

Marchington Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2023 at Marchington Village Hall

Present: Cllr Hayes, Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr Mann (Chair), Cllr Nixon, Cllr Tomkins,
Cllr Hudson (8.19pm – 8.40pm)
Clare Nash (Parish Clerk)
5 Members of the public

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Cllr Morgan, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Roberts. Cllr Bicknell was absent.
2. Declarations of Interest noted: – Cllr Hayhurst item: 8 a) i) & ii)
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2023 were approved and signed as a true record. Proposed – Cllr Nixon
Seconded – Cllr Tomkins
4. Public Forum – The Chair explained that although Walton Homes had been expected to attend they had informed the clerk that they had received a report from SCC LLFA and needed to amend the plans. They have been invited to attend in May instead.
5. Marchington Woodlands Permanent Agenda Item
6. Forestside Permanent Agenda Item
7. Other Organisations –To receive reports from outside organisations.
 - a) ESBC – (Item discussed after Item 14) Cllr Hudson thanked Cllrs for working with him for last 4 years. If re-elected he would support the application of an ACV for the Bulls Head. He asked the PC to consider projects that may be suitable for the Village enhancement scheme. The Chair thanked Cllr Hudson for his help & support over last 4 years.
 - b) Staffordshire Police – previously circulated.
8. To consider planning applications and receive planning decisions, review planning appeals and enforcement issues.
 - a) Planning Applications Received –
 - i. **P/2022/01145 - Proposal:** 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 Plans and Description) **Location:** (Bagshaws), High Street, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LD **PC Comments:** In addition to recent amendments to the plans, MPC understands that there are to be further amendments and would like to reserve the ability to comment on the final plans when they have been submitted and the issues raised in the LLFA drainage report have been addressed by the developers. Alterations to drainage plans may affect the development plan overall. Flooding is a much more common event that may be accentuated by climate change, and it is the satisfactory attenuation of surface water run-off into the brook that needs to be addressed.
 - ii. **P/2023/00241 - Proposal:** 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. **Location:** (Bagshaws), High Street, Marchington, Staffordshire, ST14 8LD **PC Comments:** MPC is aware that the plans may yet change to accommodate drainage issues raised by the LLFA and therefore is unable to make to final comments since the layout may be altered to take into account the modified surface water attenuation measures. Previously commented that the barns have historical significance and the PC would like to see them recorded and documented prior to demolition.
 - iii. **P/2023/00022 - Proposal:** Erection of a general-purpose agricultural building. **Location:** Dove Fields, Station Road, Draycott In The Clay, Staffordshire, DE6 5GX Grid Ref: 415403 331179 **PC Comments:** No comment assuming all environmental issues are considered.
 - b) Decisions Received –
 - i) **P/2023/00013 – Proposal:** Conversion of existing garage into additional living accommodation with associated link extension. Front, and rear extensions to main dwelling, addition of a gable with Juliet balcony to rear, dormer to the principal elevation and raising of the ridge level to accommodate a loft conversion and external alterations to

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include cladding. **Location:** The Orchard, Allens Lane, Marchington, ST14 8LA **Decision:** Conditional Approval – Delegated

- ii) **P/2023/00076 – Proposal:** Change of Use from Children's Care Home (C2) to Residential Care Home for one person between the ages of 16-25 (Class C2) **Location:** The Lodge, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, Staffordshire, ST14 8NS **Decision:** Permitted
- iii) **P/2023/00077 – Proposal:** Change of use from Children's Care Home to Residential Care Home (Class C2) for up to four young people between 16 years and 25 years of age (Class C2) **Location:** Hornbeam, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, Staffordshire, ST14 8NS **Decision:** Permitted
- iv) **P/2023/00084 – Proposal:** Change of Use from Children's Care Home (C2) to Residential Care Home for one person between the ages of 16-25 (Class C2) **Location:** 1 Apple Tree Cottage, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, Staffordshire, ST14 8NS **Decision:** Permitted
- v) **P/2023/00085 – Proposal:** Change of Use from Children's Care Home (C2) to Residential Care Home for one person between the ages of 16-25 (Class C2). **Location:** 2 Apple Tree Cottage, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter Road, Netherland Green, Staffordshire, ST14 8NS **Decision:** Permitted

a) Enforcement Updates – None

9. Election Update - Clerk informed the PC that there were insufficient nominations for the number of seats and therefore all the nominees were elected. There is one vacant seat in Marchington Village and one also in Marchington Woodlands. The Parish Council will hope to co-opt to fill these vacancies.

