

# Marton Parish Council

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Notice of Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.30pm on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Village School, Marton

## MINUTES

**Present:** Mr J Rylands (JR), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Mrs W Basnett (WB), Mr D McGowan (DM), Mrs Lucy Nixon (LN), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk) Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS), Cllr Rhoda Bailey (RB)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr B Nolan **14/55**
2. **Parishioners attendance: Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest:** None **14/56**
3. **Declarations of Interest: 14/57**  
Wendy Basnett declared an ongoing interest in a development site for a residential property on her land.
4. **Minutes of the AGM meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014:** agreed and signed as a correct record **14/58**
5. **PCSO Cash Comments 14/59**  
Clerk advised of an email received from PCSO Cash which advised a letter was sent to the school to be sent out to parents regarding school parking. She is happy to help with the community speed watch scheme by sending out letters to offending drivers. There was also a query regarding which way the brackets for the Speed Indicator Device should be facing. Clerk to forward email to DM for him to pursue. **Clerk, DM**
6. **Parish Councillor Vacancy 14/60**  
Interest has been expressed in this vacancy by 4 parish residents: A Goodwin, S Webborn, M Grady and N Hill. After discussion the parish council agreed that the Chairman would offer the vacancy to S Webborn in the first instance and N Hill in the second. Reporting back if neither accepts. **JR**
7. **Marton Village Plan: 14/61**
  - a) Village Plan – Clerk resent the plan to David Brown, Michael Jones and Adrian Fisher requesting confirmation that it had been logged but no response received. LS advised that the fact that MPC has received an invitation to the next stage of the local plan consultations could indicate that the village plan has been received. It was agreed that the Clerk should resend the village plan and copy LS in. **Clerk**  
A list of Local Plan Strategy Hearing Sessions are now available. LS will send a copy to Clerk to be forwarded to MPC. **LS, Clerk**
  - b) Neighbourhood Plan – DM advised he had been unable to attend the Gawsorth meeting due to illness. An email had been received from Cllr Tom Evans offering a meeting with MPC to discuss the way forward. MPC Cllrs to email names and dates to Clerk to forward to Cllr Evans. **MPC, Clerk**  
LS advised that the Strategic Site allocations analysis had proved unsuccessful and therefore Neighbourhood Plans are now taking precedence in this process with formal site allocations beginning anytime now. LS assured MPC that the preferences for possible development sites already submitted by MPC will still be considered. JR requested a meeting between MPC and a member of the site allocations team to give the opportunity to make sure the views of Marton have been heard. LS will try to organise this. **LS**  
LN advised that she had completed the Rural Survey.
8. **Village maintenance 14/62**
  - a) Road flooding:
    - Near Church Log Ref: 4766971 – work completed.

- Village Boundary Sign and HGV Sign – DM advised he has met with Andy Simpson of Highways and is in the process of sending him photos of the signs in question – Ongoing.
- b) Potholes:
- Depression in road by water valve box junction A34/ School Lane – 09/05/13 Log Ref: 4764360, update Log Ref: 3203182 (given when chased up with Highways) – DM advised this has been referred back to water board by Andy Simpson.
- c) Other:
- Hodgehill Lane Log Ref: 4776650 – Work completed.
  - Weeds along footpath – DM advised that Andy Simpson is aware of this and has the matter in hand.

**9. Community Pride Competition 14/63**

- JR advised that he had met with Deakin Nevin who had asked if the flower planters could be reattached to the new school fence. BN and DM will do this. **BN, DM**
- JR advised that the floor planters need cleaning and re-staining. DM agreed to carry out this work and any incurred expenses were agreed. **DM**
- The tidying work on the middle border of the village green has now been completed by DS and BN. DS advised that there was more work still needed and it was agreed to hold another community action day on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am and combine this with Bramble cutting. JR will produce a poster for the noticeboard. Clerk to email marton village email list with details. **JR, Clerk**

**10. Highway and road safety matters 14/64**

- a) Speeding & accidents on A34 – DS advised that the changes to the speed limit are due to be implemented in early October.
- b) Community Speed Watch Scheme – nothing to report.

**11. Marton School 14/65** (This item was moved earlier in the meeting due to Cllr Rhoda Bailey's attendance, Deputy Portfolio Holder for Children's and Families)

- a) School Transport and School Parking on grass verge: DS gave background on the factors that have led to the problems with traffic, parking and transport for the school, followed by an update on the situation as it stands now. To summarise, there are 3 main concerns to Marton Parish Council regarding these issues:
- i. The safety of children and parents making their way into school on foot.
  - ii. The inefficient use of school buses due to the inefficient distribution of bus passes and lack of monitoring of bus use.
  - iii. The inconvenience of the parking and congestion to residents.

