

# Marchington Parish Council

## Minutes of a meeting held on 9 April 2024 at Marchington Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Hayhurst (Chair), Cllr A Mann, Cllr A Tomkins, Cllr S Newstead, Cllr I Glover; Cllr H Bullock  
Siobhan Rumsby (Parish Clerk); 6 Members of the Public; Cllr P Hudson

**Meeting Opened at 7.30pm - Chair advised the meeting was being recorded.**

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Cllrs D Hayes and Cllr I Morgan.
2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations on items relating to the agenda: None received.
3. It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2024 as a true record.
4. Public Forum
  - a) Member of Public – A representative of Uttoxeter Cricket Club advised the application for tree work at Marchington Cricket Ground was to allow for clearance in the outfield and for the proposed new nets area. The Chair expressed disappointment that no permission from MPC had been sought prior to the application being made despite the protocol being made clear. The planning application for cricket nets has been lodged with ESBC but not yet distributed for consultation. A detailed report shows no trees to be damaged, but the base will be built up for the nets. One horse chestnut on the list belongs to neighbouring property and her input will be sought. Other landowners will be consulted. Committee members were invited to the next meeting when nets will be discussed.
5. Forestside – Parking issues Previous Clerk had written to Cllr Hudson. Cllr Hudson will look into this relating to the ESBC land.
6. Other Organisations – To receive reports from outside organisations.
  - a) ESBC – Cllr Hudson voted against the 24/25 ESBC budget. Car park charges see a 37% increase and ‘free after 3’ has ended. Cllr Hudson had asked to delay this decision to allow consultation. Meetings had taken place regarding the Maltings Parking Eye. A concession was allowed for the Thomas Alleyn school drop off and pick up times. Car park spaces may also be being reduced and ‘no cash’ payments will be introduced. Maltings precinct, deal with Co-op. 2% responded to their overall consultation. Labour control has meant the Maltings plans are now being re-drawn with urban parks. Cllr Hudson is striving for a link to both sides of Uttoxeter town. Sports Club – quarry site identified. Staffordshire FA involved and talked of match funding (£1.2m). The Pennycroft site is unsuitable; however, £22k is being spent on a feasibility study for this site. Potholes – new cabinet member for Highways, Mark Deaville with two officers covering North and South Staffs; meeting to take place Friday 12 April and visits will be prioritised. Cllrs are attempting to get the JCB machine. [Clerk to send list of priority potholes to Cllr Atkins before Friday](#). An extra £2m has been provided for road maintenance. Weather and standing water has exacerbated the repairs. Bag Lane – Chair advised that the storm drainpipe was damaged during the October surface dressing. Continued leaks from the storm drainpipe have since destabilised the bank. The quality of workmanship is not being controlled. Brown bin charge £40 per year from the autumn; the detail has not been relayed yet and concerns were that this could increase fly tipping. There are no plans underway for Burton market hall yet. Work has started on the brewery visitors’ centre. This year’s Councillor Community Fund has restarted. Cllrs were also encouraged to think about projects for this and the Ward Enhancement Scheme. A full report will be provided for the AGM.
  - b) Police - no date as yet for a drop-in session.
7. Crime, Chair
  - a) The Crime report is available on Staffs police website. It was felt there was not a lot of value added in downloading this as there is no real data for Marchington – All agreed to remove from agenda unless particular incidents necessitated compiling a report.
8. Clerk’s Report (previously circulated) – the pot hole list will be sent to Cllr Hudson with Woodlands listed as a priority. Footpath gate project – site meeting to be chased up with landowner. Silver Lane playground swing repair – another post needs replacing.

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9. Consideration of planning applications, planning decisions, review of planning appeals and enforcement issues. Marchington Parish Council comments in italics.