10. Finance, Chair

To authorise payments as listed in Appendix A - all approved except for Solar Grant to MTBC which must wait until work completed.

Proposed – Cllr Hayhurst

Seconded – Cllr Nixon

11. A Solar Fund Application from Marchington Woodlands Village Hall was presented by Cllr Hayes who explained that the addition of audio/visual equipment to the village hall will enhance the facility and local hirers will benefit. Total cost of the equipment is £1300 and applied for grant of £1000. Vote Taken: Unanimous support
12. Applications for the Kings Coronation Fund were considered. FOMS applied for £210 to enable provision of a special children's tea-party & Commemorative Coronation Coins. MWVH & The Coronation Ball organisers (MADS) applied for £250 each to support their celebrations. Vote taken: Unanimous approval for all applications
13. The Parish Council decided to fund clerk training course – cost £30.

8.10pm Member of public left

14. Council owned property - To receive reports & action if required.

a) Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks -

i) Silver Lane playground safety report, Cllr Morgan – not received. **Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Morgan for report.**

ii) Forestside playground and football pitch safety report, Cllr Hayhurst conducted the inspection and noted that there is a lot of moss on the mat under an item of equipment. **Action: Handyman to attend.**

b) Marchington Village Hall, Cllr Mann reported that the handyman is investigating the cause of the wet floor in the gent's toilets.

c) Cricket Club – The hedges bordering one side of the entrance driveway, which is owned by the PC, are significantly overhanging the boundary wall & restricting the width of the driveway. Uttoxeter Cricket Club (tenants) recently contacted the PC expressing serious concern for the safety of children walking to the Club and asked for the hedges to be cut back to the boundary. It was noted that initial approaches to the owner of the neighbouring property to request that the hedge be cutback were not well received. The Parish Council has a legal right to cut back the hedges but would prefer to resolve the situation amicably with the neighbours if possible. After a lengthy discussion Cllrs decided that in the interests of safety the hedges should be cutback. It was acknowledged however that there may be an issue with nesting birds and professional advice is required. **Action: Chair to speak with owners of neighbouring properties. Clerk to seek advice regarding birds.**

8.19pm Cllr Hudson joined the meeting

15. CPR Training for Residents– Cllrs reviewed & approved of the costs. The training session will be on 11th May 6-9pm and will be free to residents. **Action: Clerk to confirm booking and publicise.**

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8.40pm Cllr Hudson left the meeting

16. Map lecterns - Cllr Hayhurst reported that the design is ongoing however the clerk had been advised by ESBC that planning permission is required for the lecterns at Forestside and Tinkers Lane. Cost maybe in the region of £150 per application. Cllrs approved this expenditure. **Action: Clerk to apply for planning permission.**
17. Marchington Woodlands Noticeboard – It was decided that the handyman and a local contractor would install the noticeboard. Cllr Nixon & Cllr Hayes will decide position, allowing for lectern to be installed to the side later. **Action: Clerk to send utilities drawings to Cllr Nixon.**
18. Highways and Footpath issues, Clerk
- a. Highways issues
 - i. Flooding on B5017 at Birch Cross – ditch has been cleared but uncertain yet if this has solved the flooding issue.
 - ii. CSW signs – the costs were reviewed & approved & it was decided that PC will install signs on entrances to the village. **Action: Clerk to arrange purchase & installation**
 - iii. SID's – Clerk reported on site meeting with SCC & the CSW data. All Cllrs considered that currently the data is insufficient to warrant making such a significant spending decision. More volunteers are required for CSW. Resident suggested that the project may be suitable for the Village Enhancement Grant scheme.
 - b. Footpath/Permissive Path - Cllr Hayhurst provided the Cllrs with a map to show the proposal for two permissive paths which would give access from Forestside to meet FP51 on Hound Hill and to give access for walkers from FP51 onto Moreton Lane. This would require the support and permission of the landowner. It was proposed that the Parish Council could pay for the applications (in the region of £255). Additionally, the PC may need to fund & install a few stiles. The process could take approx. 3 years. A Permissive Path will never become a Footpath and access can be withdrawn by the landowner at any time. Agreement should also be sought from Evans Property Group. **Action: Clerk & Cllr Hayhurst to write to the landowner & Evans Group to seek permission to proceed.**
19. Marchington WI Commemorative Tree for The Coronation, - Chair outlined the proposal, Cllrs would prefer a tree rather than a sapling. Needs to be sited on PC land at Silver Lane. **Action: Clerk to advise WI**
20. Bulls Head Pub ACV - Chair informed Cllrs that the pub closed two weeks earlier, it is unknown what the future plans hold. Previous ACV has expired. The pub is an important community hub. The Chair proposed that the PC should apply for an ACV. It was noted that the neighbourhood plan does not include any development of the Bulls Head. PC previously applied for ACV on Dog & Partridge. Cllrs unanimously voted for the PC to apply for an ACV for the Bulls Head. **Action: Clerk & Cllrs to apply for ACV**
21. Marchington Neighbourhood Plan - Chair suggested that a meeting is arranged with Naomi Perry (ESBC) to review the current Neighbourhood Plan. **Action: Clerk**

