

Marton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Monday 8th December 2014 at the Village School, Marton

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Rylands (JR), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Mr D McGowan (DM), Mrs Lucy Nixon (LN), Mr B Nolan (BN), Mrs S Webborn (SW), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk) Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS)
PCSO Lisa Cash

- 1. Apologies for absence: None 14/74**
- 2. Parishioners attendance: Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest: None 14/75**
- 3. Declarations of Interest: None 14/76**

It was noted that Mrs Wendy Basnett has resigned from the Parish Council. Clerk to write thanking her on behalf of Marton Parish Council.
- 4. Minutes of the AGM meeting held on 8th September 2014: 14/77** It was noted that the 'notice of should be removed from the top of the minutes and a change should be made to the 7th July 2014 minutes to include under minute reference 14/40 'All councillors declared a personal interest in the subject of school parking because they live in the village of Marton.'
- 5. PCSO Cash Comments 14/78**

PCSO cash advised that she cannot always make the meetings of MPC and she will send any comments that she has in advance to the Clerk.

Speed Indicator Devices: PCSO Cash advised that the mounting brackets had been put up the wrong way round which has led to a delay in the SID's being installed. This has now been rectified and it is hoped that the SIDS will be in operation for 2 weeks between Christmas and New Year and then at intervals throughout 2015.

Community Driver Engagement Days: These can no longer take place because the fire service are no longer allowed to run them.

School Parking: PCSO Cash advised that she has been asked to produce a report on the school parking issues. She said that communication and education of parents is the key and suggested that perhaps the school could hold a competition to produce signs asking parents to mark more considerately. She advised that if a car is parked causing an obstruction, residents should report it by phoning 101.

Cheshire Alerts: this has now replaced the rural watch emails previously circulated by Jane Thirsk. Individuals can sign up on line to receive these emails. Clerk to sign up MPC online and a notice is to be produced for the board advising residents of the service. **Clerk**

PCSO Cash advised that any suspicious occurrences / incidences should be reported on 101

New 50mph Speed Limit: this is now in place along with the double white lines. This was noted as a significant achievement and thanks were expressed to David McGowan, Dick Schwender and the relevant police and highways department that have worked to make this happen.
- 6. Co-opting of New Parish Councillor onto the Parish Councillor 14/79**

Mrs Sue Webborn was co-opted onto the Parish Councillor. This was proposed by John Rylands, seconded by Lucy Nixon and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

It was agreed that the current vacancy should be notified to Cheshire East Council and on the Parish Council noticeboard in advance of the next meeting to be included on the agenda with a view to co-opting a new member. Clerk to let Lucy Nixon have a copy of the notice of vacancy for the website. **Clerk**
- 7. Marton Village Plan: 14/80**

To be combined into the new Neighbourhood Plan.

8. Marton Neighbourhood Plan: 14/81

JR highlighted how important this is for Marton during the next 12 months in light of the fact that the Local Plan has been rejected at the moment due to a lack of provision of housing. JR requested that SW be brought up to speed on the neighbourhood plan so far and cast a fresh eye over it before the next meeting.

DM advised that a group from the Parish Council met with Tom Evans from Cheshire East, who heads up the Neighbourhood Plan team, on 6th October. The application for the Marton's Neighbourhood Plan was submitted on 21st October and the Consultation Period ends on 17th December. If there are no objections DM will meet with Tom Evans in the New Year to discuss what the next steps need to be. There is a need to meet as a steering group prior to this early in the New Year.

9. Precept 2015/16: 14/82

Following circulation of the budget and discussion it was agreed to keep the Precept at the same amount of £3,000 for 2015/16.

10. Risk Assessment Review: 14/83

The Risk Assessment had been circulated to all councillors and it was agreed that this adequately covered the Parish Council financially. It was felt by the meeting that an assessment of health and safety risks should also be in place. LN suggested that a starting point for this could be to review MPC's asset register and consider the associated risks with each one. DM advised that he has looked into this before and will look out any information he has and report back. Clerk to email asset register to all members of the Parish Council. **DM, Clerk**

11. Village maintenance 14/84

a) Road flooding:

- Oak Lane – this seems to have improved - to monitor

b) Village Boundary Sign and HGV Sign – DM surveyed all the signs in Marton and came up with a list of 35 which had problems. He photographed each one and sent the information, along with a key to indicate what the problem is, to Andy Simpson. Andy has advised that the leaning, slipped and dirty signs will be dealt with but the broken ones will have to wait until the next years budget. DM will email this list of signs to the Clerk. **DM**

c) Potholes:

- Depression in road by water valve box junction A34/School Lane - Andy Simpson has referred this back to United Utilities but has advised that they do not see it as a priority.

d) Other:

- Weeds along footpath – Andy Simpson has advised that the budget for this work this year has gone but he will consider including the verges in next years budget/ programme of work.

