

Marchington Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on
11 November 2025 at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr I Morgan (Chair), Cllr Hayhurst (Vice Chair), Cllr Bullock, Cllr Glover, Cllr Lord,
Cllr Prince, Cllr Mann
Siobhan Rumsby (Parish Clerk); 7 Members of the Public;

1. The Chair welcomed all. Apologies received from Cllr Newstead, SCC Cllr Hales.
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations on Agenda items.** Cllr Morgan declared an interest in item 4 - Festival Grant application, a dispensation was granted to speak briefly about the details.
3. **Resolved** - The Minutes of 14 October 2025 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Public Forum** – Representatives were invited to speak in support of the Community Grant applications:
Marchington Village Hall – a £15k grant for solar panels had already been received. Regular bookings keep the hall viable, but grant monies were needed for paint work.
St Peter's Church – the Church had obtained the Bronze Eco award for the churchyard; help was acknowledged from Janie and Maggie who had introduced wildflowers. A grant of £2k is required for maintenance of the churchyard - grass, hedges and trees; thanks were expressed for the previous 2 years award of £1,500 but costs were increasing; they had spent £3,500 in 2024.
St John's Church – it was acknowledged they had been awarded £2,400 in the past but this had gradually reduced to £1500 despite costs rising. However work has been adapted, a local volunteer is mowing very cheaply; other volunteers were strimming monthly. A hedge-cutting tractor is needed along with paying for someone to remove cuttings which is the largest cost. £1,700 had been spent this year as there were no funds to meet any shortfall. It was reported that other Churches are funded by Parish Councils.
Marchington Woodlands Village Hall funding of £2k requested for a facility improvement project: a marquis space for the patio; Majestic had helped them with tent cover. The outside space is great in fine weather only. The committee were looking for estimates for the covering and had an indicative cost of £2160 for a retractable awning. This will be versatile and can be used for coffee mornings in the summer. The project would provide enhancement and benefit all users of the hall.
Marchington Festival, Silver Lane – 10th anniversary of the festival next year. A £250 sponsorship package was requested; The festival cost £23k last year; funding is sourced through Christmas events and sponsorship of £3k per year. The Committee has £14.5k in the bank.

All applicants were invited to attend in January when the final budget and precept request is signed off.

5. Outside organisations reports

- a) MP – continuing to chase Derbyshire MP and Derbyshire County Highways Director for an update on Aston Bridge along with outstanding actions on flooding.
- b) Police – Report on stats in the Crown Ward were noted and appreciated. Cllrs would prefer to see more information as to where incidents were – this is available on their website.
- c) Staffordshire County Council – no further updates.
- d) ESBC – Cllr Hudson had reported that the Borough had held their EGM regarding the unitary authority proposals. A 15/14 vote was in favour of a North South split, ESBC wards would be with Lichfield and Tamworth. The proposal will now go to Cabinet.

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6. Clerk's Report noted. It was agreed to re-report road surface issues at Wren Park. The road closure diversion for 3 months at Woodroffe's Cliff was a concern. Richard Rayson was inspecting, Cllr Hales to be chased for a response. Potholes on Hall Road were 4cm deep which was dangerous for cyclists.
7. Planning applications, decisions, and enforcement issues:
 - a) **Planning Applications Received –**
 - i. P/2025/01196 - ST PETERS CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, MARCHINGTON: Felling of one Conifer tree (T2) and reduce one Conifer tree by 5 metres (T1) (Response deadline extended to 12 Nov) – *there were no objections, but Councillors would like to see the felled tree replaced with a native alternative specimen.*
 - ii. P/2025/01210 - THE FIRS 4 JACKS LANE MARCHINGTON: Felling of one Leylandii tree (Respond by 11 Nov) *no objections.*
 - iii. P/2025/01228 - BROOKLEA BUNGALOW UTTOXETER ROAD NETHERLAND GREEN: Erection of a replacement dwelling (self-build) (Response deadline 27/11/25) – *Chair and Clerk visited the site and were shown plans for this derelict building. Access is difficult; and construction traffic would need careful management - no objections*
 - b) **ESBC Decisions noted –**

Approvals:

 - i. P/2025/00960 - Marchington Cricket Club, Jacks Lane, Marchington: Overall crown reduction of one Ash tree by up to 3 metres
 - ii. P/2025/00854 - 21 Woodland Views Marchington: Partial demolition of 5m high brick heating oil tank bund and walls to allow access for the removal of decommissioned heating oil tank, rear walls to be lowered to 1.5m and side walls to 1.0m, front wall to be removed altogether, the area to be used as garden seating area
 - iii. P/2025/00794 - Plum Tree Barn High Street Marchington: Listed Building application for installation of replacement of all windows and doors.
 - iv. P/2025/00782 - Plum Tree Barn High Street Marchington: Installation of replacement of all windows and doors
 - c) **Tree Preservation Orders Review –** Cllrs noted that a Hornbeam tree in the triangle in front of the Marchington Hall does not have a TPO; other notable trees were a Scots Pine at Silver Lane which is a rare specimen; and a Poplar tree in Silver Lane - Cllrs to assess.
Triangle in the Woodlands needs closer inspection. Cllrs asked to identify all trees and an application for TPOs made incorporating all trees.
 - d) **Moreton Lane Site, Draycott;** Nothing further to report. The site had been excavated to 150 meters and concrete blocks laid, the original application was for gates only. Draycott have raised concerns via Enforcement. 11 acres were sold but Wilshees it has recently been advertised that 22 acres were acquired. Enquire with Enforcement.
 - e) **Enforcement Issues**
 - i. Charnwood – ESBC Planning Enforcement had indicated no intention to pursue enforcement due to the wall being on County land. It was agreed to allow 2 months to see if any further response from County, the issues would be revisited in January.
 - ii. Stock Lane Traffic – no decision made on the Higher Stock Lane planning application and no application registered for Lower Stock Lane.
8. Council owned property -
 - a) **Play areas and outdoor park areas safety checks –**
 - i. Silver Lane monthly playground report: Cllr Bullock will send report through later in the week.
 - ii. Forestside: Cllr Glover's circulated report was referred to. Moss in landing areas is slippery and needs cleaning.

