

Marchington Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on
8 October 2024 at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr A Mann, Cllr H Bullock, Cllr I Morgan, Cllr J Hayhurst, Cllr I Glover, Cllr S A Newstead, Cllr A Tomkins
Siobhan Rumsby (Parish Clerk); 4 Members of the Public

1. Chair's Welcome and record of apologies. No Apologies
2. No Declarations of Interest, Dispensations on items relating to the agenda were received.
3. It was **resolved** that the Minutes of 10 September 2024 were accepted to be signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.
4. Public Forum
No comments received.
5. Notice of Casual Vacancy – following the resignation of Darron Hayes, the Borough Council had advertised the vacancy and there being no call for an election, the Council now agreed to advertise to co-opt a Councillor at the earliest opportunity.
6. Other Organisations Updates and Reports
 - a) Our MP representative, Carol Pickering was in attendance. Items were highlighted for our MP to focus on. Potholes, lack of police communication and engagement were discussed. Flooding issues - the multi-agency action plan had been passed on from Kate Kniveton and Jacob Collier was writing to each agency.
 - b) Staffordshire County Council – no report received.
 - c) East Staffordshire Borough Council – no report received.
7. Clerk's Report referred to and noted.
8. Planning applications, decisions, and enforcement issues:
 - a) Planning Applications Received –**
 - i) P/2024/00895 - Chestnut Corner, Church Lane, Marchington: Conversion of detached garage to form craft studio, raising of roof height and installation of front and rear dormers on existing garage to facilitate storage room, and erection of link glazed extension response time extended to 11/10/24 – *an objection regarding a window overlooking the neighbouring property will be submitted, a velux style window would be better.*
 - ii) P/2024/00994 - 31 Woodland Views, Marchington: Re-pollard back to historic pollard points of two Salix Matsudana trees – *no objections*
 - b) ESBC Planning Decisions Received and noted – PERMITTED**
 - i) P/2024/00796 - 29 Woodland Views, Marchington: Reduce Sycamore tree back to previous pollard points
 - c) Enforcement Issues**

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i. Charnwood – Sam Griffiths had been tasked with looking into this.

9. Council owned property -

a) Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks –

- i. Silver Lane playground report: Cllr Mann’s report referred to. More signage is required and the trees overhanging the children’s playground need trimming.
- ii. Forestside playground report: Cllr Hayhurst reported that the multi-play system needed a clean and also the soft play matting needed clearing of moss. It was suggested both tasks could be carried out by the handyman.
- iii. Update on Bridge – Cllr Morgan circulated the design drawing which all were impressed with. Detailed costings can now be obtained.
- iv. Community Orchard – Cllr Glover had attempted to obtain costings for industrial strimming but had no response. However, it was reported that the orchard had now been cleared. Cllrs agreed to budget for this next year in the region of some £300 for a one-off visit.

b) Marchington Village Hall – Cllr Mann reported that bookings were going well. The front canopy is to be painted. The Trustees had engaged solicitors to look into the boundary issue.

c) Cricket Club – season now closed apart from some fund-raising events for the new nets.

10. Flooding and Environment

It was reported that Severn Trent had been carrying out camera surveys of storm drains in several locations looking for any blockages.

11. Highways & Footpath issues

a) Highways issues

- i. Buttermilk Hill landslip – the Forestry Commission had been in touch, they are aware of the issues and have engaged a specialist consultant.
- ii. A50 closure – no response had been received from our letter to the leader of SCC Highways.

12. Dovegate Prison Traffic – Cllr Glover updated on the visit with the Governor. Traffic turning right into the village was discussed, a new sign made by the prisoners had been put up to discourage this. All staff registration numbers passed on are reproached but there are a few who are not amenable to comply with the directions and it would be implausible to successfully enforce.

13. Finance, Chair

- a) The Schedule of Receipts and Payments as listed in Appendix A was reviewed and authorised. Cllr Glover and the Clerk are pursuing enquiries about online banking and looking into charges. It was agreed to alter the mandate for both Leek Building Society and RBS - to remove Darron Hayes and replace with Cllr Ian Glover. Ex-Councillors names of Brian Darby; Richard Ford and Paul Nixon also to be removed from the RBS mandate.
- b) Councillors referred to the 6-month budget review noting the draw on reserves and projected net funds.

14. Correspondence and phone calls – all noted.

- a) County Councillor updated received. Gorsty Hill triangle, bollards were needed to prevent vehicles parking on the land which could then be planted up. A Licence to Plant will be required for this. It was agreed the Chairman to write to Cllr Hudson for assistance.

b) Policing feedback – the Chairman had responded to SPCA request for feedback.

15. Items for input onto next agenda.

- Co-option
- Broadband

16. Members of the public and the Clerk now left the meeting and staffing matters were discussed in camera.

Meeting Closed at 21.00
Next Meeting : 12 November
2024, Marchington Village Hall, 7.30pm

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

Date	Monies received:	£	Solar Transfers	
02/09/24	Interest	£71.80		
01/10/24	Interest	£66.50		
	TOTAL OF RECEIPTS	£138.30	£0.00	£138.30

Invoice Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No.
30/09/24	Clerk Salary	£608.40	£0.00	£709.68	2722
	Clerk travel & expenses	£95.36	£5.92		
30/09/24	Mr J Lloyd (Handyman) Wages & Expenses	£192.32		£192.32	2723
08/10/24	Perennial Landscapes - grounds maintenance Inv 8607	£460.99	£92.20	£553.19	2724
08/10/24	ESBC Roadsweeping, litterpicking, bins	£661.93	£132.39	£900.66	2725
	ESBC Trade Bin	£106.34	£0.00		
08/10/24	Forvis Mazars LLP	£210.00	£42.00	£252.00	2726
	TOTAL OF PAYMENTS	£2,335.34	£272.51	£2,607.85	

Bank Balance as at	01/10/24
Current Account	£1,003.33
Gold Account	£48,965.22
Solar Account **	£63,541.91
TOTAL	£113,510.46

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

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