (Trade Waste Bins at MVH)	£97.63	£0.00	£97.63	2623
29/06/23	ESBC Invoice No. 771849 (Roadsweeping and litter bins)	£607.83	£121.57	£729.40	2624
31/05/23	Reimburse Mr Hayhurst for footpath repairs at Silver Lane Rec.	£150.24	£0.00	£150.24	2617
02/07/23	Tree Development Invoice No. 0159 - Tree Survey	£985.00	£0.00	£985.00	2625
	TOTAL OF PAYMENTS	£3,777.11	£232.82	£4,009.93	
	As of 30th June 2023	21.001.11			
	Current Account Gold Account	£1,004.16 £39,117.37			
	Solar Account	£59,063.52			
	Sola Account	£99,185.05			
	Solar Account Transfers				
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