

Marton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at
7.30pm on Monday 4th July 2016 at the Village School, Marton

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Rylands (JR), Mr D McGowan (DM), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Mrs L Nixon (LN), Mr B Nolan (BN), Mr M Hodgkinson (MH), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS) PCSO J Short

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mrs S Webborn **16/44**
2. **Parishioners attendance: Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest:** None **16/45**
3. **Declarations of Interest: 16/46**
4 members of the Parish Council who live on School Lane and Oak Lane declared an interest in the School Parking and Transport issue and all members of the Parish Council who live in Marton declared a general residents interest in Planning Application Refs: 15/2274M and 15/5637M.
4. **Minutes of meeting held on 9th May 2016:** agreed and signed as a correct record **16/47**
5. **PCSO Report: 16/48**
PCSO Shortt advised that since the last update there had only been a few minor incidents including cows on the road and a break in at the paintball facility on Cockmoss Lane. She will be attending the Marton Wakes celebration on 23rd July to deal with any issues brought about by the road closure.
6. **Planning Application Ref: 15/2274M** - Application for up to 27 dwellings and car park Land Off School Lane, Marton - **16/49**
David advised of no change in the situation – still awaiting decision on the appeal.
7. **Marton Neighbourhood Plan: 16/50**
Dick advised that an independent examiner has been appointed and they have outlined their intent to get a report to Cheshire East Council towards the end of the week commencing 11th July. This is an informal step when the report is examined for any factual inaccuracies before the final report is issued which will hopefully take place the week commencing 18th July. The next step is to take the report through the decision making cycle to decide to proceed to referendum. At the moment it is expected that a portfolio holder decision will be given by late August at the earliest at which point the notice of referendum can be issued with the referendum date. The referendum date is expected to be late September, early October at the earliest.
Jodrell Bank is now objecting to any developments within a certain area of its radio telescope and this could have an impact on Marton's Neighbourhood Plan if it is not compatible with their position. The subcommittee are awaiting advice on this and have attempted to contact Jodrell Bank asking them to clarify their policy on new housing developments but so far have not had a response. Further discussions will take place via email between the subcommittee once a response is received to work out how best to take this forward.
8. **Marton School Liaison: 16/51**
John advised that there is no update at the moment but the school are pleased with the direction this is moving in. John will speak to Peter Webborn who is the school link before the next meeting. **JR**
9. **Village maintenance 16/52**
 - a) Road flooding:

- Oak Lane Flooding – John was able to establish that the blockage is on the Lane and not his land. Andy Simpson has promised that Cheshire East will carry out work to rectify this but nothing has happened yet after 6 weeks. Lesley will chase this up. **LS**
- Area outside school flooding – United Utilities have investigated and will work at clearing the problem in the near future.
- Flooding at the end of School Lane – David has reported this on CEC Website Ref: 3258645 along with what appears to be a drop in an area of the carriageway which was also reported Ref:3258922

b) Other:

- Weeds along footpath on A34 – These have still not been cleared and are very unsafe particularly because it is along a major highway. Mike advised that he has been chasing this up with a number of Cheshire East Councillors. Lesley will chase it up with Cllr David Brown who is the head of Highways.
- Paving and noticeboard on the village green – Barry passed around pictures showing the proposed new locations of benches and signs on the village green and a discussion followed. David proposed that the green is completely greened over and the benches and signs are located together with the Christmas Tree incorporated into the plan. All agreed with this proposal. Barry and Mike will take this back to John Percival to discuss and come up with a final plan. David highlighted that a proper detailed site plan needs to be produced because the ground belongs to Cheshire East and so any changes will need to be approved by CEC via Simon Davies.
- Village Signs – some of these still need repairing including the Village Boundary Sign which is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Mike has a list of the damaged signs which David forwarded to him and is chasing up with Andy Simpson. David will send the email trail with Andy Simpson to Mike. **MH, DM**
- Missing/damaged posts on Oak Lane – Mike has chased this up with Cheshire East who have said they have not got funding for this. It was pointed out that something needs to be done because cars are parking on the grass verges which is dangerous to children at the school. Mike will keep chasing this. **MH**
- Pump Cottage – Capesthorpe have advised MPC that they have a plan to carry out the repairs needed – ongoing

10. Community Pride Competition 16/53

Thanks were expressed to Barry for all his hard work on the planters by the school. Barry advised that he is experiencing good cooperation with the new school caretaker who has installed 2 water butts to help with watering and is looking into the possibility of installing an outdoor tap. The award ceremony will take place on 13th October at Sandbach Town Hall. Thanks were also given to Lucy for arranging the village litter pick and it was noted how much the tea and cakes at the vicarage were appreciated.