9.23pm Member of public returned

22. Correspondence, Clerk
- i) Residents & MP – re B5017 flooding.
 - ii) Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Plan – forwarded to Parish Councillors.
 - iii) Hortons – regarding noise complaint from resident
 - iv) EON – regarding street light replacement in Moisty Lane which will be replaced this month.
 - v) Cllr Atkins – email re Community Fund forwarded to Parish Councillors.
 - vi) Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan – forwarded to Parish Councillors. Cllr Hayhurst noted that there maybe an implication on flooding upstream in Marchington. MPC needs to comment. **Action: Cllr Hayhurst to make comments on behalf of MPC before 2nd May.**
 - vii) Neighbourhood Watch Recruitment Drive – forwarded to Parish Councillors & posted on social media. **Action: Cllrs to promote to residents**
 - viii) Smart Alerts (various) – forwarded to Councillors and posted on social media.
23. Urgent items for input onto the 9th May 2023 meeting:
- Footpath across Smallwood Cricket Pitch
 - Add another signatory to the RBS bank account.
24. The Chair thanked Cllr Nixon for his exceptionally long service to Marchington Parish Council (279 PC meetings). Cllr Nixon thanked everyone for their help and support over the years.

Meeting closed at 21.30pm

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Date of Next Meeting – 9th May 2023

Appendix A - April 2023						
Date	Monies received:	£				
01/03/23	RBS Gold Account Interest	£40.23				
17/03/23	Uttoxeter Cricket Club - Annual rent payment	£250.00				
21/03/23	Marchington Solar Deed of Benefit payment	£5,000.00				
01/01/23	Leek Building Society Solar account - Annual Interest Payment	£326.41				
	TOTAL OF RECEIPTS	£5,616.64				
Invoice Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No	
16/03/23	Greenbarnes Ltd Invoice No. 17285 for Marchington Woodlands noticeboard	£1,663.97	£332.80	£1,996.77	2590	
01/04/23	SPCA Invoice No. SI-1073 Annual Subscription inc NALC Affiliation	£291.93	£0.00	£291.93	2591	
27/03/23	ESBC Invoice No. 771214 Trade Refuse at MVH (period from 1/04-30/06/)	£97.63	£0.00	£97.63	2592	
27/03/23	ESBC Invoice No. 771021 Emptying litter bins (period from 1/04 - 30/06)	£607.83	£121.57	£729.40	2593	
31/03/23	Handyman wages & expenses	£84.00	£0.00	£84.00	2594	
31/03/23	Marchington Tennis & Bowls Club Solar Fund Award	£646.95	£0.00	£646.95	2595	Not approved
31/03/23	Clerk Salary (Inc overtime for election)	£674.98	£0.00	£778.02	2596	
31/03/23	Clerk travel & expenses (inc reimbursement of ICO's Registration fee)	£101.38	£1.66			
11/04/23	King's Coronation Fund Grant - Marchington Woodlands Village Hall	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	2597	
11/04/23	King's Coronation fund grant - Friends of Marchington School	£210.00	£0.00	£210.00	2598	
11/04/23	King's Coronation Fund Grant - MADS	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	2599	
	TOTAL OF PAYMENTS	£4,878.67	£456.03	£5,334.70		
	As of 31st March 2023					
	Current Account	£1,002.38				
	Gold Account	£38,199.27				
	Solar Account	£56,089.57				
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