**a) Planning Applications Received**

- i. P/2024/00182 - Uttoxeter Cricket Club, Jacks Lane : Tree Notice Prune back to remove interference on playing area by up to 4.5 m three Field Maple trees and one Beech tree (204, 212, 213, 204-2), by up to 6.5m two Common Ash trees (204-1, 210), by up to 2m one Horse Chestnut tree (204-3), by up to 9m one Common Ash tree (211) period for comments extended to 12/4/24  
*No comments*
- ii. P/2023/00878 – Frostfields, Silver Lane: Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey link extension creating an annex living accommodation – period for comments extended to 12/4/24  
*No comments*
- iii. P/2024/00183 - 17 Windmill Drive: Erection of a front infill extension, part two storey part single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, installation of a roof light on front roof slope, cladding and rendering and alterations to the fenestrations– period for comments extended to 12/4/24  
*Renewed application, similar to previous plans – no comments*
- iv. P/2024/00281 - Yew Tree House, High Street: prune back to the previously pruned position by up to 3 meters one Horse Chestnut tree (T1), prune back to the previously pruned position by up to 3 meters and cut back two lower branches to provide clearance to the lawn and drive by up to 4 metres one Horse Chestnut tree (T2) (TPO 330).  
*no comments*
- v. P/2024/00309 - The Old Station Masters House, Station Road: Erection of a single storey rear extension, alterations to master bedroom including first floor rear sliding doors and formation of flat roof balcony area with handrail  
*no comments*

**b) ESBC Planning Decisions Received**

**PERMITTED:**

- i. P/2024/00079 - The Community Shop, Church Lane: Prior Approval for the installation of 14 Solar PV equipment on the roof – *it has previously been refused and is in the conservation area. Cllr Hudson supported this and has now been approved alongside grant funding. Cllrs were concerned this sets a precedent.*
- ii. P/2024/00149 - Church Cottage, Church Lane: Reduce height of Christmas tree (T1) by a maximum of 4 metres
- iii. P/2023/01258 - Brookhouse Court: Installation of roof mounted solar panels on the south west facing roof slope

**REFUSED**

- iv. P/2022/00866 - Thorn Tree Farm, Allens Lane: Listed Building Consent for the installation of replacement windows
- v. P/2023/00241 - (bagshaws), High Street: Listed Building Consent for the demolition of outbuildings to facilitate the erection of 9 dwellings with associated garaging, and demolition of rear wing to existing farmhouse and erection of replacement two storey extension
- vi. P/2022/01145 - (bagshaws), High Street : Demolition of outbuildings to facilitate the erection of 9 dwellings with associated garaging, detached garage, parking, alterations and demolition of rear wing to existing farmhouse and erection of a replacement two storey rear extension and provision of parking and workshop, together with construction of amended vehicular access (Amended Drainage Strategy) *Cllrs were concerned of the implications for the neighbourhood plan – Naomi Perry was supportive. Cllr Mann suggests a meeting with Naomi Perry to discuss this site and establish the ground rules. The main building is now in danger and the village is now vulnerable to other development sites for the 9 houses. Clerk to write to Naomi Perry for availability for a separate meeting.*
- vii. P/2023/00530 - 1 Brookhouse Court: Erection of a single storey extension on the north west elevation

**c) Enforcement Issues**

- i) Charnwood – no further updates, with SCC
- ii) Newfield Green Farm – no further updates, with ESBC

