

**Marchington Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on**  
**9 July 2024 at Marchington Village Hall, 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr A Mann, Cllr D Hayes, Cllr I Morgan, Cllr H Bullock, Cllr A Tomkins, Cllr I Glover  
Siobhan Rumsby (Parish Clerk)  
4 Members of the Public

1. Chair's Welcome and record of apologies. Apologies received from Cllrs J Hayhurst, S A Newstead.
2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations on items relating to the agenda were recorded: none received.
3. It was **resolved** that the Minutes of 11 June 2024 were accepted to be signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.
4. Public Forum
  - a) No representations submitted
5. Other Organisations
  - a) Staffordshire County Council – none received.
  - b) East Staffordshire Borough Council – none received. The Borough Council consultation phase on the Maltings and also their green waste collection service has begun.
6. Clerk's Report –

Thanks were expressed to the Ramblers Association who had been helpful with keeping footpaths clear.

It was agreed to remind farmers of their responsibilities for public rights of way in keeping stiles accessible and footpaths clear. Chairman to put something regarding this and the need to keep hedges maintained in the next parish magazine for September.
7. Planning applications, decisions, and enforcement issues:
  - a) **Planning Applications Received** - None received.
  - b) **ESBC Planning Decisions Received and noted – PERMITTED**
    - i. P/2024/00311 - Marchington Cricket Ground, Jacks Lane: The installation of the fixed training nets facility had been approved and they are now looking for funding.
  - c) **Enforcement Issues**
    - ii. Charnwood – no further updates. Continue to chase Cllrs Hudson and Atkins for enforcement.
    - iii. Newfield Green Farm – no further updates.
    - iv. Ashleigh Uttoxeter Road mixed use – a complaint had been received regarding light pollution from the menage. It was agreed to pursue with Planning Enforcement as with the additional use of the premises for pony club events impacted with increasing traffic and also Environmental Health for light pollution.
8. Council owned property -
  - a) Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks –

- i. Silver Lane playground report: Cllr Newstead's report referred to. Wooden fencing needs attention.
  - ii. Forestside playground report: Cllr Mann's report referred to. Two coping stones missing. Boundary hedge needs trimming back. The football pitch has been mown.
- b) Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann reported increase usage including for the Election. The school had put on a musical event which would hopefully encourage further use. It was noted the school is now part of a Cheadle MAT. A training company had made advance bookings. Dramatic productions are planned as well as outside performances. On planning an afternoon tea, the management committee had investigated the boundary, and a Land Registry plan was obtained. It was apparent a neighbouring fence has encroached the boundary, they have been approached to resolve this.
- c) Cricket Club Drive – The Cricket Club had advised they would not be able to secure funds from their budget to contribute to the drive works. Holes have been filled in as a temporary fix. They will be advised to budget for resurfacing works for next year. The club has now obtained sponsorship from John Pye.
- d) Festival - this was well-attended and the open gardens did as well as last year. The Village Hall artisan food supplied by the WI was a success. Finance should be ok for next year's event.

#### 9. Flooding and Environment

- a) Multi-agency action plan. EA report circulated to councillors.  
Small bund by brook - grass cutting: a resident asked if they could take away cuttings as they float upstream and into the road. Our new MP will be brought up to speed and he will be invited to a future meeting.
- b) Communication with schools on road closures. Meeting to be arranged for September.

#### 10. Highways & Footpath issues

- a) Highways issues
  - i. Buttermilk Hill landslip – awaiting response from Forestry Commission. It was noted the Bagots Park estate is under Brian J Dales ownership. Clerk to contact both.
  - ii. Stiles Moisty Lane. Thanks to the Ramblers for their help clearing stiles.

11. Dovegate Prison Traffic – the planning conditions relating to staff routes were for the original management company, Premium Prisons, the contract is now with Serco. It was believed that the conditions for staff routes were not something that could be put into an employment contract. MPC will continue to press the prison, refer to the conditions and send in evidence of registration numbers, with dates and times recorded. A further meeting will be arranged with the Governor to talk about the junction. CSW training is available and an upcoming date to be advertised in the hope of encouraging more volunteers to the CSW team.

#### 12. Finance, Chair

- a) The Schedule of Receipts and Payments as listed in Appendix A was reviewed and authorised.

13. Queen's Bench – Cllr Atkins had indicated support of £500 from the CCF fund. Licence to plant being investigated. It was agreed any shortfall can be funded from the Solar Fund.

14. Fibre Optic Broadband – Cllr Morgan had made investigations with the contractor. Markings for masts had appeared in Windmill Drive, Moisty Lane, Hall Road and other areas. One report was that these

were for blockage areas for ducting, however it was then reported it was for poles. SCC were unaware and will meet with Connect Fibre. Installations could be early 2025. An open meeting may be possible.

15. Correspondence and phone calls

- a) Resident complaint received regarding noise pollution at Industrial Estate, *Clerk responded.*
- b) Resident query on progress of Kissing Gates project.
- c) Invitation for representative to attend Commemorative event  
- 40th Anniversary of the loss of WJ897; 18/08/2024 Cllr Morgan and Mann hoped to attend.
- d) SPCA - Local Transport Plan Engagement meeting 30/7/24
- e) Resident report on state of roads in Marchington Woodlands, *comments forwarded to County*

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

**Meeting Closed at 20.42      Next Meeting : 13 August 2024, Marchington Village Hall, 7.30pm**

**Jul-24      Appendix A - Schedule of Receipts and Payments**

Date	Monies received:	£	Solar Transfers	
03/06/24	Interest	£94.64		
01/07/24	Interest	£74.50		
04/07/24	Green Lane Solar Fund	£4,230.00	£-4,230.00	
	<b>TOTAL OF RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£4,399.14</b>	<b>£-4,230.00</b>	<b>£169.14</b>

Invoice Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No.
30/06/24	Clerk Salary - June	£608.40	£0.00	£670.48	2707
30/06/24	Clerk travel & expenses - June	£60.15	£1.93		
30/06/24	Mr J Lloyd (Handyman) June Wages & Expenses	£552.83		£552.83	2711
09/07/24	Perennial Landscapes - June grounds maintenance	£460.99	£92.20	£553.19	2709
09/07/24	DSK Engineering - swing repairs	£1,525.00	£305.00	£1,830.00	2708
09/07/24	ESBC - MVH refuse collection	£106.30	£0.00	£900.66	2710
09/07/24	ESBC - Roadsweeping and litter picking July-Sept	£661.93	£132.39		
09/07/24	Marchington Parish Council - Green Lane Solar Fund transfer	£4,230.00		£4,230.00	2712
	<b>TOTAL OF PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£8,205.60</b>	<b>£531.52</b>	<b>£8,737.16</b>	

Bank Balance as at	30/06/24
Current Account	£1,008.28
Gold Account	£46,988.87
Solar Account **	£59,311.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£107,309.06</b>

**\*\* NOTE: Solar account Bank Interest paid annually on 1st January**