12. Community Pride Competition 14/85

- BN advised that he was not able to make the presentation evening and Marton did not receive any awards although it did come 4th in the main village competition and this year it was commented that areas of the village had improved in cleanliness. BN agreed that he would start thinking and looking at what is needed for next years competition.
- Fence Planters - DM advised that the fence planters will be put back once the school has refurbished them.
- Floor Planters – these need to be replanted and this is the schools responsibility. JR will chase this up with the school and report back at the next meeting. Clerk to email Nevin Deakins email address to JR. **Clerk**
- Bramble clearing on the village green – DS advised that there was a very poor turnout for this event. They found that a lot of paving at the back of the stone circle is broken which is dangerous. This will need to be reset to be the same as the front of the circle. It was agreed to revisit this with ideas at the February meeting.
- Notice board on village green this is rotten and needs replacing. DM has sent an email to Cumberbatch Parish Council regarding a second hand notice board that they are selling to find out how much they want for it. A new one will cost in excess of £700.
- Notice board on School Lane – DM advised that this needs refurbishing. MPC will revisit with ideas at the next meeting.
- Christmas Tree – this has now been planted. Ron Dalton will be putting the lights on the tree. Thanks were expressed to John Percival, Tony Darbyshire and Ron Dalton.

13. Highway and road safety matters 14/86 Covered under point 5

a) Speeding & accidents on A34

b) Community Speed Watch Scheme

- 14. Marton School 14/87**
- School Parking on grass verge: DS advised he had provided Rhoda Bailey with the information that she required but that MPC have still not received a definitive answer to the question of whether CEC will carry out a risk assessment. LS advised that the matter had now been passed to the legal department of Cheshire East for them to give a ruling on the issue and that herself and Rhoda are working with several Cheshire East Departments to see if a risk assessment is something Cheshire East could provide because they feel the school has done all it can. JR asked if MPC could have written evidence that the matter has been passed on to the legal department. LS advised that she would email Anita Bradley (Head of the Legal Dept) and copy in JR and Rhoda Bailey requesting an answer to the question being asked.
 - School Transport – DM and DS advised that they believe that CEC are paying out unnecessary money funding 2 bus routes that could be cut down to one. They have driven the routes taking stops at bus drop off points and found that the combined route took half an hour which is less than the unacceptable three quarters of an hour that CEC say it would take. LS advised that Chris Williams, head of the relevant department, has reviewed their findings and has said that the bus contract is correct. MPC requested that Chris Williams come to a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the matter. LS agreed to ask him. **LS**
- 15. Planning 14/88**
- 14/4703M** - Haulage Depot, BUNCE LANE, MARTON - Change of use from haulage depot to residential for a two storey dwelling – **Awaiting Decision**
 - Guide Camp Site** – No update.
 - Weekly planning lists – circulated by email
- 16. Parish Council Website 14/89**
- Notice of Parish councillor vacancy and declaration of interest forms will be added as well as a link to the Cheshire Alerts sign up page.
- 17. Trees & Hedges 14/90** Added to Point 12
- Bramble clearing on village green
 - Christmas Tree
- 18. Finance 14/91**
- Cash Book and bank reconciliation – agreed and signed
 - Cheques totalling £407.88 - agreed and signed
 - New cheque signatories – Barrie Nolan has now been added as a signatory.
- 19. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings 14/92**
- 20. Correspondence 14/93**
- Bridgewater Hall Concert Tickets – 2 tickets donated by Manchester Airport. Clerk to email Chairman with details.
 - All other correspondence has been circulated by email
- 21. Any other business 14/94**
- Proposed meeting dates for 2015 had been circulated in advance and were agreed.
 - Public Payphone – BT are proposing to dispose of Public telephones that are not well used and Marton is one of those under threat. LN highlighted the importance of the phone box in such a rural area with a poor mobile signal and also the light it provides at night on a very dark lane. The Parish Council has the option of purchasing the phone box but the phone would still be taken out with the suggestion that it could serve another purpose such as a defibrillator station. It was agreed that LN will email BT giving the reasons why Marton Parish Council feels the phone should remain and to see where we stand and what our options are. **LN**
 - Tony Darbyshire's Leaving Meal – this will now take place in January and it was agreed that Tony's wife should also be invited.
 - Marton Annual Village Meeting – Tom Evans, from Neighbourhood Plans, has agreed to speak at the annual village meeting. JR agreed to ask Peter Raynes, David Browns successor, to also speak at the meeting. Clerk to send email address: peter.raynes@cheshireeast.gov.uk **Clerk, JR**
- 22. Proposed Dates of 2015 meetings: 14/95**
- 9th February 2015
 - 16th March 2015(Annual Village Meeting)
 - 11th May 2015(AGM)
 - 13th July 2015
 - 14th September 2015
 - 7th December 2015