

Marton Parish Council

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Notice of Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.30 pm on
Monday 4th February 2013 at the Village School, Marton

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for absence:** None **13/01**
2. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th December 2012 and extra meeting held on 10th January 2013 and amendments to minutes of meeting on 10th September 2012:** Manual amendment to December 12 minutes made and all agreed and signed **13/02**
3. **Village maintenance 13/03** JR advised that he is liaising with Andy Simpson from highways to get all the work carried out that is currently on the village maintenance agenda.
 - a) Overgrown footpaths on A34 – DS advised that he had been speaking to highways and they had advised that the clearing of the footpaths on the A34 should be carried out by the end of the financial year. DM advised of his frustration about the lack of progress with the clearing work on the A34 despite numerous promises in email correspondence with Simon Davies of the work being carried out during 2012 and now he has been told that there is no money to carry out any further clearing in this financial year. In light of the information given to DS, it was pointed out that Cheshire East Council do not seem to be in control of the situation and LS was asked if she would pursue the issue for Marton. LS advised that she would pass the email trail onto Kevin Melling, the Head of Highways and the new portfolio holder. LS also advised that, as she has previously said, all highway faults should be reported on the Cheshire East Website so that a logging reference is received.
 - b) Road flooding:- Near Church - Ongoing
Oak Lane – Ongoing
Bunce Lane - Ongoing
 - c) Potholes: - Marton Hall Lane - Ongoing
Oak Lane - Ongoing
 - d) Unsafe trees on Oak Lane – no further comments at present
4. **Community Pride Competition** – Application was passed to JR who is undertaking this work this year along with BN. **13/04**
5. **Highway and road safety matters 13/05**
 - a) Speeding & accidents on A34 – DS advised that in his conversation with Highways he has been informed that there was no money left in this financial year to deal with this issue.
 - b) Community Speed Watch Scheme - DM advised that a second SID has now been purchased and brackets are being put up for it along the A34 in Marton. Marton should have use of the SID for 15 weeks a year. Thanks were noted to DM for the progress that has been made.
6. **Marton School 13/06**
 - a) School Parking and Transport – DS advised that information of the bus routes and children on buses had now been received but the figures were very variable depending on the on which variables were considered. For example although the map indicates that 91 bus places are required an onsite evaluation revealed that only 52 spaces are used. Bus passes are allocated to eligible children but no follow up is carried out to see how many make use of the passes. The school has agreed to contact Cheshire East and get a list of the names and addresses of children that they have recorded as using the buses and they will check this list against their own list of children. DS advised that school parking had not progressed since the last meeting. Thanks were noted to DS for progress made.
 - b) School Landscaping scheme – DM advised that 3 news planters had been ordered and are due for delivery. It was also noted that the existing planters are in a bit of a mess now and the school has been reminded that it is their responsibility to maintain them now. JR pointed out that it would be good if they could at least be tidied up before the village meeting in March. DM also advised that a grass verge on school lane is now being permanently used as a car park by the school and felt that Cheshire East should either designate it as a car park or stop people parking on it.
7. **Planning 13/07 –13/0123M - NEW HOUSE FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, SK11 9HF - Conversion of existing redundant farm building into storage units – Comments sent to planning.**
 - a) Proposed Girl Guide Camp Black Wood
 - b) Weekly planning lists – circulated by email
8. **Local Plan 13/08** – A summary of the views of MPC put together at the extra January meeting was distributed by JR and a summary leaflet of the Local Plan was distributed by LS. LN voiced

concern that the provision of a new school for the new housing proposed for the north of Congleton would have a direct impact on the viability of Marton Village School due to a perceived reduction in numbers of children attending.

DM suggested that a better way forward would be to convert empty shops in town centres into housing but JR felt that this may not be acceptable because it is the profit gained from the sale of green sites that will finance the proposed bypass. It was agreed that the line 'by prioritising brown field development' should be added to bullet point 6 of the summary of MPC views. It was agreed that the summary of views would be finalised after the open meeting if Gawsworth Parish Council on Friday 8th February. This summary would then be distributed to all households in Marton with an opportunity for residents to comment before comments are due for submission to Cheshire East Council on 26th February.

It was agreed that although we will work closely with neighbouring parishes, namely Eaton, Gawsworth and Siddington, MPC will still be free to submit their own comments if no consensus is agreed in time. It was also agreed that MPC would not support the 'Save our Greenbelt' campaign at this stage because not enough information is known about it.

JR advised that members of the Planning Team from Cheshire East will be attending the village meeting in March with a view to focusing on and explaining Stage 2 of the Local Development Plan which is likely to impact Marton more directly as smaller development sites will be the focus.

LN suggested that other details to be added to the summary view sheet are by when and to whom comments should be returned and the relevant website address so that comments can be made on line. JR agreed to make these changes and to circulate the completed summary sheet by email following Friday's meeting with Gawsworth. **JR**

9. Parish Council Website 13/09 – LN advised that no further progress has been made with this and suggested that the parish council needs to consider what we would like uploading onto the site. JR suggested that we look at the website in the next meeting after the village meeting and LN said she would investigate the possibility of accessing WiFi in the school. Councillors were advised to email LN if they would like anything adding to the site. The website address is:

www.marton-pc.gov.uk **LN**

10. Trees & Hedges 13/10

- a) Proposed village orchard near the village green – DM advised that John Percival has now given him the information on the cost of the trees and he now needs to combine this with the cost of the sponsor's plaques. There will be 13 trees all together and the cost of sponsorship per tree will be around £50. MPC have already agreed at a previous meeting to give £100 pounds which will be 2 trees. DM will produce a document which he will forward to the clerk to be distributed by the village email. This needs to go out by March with a view to planting in May. JR advised that this will be given a big push at the village meeting in March. **DM**

11. Boundary Commission proposals 13/11 – this has now been shelved by the government and it was agreed to remove the item from the next agenda.

12. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings - None 13/12

13. Correspondence 13/13

- a) As distributed during meeting – none to be distributed
- b) All other correspondence has been circulated by email

14. Finance 13/14

- a) Cash Book and bank reconciliation – agreed and signed
- b) Cheques totalling £598.34 – agreed and signed

15. Any other business 13/15

- a) AGM Agenda and Guest Speakers – Agreed speakers:
 - Cheshire East Planning Team to explain the Local Plan
 - Peter Ashburner who is a Partner with Frank Marshall. Auctioneers, Valuers Fine Art & Antiques
 - DM will give a short notice on the Village Orchard.
- b) Declaration of interest – WB was still outstanding – Clerk to email form again. **Clerk**
- c) Moles on the village common – AD will contact the mole catcher
- d) AD advised that he will be selling a good proportion of his land in March this year
- e) Bear on A34 – WB queried how long this would be there for and it was felt that it would remain indefinitely
- f) Bus shelter for Marton – DM advised that Mrs P Woodward has asked if MPC can do anything to get a bus shelter for Marton. JR advised that he will look into this and feed back. **JR**

17. Dates of next meetings 13/16

- 18th March 2013(Annual Village Meeting)
- 13th May 2013 (AGM)
- 8th July 2013
- 9th September 2013

- 9th December 2013

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm