

Marton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at
7.30pm on Monday 5th December 2016 at the Village School, Marton

MINUTES

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

- 1. Apologies for absence: None 16/85**
- 2. Parishioners attendance: Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest: None 16/86**
- 3. Declarations of Interest: 16/87**

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.

Cllr John Rylands advised that he has association with Terra Nova School.
- 4. Minutes of meeting held on 12th September 2016: agreed and signed as a correct record 16/88**
- 5. PCSO Report: 16/89**

Since the last meeting an RTA has occurred on Cocksmiss Lane.
3 suspicious males were reported as being seen in the area.
18th November 2016 – Speed awareness day took place. The average speed recorded through the village was 25-32mph. 1 ticket was issued to a driver travelling at 42mph.
PCSO Short advised that the DNA Marking kits are still available to purchase. The parish council could purchase 30 kits at a reduced cost of £150. These would be allocated to a specific area within Marton and the PCSO's would show holders how to use them and would put signs up in the area to advise the kits are in use. PC Charnock advised that in Malpas these kits are being used and there has been a significant decrease in crime there and use of the kits can also have a significant effect on the cost of house contents insurance.
PC Chapman reminded those present not to have any presents or valuables on display in cars.
PC Chapman advised that the mobile police speed enforcement vans are subject to very strict rules about where they can be positioned and if these are not adhered to any enforcements made are null and void. There is also no guarantee as to how often the van can visit Marton.
- 6. Planning Application Ref: 15/2274M - Application for up to 27 dwellings and car park Land Off School Lane, Marton - 16/90**
- 7. Budget and Precept 2017/18: 16/91**

After considering the figures presented in the budget and taking into account projected increases it was agreed by the meeting that the precept for 2017/18 be increased by £200 from £3100 to £3300.
- 8. Marton Neighbourhood Plan: 16/92**

Dick advised that the process has now completely finished and the plan was officially accepted on 29th November 2016.
- 9. Marton School Liaison: 16/93**

John advised that he had met with some of the school governors and he wondered whether there was any value in trying to build better links between the school and the community? After some discussion it was felt that the school could perhaps provide a space for more activities for the community to take place and in so doing the school would then perhaps have more value to the rest of the community.

10. Village maintenance 16/94

a) Road flooding:

- Oak Lane Flooding – this is in hand and an email has been circulated advising of the timetable of the works to be carried out.
- Area outside school flooding – investigations have taken place and the problem drain and blockage have been identified. The works to rectify the problem are due to be carried out when funds allow and hopefully before the village meeting.
- Flooding at the end of School Lane – David reported the problem of an area of sunken carriageway that is holding water. In the last week the gulley has been cleared but this was not the problem. He will email Andy Simpson to chase this. **DM**

b) Other:

- Paving and noticeboard on the village green – Barry circulated a drawn plan of the proposed changes produced in conjunction with John Percival. David advised that he would sharpen this up slightly for production to show Simon Davies as planning permission is still needed. A list of costings is also still required. Barry outlined projected costs so far, a lot of which are very low due to villagers offering their services. The meeting agreed unanimously to support the proposals and that Barry can go ahead and present the neatened plan to Cheshire East Council and he and Mike can press ahead with costings and application for grant from Tarmac. **BN, DM, MH**
- Village Signs – It was agreed that Mike should check the state of all the 35 signs on the original list produced by David and see which still need fixing. **MH**
- Missing/Damaged posts on Oak Lane – these have now been replaced but there are still 3 missing. Barry proposed that the parish council purchase these and Sue seconded this. It was noted that permission would be needed for this from Highways.
- Pump Cottage – work is now being carried out on renovations and it was agreed that this was a good result.
- Footpath closure at Chapel Brook – the footpath has been closed for 12 months because it has collapsed. David suggested to CEC that work could be carried out on this at the same time as a recent closure of a section of the A34. However this was not possible and the engineers have been working on a solution to be carried out during the financial year.

11. Community Pride Competition 16/95

Thanks were expressed to Barry and Mike for all their hard work and particularly for the school planters which received a Little Gem Award. Unfortunately there will be no competition next year but Barry advised that he would still be maintaining the standard of the planters.