- b) Cricket Club: AGM night and presentation evening coming up. They are looking at solar panels. A grant application for mower equipment to be made.
- c) Christmas trees – trees on order for Village Halls; Forestside – a living tree to be purchased at £140 for 7ft high tree.
- d) **Marchington Village Hall** – Cllr Mann reported that the pre application for solar panels had been approved; full planning permission now applied for. Electric Vehicle charging unit was no longer being pursued; the work would be disruptive and adversely affect the disabled spot; any benefits were not justified. Bookings remain healthy, including a Christmas Day booking; boundary issue – the solicitor is drawing up a draft agreement.

9. Flooding and Environment

- a) Cllr Morgan reported on a successful second brook clearing session; a fallen tree in the Orchard part of the brook will be cleared by the Environment Agency. Cllr Prince to speak to a local farmer about his riparian ownership responsibilities. She would also chase Tim Pickering on NFM natural flood management. Cllr Hayhurst offered that homeowners could clear drain gullies adjacent their properties which were covered in leaves and stopping water draining away. It was suggested a plea for an organised session be put in the Parish Magazine. Some soakaways were ineffective. River water is being redirected to reservoirs which are low.
Cllr Glover raised an issue of noise from the Industrial Estate early Friday morning which he had reported to Environmental Health – it was thought to be unloading metal sheets. Residents are advised to keep reporting to the EHO as frequency will invoke enforcement action. It was agreed the Clerk to report to Hortons that we have had residents complaining.

10. Highways & Footpath issues

- a) A50 Roadworks. Nightworks were taking place but with no diversions in place. Work on schedule to complete next March.
- b) Woodroffes Cliff – Awaiting further inspection by SCC.
- c) The new grit bin had been placed at Church Lane.
- d) Gorsty Hill triangle – awaiting plan.
- e) Hound Hill – clerk to chase re canopy works.
- f) Footpath off Hall Road – Chairman to visit owner of the Hall to clear their side. A sign had been damaged following a collision thought to have incurred following an access obstruction by a vehicle.

11. Finance

- a) Schedule of Receipts and Payments - authorised as listed.
- b) Bank reconciliation checks carried out by Cllr Glover were noted.
- c) Budget arrangements – a working group consisting of Cllrs Morgan, Glover and Bullock would meet to begin drafting budget proposals for 2026-27.
- d) Online banking – the application needed to be resubmitted.

12. Correspondence and phone calls – all noted.

- a) Police stakeholder update on PCSOs Review – Councillors were in support Cllr Hales campaign – it was agreed to write in support copying in our MP's office to establish Jacob Collier's position.
- b) Complaint regarding Dovegate Prison traffic, *Clerk responded – it was felt to be a traffic offence rather than prison enforcement. Planning stipulations were regarded as unenforceable due to employment law. 18 vehicles were recorded turning right – data to be sent to the police.*
- c) Resident complaint regarding the standard of grass cutting at Forestside football pitch – *matter resolved by contractor.*

- d) Resident concerns raised regarding potholes, lack of grit containers and state of stiles - Hobb Lane; identify location for bin. *Cllr Lord to raise Highways report*
- e) Resident concerns raised regarding the state of roads at Hobb Lane, Scounslow Green, Wren Park, Buttermilk Hill, Marchington Woodlands Cliff - *Cllr Lord to raise Highways report*

13. **Items for input onto next agenda:** none requested

Meeting Closed at 21.10;

Next Meeting : 9 December 2025, Marchington Village Hall

Marchington Parish Council -		Meeting Date	11/11/25		
Schedule of Receipts and Payments					
Date	Monies received:	£	Solar Transfers	Total	
01/10/25	Interest - Gold A/c	£56.29			
23/10/25	Transfer from Solar for QEII bench		£1,291.00		
	TOTAL OF RECEIPTS	£56.29	£1,291.00	£1,347.29	
Date	Invoices/Money to be paid out:	Net	Vat	Total	Chq No.
14/11/25	Clerk Salary, NI Travel and Expenses	£946.67	£23.60	£970.27	2801
14/11/25	Perennial Grounds maintenance Inv 10269	£460.99	£92.20	£553.19	2802
	TOTAL OF PAYMENTS	£1,407.66	£115.80	£1,523.46	
Bank Balance					
	Current Account	£1,005.54			
	Gold Account	£52,515.78			
	Solar Account **	£60,528.59			
	TOTAL	£114,049.91			
** NOTE: Solar account Bank Interest paid annually on 1st January					

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