Cllr Smetham advised that she and Cllr Bailey had made several visits to the problem area with Janet Mills and Chris Shields of CEC and had looked into the possibility of a walking bus to school. However this option had been found unviable. DS and DM advised that MPC had already looked into this option in detail some years earlier but the road was deemed to be too busy.

JR advised that after exploring a number of options it seemed that the only way forward was to have a risk assessment carried out in order to quantify the level of risk posed and the way to reduce this risk. After consultation with the Health and Safety Executive MPC have been advised that it is the responsibility of Cheshire East Council (CEC) to carry out the risk assessment. The parish council have contacted CEC asking clearly if they will or will not carry out the assessment. To date no written response has been received. Cllr Bailey and Cllr Smetham advised that it is not the responsibility of CEC but responsibility lies with the school in relation to their school travel plan. JR advised that in order to move forward it is necessary to establish who responsibility lies with and therefore a written response from CEC is required. Cllr Bailey agreed that the council should have at least responded to advise they will look into the matter and she would chase this up on behalf of MPC with an aim of getting a response within 14 days. **RB**

DS advised that having carried out research, in consultation with the school, into numbers of bus passes issued and actual numbers of pupils using the school bus, MPC have been able to advise CEC of discrepancies in their figures. As a result the number of buses coming to the school has been reduced by 1. MPC believe that this number could be further reduced and DS has sent detailed proposals to the relevant contact at CEC but they are no longer responding to emails. It was agreed that DS should forward these proposals to Cllr Bailey for her to pursue. **DS, RB**

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Bailey for her attendance at the meeting.

**12. Planning 14/66**

- a) **14/2521M** - Land at Cocks Moss Lane, Marton, SK11 9HX – Erection of straw storage shed - **Approved with conditions**

- b) **14/2343M** - Marton And District C Of E Primary School, SCHOOL LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HD - New modular building that will be used as a breakfast and after school club by children who attend Marton and District Aided Primary School – **Approved with conditions**
  - c) **14/3037M** - Oakcroft Farm, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HX -Prior Approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling – **Determination, Approval Required (Stage 1)**
  - d) **Guide Camp Site** – LN and DM met with the Guides and were given plans for the camp. However the proposed land to be used is owned by the same resident who has submitted planning application 14/3037M proposing the change of use of an agricultural building to dwelling. DM and LN advised that the land could not be used for both. The Guides will go back to the owner to establish the situation.
  - e) Weekly planning lists – circulated by email
- 13. Parish Council Website 14/67**  
LN will remove the poster advertising the parish councillor vacancy. **LN**
- 14. Trees & Hedges 14/68**
- a) Bramble clearing on village green – village action day 11<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am
  - b) Christmas Tree – JR has arranged for the lights and electricity with Ron from the Davenport Arms. The tree will need to be planted October-November time. DM will check with John Percival that this is in hand. **DM**
- 15. Finance 14/69**
- a) Cash Book and bank reconciliation – agreed and signed.
  - b) Cheques totalling £518.46 – to be agreed and signed
  - c) Annual Return 2013/14 – External Audit Report – Clerk reported that the annual returned had been qualified because the risk assessment had not been reviewed and minuted in year 2013/14. This was a new requirement which many parish councils had not been aware of. It was agreed to review the risk assessment at the next meeting. Clerk to send out the current risk assessment to all councillors prior to the meeting. **Clerk**
  - d) New cheque signatories – Clerk has submitted form to bank. Cllrs Wendy Basnett and Barry Nolan need to submit their forms. **WB, BN**
- 16. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings 14/70**
- JR met with headteacher Nevin Deakin who thanked MPC for all their efforts on behalf of the school.
  - JR noted that he had been approached by residents of Oak View who commented that the sale particulars of 7 Oak Lane indicated that there was rear access available to the property. The Oak View residents believe that the Tarmac area at the back of 7 Oak Lane is land designated as a parking area for all the village. The Chair advised that he had contacted the agents handling the sale of 7 Oak Lane to pass on this concern.
- 17. Correspondence 14/71**
- a) Free concert tickets opportunity from Manchester Airport
  - b) All other correspondence has been circulated by email
- 18. Any other business 14/72**
- a) Retirement meal for Tony Darbyshire – this will now be postponed until October, date to be confirmed. It was agreed that a gift to the value of £50 would be purchased, 50% from parish council funds and 50% from personal donations.
- 19. Dates of next meetings: 14/73**
- 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Meeting closed at 10.05pm**