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10. Council owned property - To receive reports & action if required.
- a) Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -
    - i) Silver Lane playground: new reporting calendar due – Cllr Mann to report for April  
Revised Quote for posts and cross bar replacement discussed. Cllrs **resolved** to go with Option C - [Clerk to advise contractor](#).
    - ii) Forestside playground and football pitch monthly safety report - Cllr Glover updated at last meeting and will update for April.
  - b) Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann.
    - i) Bookings healthy and new committee appointed.
    - ii) Defibrillator deployment in incident a few weeks back, air ambulance called, there was some uncertainty as to whether the equipment had been used. Cllr Mann has checked equipment and confirmed it is operational, this has been communicated to West Midlands Ambulance, no new parts needed. It is checked once a month.
  - c) Cricket Club
    - i) Pedestrian bridge – partial grant funding has been secured for the footings. Work must start within 12 months.
11. Flooding and Environment
- a) Public Meeting with all agencies, to discuss progress. Chair - Our MP is awaiting a copy of the Severn Trent report, provisional date for the public meeting is 9 May, 6pm – 7.30pm - Kate’s office to confirm agencies attending. [Clerk to chase if happening](#).
  - b) Flood Working Group meeting 25 March – Cllr Mann summarised his circulated report on issues raised. Questions we can’t answer can be put to the multi-agency meeting.  
Chair had concerns that the Environment Agency and Severn Trent will not be able to address the issues. Private gully cleaning may be an option with crowd funding to pay for it. Issues are not just gullies but blocked drainage between manholes.  
Bag Lane - drains problems connected causing overland flood.  
Moisty Lane – working party of volunteers could help to clear ditches.  
Flow is restricted at the Dingle with people throwing cuttings into brook.  
Tarmac drives also exacerbate with increase water flowing down into brook.  
Whilst flood wardens have helped, mitigation is key.  
It was clarified solar funding cannot be used for flood relief measures as does not meet criteria.  
Infrastructure is only looked at with large new housing developments. Marchington only has around 20 properties in the Neighbourhood Plan.
  - c) Flooding issues on Jacks Lane & B5017. – highways had no plans to alter speed humps to cushions to alleviate flooding. It was suggested to take this up with Cllr Atkins. [Clerk to send with pothole report](#).
  - d) Tree Felling on Marchington Cliff – Duchy own part of the land and have asked for a map indicating the area of concern. Ownership shared with forestry commission. [Chair to produce map](#).
12. Highways & Footpath issues
- a) Highways issues
    - i) Bag Lane landslip – no update
    - ii) Buttermilk Hill landslip – ongoing
    - iii) Birch Cross pothole – raise with County Cllr Atkins
    - iv) Prison Traffic – email from resident - info sent to governor. [Clerk to chase response suggesting a meeting](#).
    - v) Report raised by Cllr Glover for bridge inspection
    - vi) Road closure Moreton Lane for A50 closure – notices posted.
  - b) Footpath & Bridleway issues
    - i) Footpath 45 stile repair – sleeper kindly donated. Awaiting for better weather to install.
13. Finance, Chair
- a) It was **resolved** to authorise payments as listed in Appendix A.
14. Queen’s Bench – response from Cllr Atkins indicating possible funding from 24/25 CCF Fund. Cllr Mann to compile application – [Clerk to forward application pack](#).
15. Correspondence
- a) Noise disturbance at industrial estate – Hortons had advised a new machine was contributing to the noise factor, contractors to build an enclosure around it. Cllr Morgan had circulated a report following a meeting with CTR and

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Silver Lane residents regarding the tyre crushing machine, the problem is being addressed. Other traffic noise is generated after hours late into the night. Exemption certificate obtained due to nature of work – this would be invalidated if noise and smell pollution breached. Residents need to report directly to environmental health officer who can then build up a case of evidence and utilise monitoring equipment.

16. Urgent items for input onto May agenda – none received.

Meeting Closed at 21.09

**Next Meeting : Marchington Village Hall**

**14 May 2024 Annual Parish Meeting 7pm followed by Annual Meeting Marchington PC 7.30pm**

Appendix A - April 2024					
Date	Monies received:	£	Solar Transfers		
01/03/24	RBS Gold A/c interest	£56.21			
	<b>TOTAL OF RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£56.21</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£56.21</b>	
Invoice Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No
25/03/24	Clerk Salary - C Nash	£456.30	£0.00	£493.96	2690
25/03/24	Clerk travel & expenses - C Nash	£37.40	£0.26		
31/03/24	Clerk Salary - S Rumsby	£266.18	£0.00	£289.58	2691
31/03/24	Clerk travel & expenses - S Rumsby	£23.40	£0.00		
31/03/24	Mr J Lloyd (Handyman) March Wages & Expenses	£156.32	£0.00		2692
28/03/24	ESBC - refuse collection trade bin Inv no. 774430 to 30/6/24	£106.34		£900.66	2693
28/03/24	ESBC - sweeping, litter picking and bins Inv no. 774505 - 1/4/24 to 30/6/24	£661.93	£132.39		
15/03/24	Marchington Village Hall (booking 25/3/24) Inv no. 1740	£34.00		£34.00	2694
	<b>TOTAL OF PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£1,741.87</b>	<b>£132.65</b>	<b>£1,718.20</b>	
	<b>Bank balances as of 28 March 2024</b>				
	Current Account	£1,008.88			
	Gold Account	£29,885.82			
	Solar Account **	£59,311.91			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£90,206.61</b>			
	** NOTE: Solar account Bank Interest paid annually on 1st January £1,378.36				

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