12. Highway and road safety matters 16/96

a) Speeding & accidents on A34 to include report on Road Safety Meeting – already covered in 5.

b) Community Speed Watch Scheme – This was advertised on the noticeboard and the website but there has been no interest shown. However since the recent accident feeling is strong in the village therefore it was agreed that another request for volunteers should be sent out via the village email group. Lucy suggested that a flier asking for volunteers could be sent out with the village carol singers and the same flier could be forwarded to the Clerk to send out to the village email group. **LN, Clerk** An article could also be included in the school newsletter. John agreed to action this and requested that the Clerk resend the original email from PCSO Shortt containing information about speed watch. **JR, Clerk**

DM advised that another idea would be for the Parish Council to try and raise money to purchase a mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID). PC Chapman advised that it would be important to check with Highways first whether there is an acceptable location in Marton to locate such a device before purchasing one. David and Dick will contact Rob Welch at Highways about this, copying Andy Simpson in. **DM, DS**

c) Congleton Link Road – nothing new to report.

13. Footpaths 16/97

David advised that he had walked one of the permissive paths with two members of Cheshire East Ramblers who were making notes on its condition.

John suggested that the village walk takes place on Wednesday 28th December at 10am when the café is also open. He will put a notice together for the noticeboard to also go on the website and be sent out to the village email group. **JR**

14. Marton School 16/98

- a) School Parking – Dick advised that the report on this was sent to Highways but so far there has been no response so he will resend it and it was agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting. **DS**

15. Planning 16/99

- a) **15/5637M** - Land Off School Lane, Marton - Erection of up to 27No. Dwellings – **Unknown**
- b) **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 – **Approved with conditions**
- c) **16/3810C** - Land At, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE - Agricultural building for proposed calving facility – **Unknown**
- d) **16/3809C** - Land At, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE - Outline planning permission for an agricultural workers dwelling – **Unknown**
- e) **16/3904M** - DAVENPORT ARMS, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Proposed new entrance canopy, with extended mansard roof. New orangery with glazed rooflight and mansard roof. Formation of new openings. New external terrace. Extension of existing parking layout – **Approved with conditions**
- f) **16/4264M** - MESSUAGE FARM, MESSUAGE LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HS - Prior notification of agricultural building – **Determination – Approval not required**
- g) **16/4202M** - BOUNDARY FARM, HODGEHILL LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HP - Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of one replacement agricultural building – **Approved with conditions**
- h) **16/5597M** - DAVENPORT ARMS, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Advertisement Consent for 2 x signwritten logos, 3D entrance logo, 2 x menucases – **Awaiting Councillors' Comments** - A discussion took place on whether the proposed rendering work was appropriate and in keeping with the village. It was agreed that John would try and arrange for members of MPC to meet with the new owners and discuss any concerns before comments are due on the 15th December. **JR**
- i) Weekly planning lists – circulated by email

16. Parish Council Website 16/100

Lucy advised that from 11th January 2017 Cheshire East Council will no longer be hosting Parish Council websites for free. CEC will provide the files once we have a domain name. To keep the .gov.uk domain name is very expensive but a .org.uk name is a lot cheaper. Therefore it was agreed to change to a .org.uk name at a cost of £7 per year. Lucy offered to host the new site on her own server for which there would be no cost to MPC but she would check with ChALC first if this is acceptable. **LN**

17. Finance 16/101

- a) 2016/17 Cash Book and bank reconciliation - agreed and signed
- b) Cheques totalling £1044.02 - agreed and signed

18. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings: None 16/102

19. Correspondence 16/103

- a) All other correspondence has been circulated by email

20. Any other business 16/104

- a) Clerk – the clerk advised that she would be leaving in Summer 2017 due to moving with husbands job.

21. Proposed Dates 2017 Meetings: Agreed 16/105

- 30th January 2017
- 20th March 2017
- 8th May 2017
- 3rd July 2017
- 11th September 2017
- 4th December 2017

Meeting Closed at 9.55pm