11. Highway and road safety matters 16/54

- a) Speeding & accidents on A34 – nothing to report
- b) Community Speed Watch Scheme -nothing to report
- c) Congleton Link Road – this has now been approved in full

12. Footpaths 16/55

A member of the local ramblers is keen to be involved in helping with a village walk around Marton's footpaths. John will organise this via email for a Saturday in September. **JR**

13. Marton School 16/56

- a) School Parking – no further update

14. Planning 16/57

- a) **15/2274M** - Land Off School Lane, Marton - Application for up to 27No. dwellings and car park – **Refused – Decision under appeal**
- b) **15/5637M** - Land Off School Lane, Marton - Erection of up to 27No. Dwellings – **Awaiting Decision** – the date for review has been moved to the 10th August but this will depend on the appeal decision for 15/2274M
- c) **15/5703M** - CHERRY TREE COTTAGE, BUNCE LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HQ - Listed Building Consent for Garage & Office Building to Replace Existing Double Garage Consent – **Awaiting Decision**
- d) **15/5710M** - CHERRY TREE COTTAGE, BUNCE LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HQ - Garage & Office Building to Replace Existing Double Garage Consent – **Awaiting Decision**
- e) **16/0914M** - CHERRY BARROW FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Outline application for construction of two detached, 3-bedroom houses on land to the west of Cherry Barrow Farm – **Awaiting Decision**

- f) **16/1345M** - CHURCH FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Proposed new 3 bedroom detached dwelling to be constructed on land adjacent to church farm – **Awaiting Decision**
- g) **16/2071M** - MESSUAGE FARM, MESSUAGE LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HS - Prior notification of agricultural building – **Refused**
- h) **16/2013M** - CHURCH FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Step 1: Demolition of current agricultural metal silage tank Step 2: Add a single story outbuilding onto the current commercial property at the side. Current use of the land is agricultural once rebuilt will be classed as A1 commercial use – **Awaiting Councillor's Comments**
- i) **16/2538M** - BOUNDARY FARM, HODGEHILL LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HP - Prior notification of agricultural development for proposed building for calf rearing – **Awaiting Decision**
- j) Weekly planning lists – circulated by email

15. Parish Council Website 16/58

Nothing to report

16. Finance 16/59

- a) 2016/17 Cash Book and bank reconciliation - agreed and signed
- b) Cheques totalling £472.10 - agreed and signed
- c) Internal Audit Recommendations 2015/16 – These were circulated to all councillors and acceptance

17. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings 16/60

- John advised he has not managed to attend a ChALC meeting yet but the next one is in July.
- Rural Planning Conference – 6th-7th of July
- Police Crime Commissioner Meeting – any issues from Parish Councils are welcome.
- Congleton Half Marathon – 2nd October will be passing through Marton again. MPC will work on encouraging residents to support the event. Include on agenda for September meeting. **Clerk**

18. Correspondence 16/61

- a) All other correspondence has been circulated by email

19. Any other business 16/62

- a) Town Ranger Services – all agreed that this is not something that Marton requires.
- b) S106 Agreements – ideas and suggestions are welcome from all councillors as to how any monies from potential future s106 agreements could be used.
- c) Greenbelt Development – Lucy asked if MPC should be levying the local MP about this issue. It was agreed that John will do this on behalf of MPC and all councillors could also do individually. Clerk to resend email as a reminder. **Clerk**
- d) Oak Lane – Barry advised that there are a number of areas on the road which need resurfacing or filling particularly for safety during the Wakes Procession. Barry and David will report on the Cheshire East Website. **BN, DM**
- e) Footpath by school – the footpath at the right hand side of the school is becoming badly broken up by tree roots. Barry and David will report this on the Cheshire East Website. **BN, DM**
- f) Queens 90th Birthday – An enquiry was made by a resident as to whether there would be any celebration arranged in the village for this. Although this has now passed it was felt that acknowledgement should be made to the enquirer. John will respond on behalf of MPC. **JR**

20. Dates of future meetings: 16/63

- 12th September 2016
- 5th December 2016

The meeting closed at 9.30pm