

# Marton Parish Council

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Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council  
held at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 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 S Webborn (SB), 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 **16/21**
2. **Election of Parish Council Positions: 16/22**
  - a) **Chairman:** John Rylands – Proposed by D McGowan, Seconded by Lucy Nixon
  - b) **Vice Chairman** - Left open
3. **Parishioners attendance: Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest:** None **16/23**
4. **Declarations of Interest: 16/24**

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.
5. **Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 and Report of Village Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016:** agreed and signed as a correct record **16/25**
6. **PCSO Report: 16/26**

PCSO Short advised of a number of incidences in the last few weeks including flooding, finding of possible human bone which turned out to be that of a pig, a road traffic accident and notification of legal shooting for pest control.

There will be a PCSO led meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in the Gawsorth and Timberbrook Ward. Parish Councils are being encouraged to promote DNA marking kits, the most up to date effective way of marking belongings against theft, which will be available at the meeting for £10 instead of £50.

Continued reporting of incidents on 101 was encouraged and John asked for thanks to be passed on to PC Brian Walmsley for the talk on internet safety given at the village meeting.
7. **Planning Application Ref: 15/2274M** - Application for up to 27 dwellings and car park Land Off School Lane, Marton - **16/27**

David advised that the appeal has been called in by the Secretary of State which will delay the result. An email has been sent by John Bowden to a number of significant people outlining Marton's case. David will put together an email of thanks and send via the Clerk. **DM**
8. **Marton Neighbourhood Plan: 16/28**

Lucy advised that the plan is now up to appointing an examiner and a list of possibles has been received from CEC. The subgroup will consider these and decide on one. There could be more costs because if there are any objections these will have to be resolved before the final acceptance of the plan. The Neighbourhood Plan account was circulated by the Clerk and this will be emailed to all Parish Councillors. **Clerk**
9. **Superfast Broadband: 16/29**

Lucy advised that there was nothing new to report regarding Marton but Gawsorth are hoping to set up a superfast wireless broadband facility which some people on the edge of Marton might be able to tap into. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda. **Clerk**

**10. Marton School Liaison: 16/30**

Liaisons are taking place between the school and village regarding flooding around the school. Dick queried if the school is now full to capacity because this would be relevant to the planning application for 27 houses on land off School Lane. Lucy will look up this information on line.

**LN**

**11. Village maintenance 16/31**

**a) Road flooding:**

- Oak Lane Flooding – John has met with Andy Simpson and agreed that John will arrange to have a hole dug and then Highways will come in and do the work needed.

**b) Other:**

- Tractors on Oak Lane – Barry advised that tractors coming down Oak Lane are causing problems. John suggested that an email could be sent via the Clerk to Matthew Burton at Capesthorne Estate about this. **JR, Clerk**
- Weeds along footpath – This is outstanding from 2014. Mike is waiting for Andy Simpson to come back to him about this.
- Paving and noticeboard on the village green
- Village Signs - Andy Simpson has advised that all the traffic signs have been fixed but the boundary signs are the responsibility of the Parish Council. John suggested that the Community Pride team look into this. David will follow a list of the signs that needed repairing. **JR, BN, MH and DM**
- Pump Cottage – this has been drawn to the attention of the Capesthorne Estate. Clerk to send another email advising that no action appears to have been taken and what is happening as the Parish Council have been advised to take up the matter with the heritage bodies. Lesley will confirm who the right contact at CEC is for this. **Clerk, LS**

**12. Community Pride Competition 16/32**

- a)** Village Orchard Proposal – John Percival has sent proposals for this and in discussion with Barry has suggested the inclusion/development of a wild meadow area and moving the benches, signs and noticeboard either forward or to a different location in the village. After discussion it was agreed that more detailed, documented proposals are needed before a decision can be made. Barry will report this back to John Percival. **BN**

**13. Highway and road safety matters 16/33**

- a)** Speeding & accidents on A34 – there has been another serious accident in the last few weeks and it was questioned whether the 30mph speed limit could be extended. It was felt that this was unlikely but Lesley would investigate if there is any Highways funding available. **LS**
- b)** Community Speed Watch Scheme
- c)** Congleton Link Road – comments were sent advising of MPC's objection to the possibility of the Link Road not being totally completed. A response has been received which is in support of these comments and offers assurance that the road will be completed. It was agreed that this was a great achievement.

**14. Footpaths 16/34**

A document has been received from Cheshire East Ramblers regarding a small area of footpath that comes into Marton. The ramblers are asking if the landowner is happy to do the work needed to maintain the footpath or if he would consider donating the path to the Ramblers for them to maintain instead. The landowner is not very keen on this because he is not happy that dogs are let off their leads and mither his cattle. Lucy suggested that signs could be erected to advise that dogs must be kept on a lead. David will look into how this might be moved forward in regard to the rambler's query. **DM**

The ramblers also provided a report on the condition of paths in Marton and David suggested that a walk of the parish paths could be arranged. John will look into this and report back to next meeting. **JR**

**15. Marton School 16/35**

- a)** School Parking – nothing to report.

**16. Planning 16/36**

- a)** **15/2274M** - Land Off School Lane, Marton - Application for up to 27No. dwellings and car park – **Refused – Decision under appeal**
- b)** **15/5350M** - LA POPOTE BISTRO, CHURCH FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, SK11 9HF - Extension to existing restaurant, kitchen and formation of toilets – **Approved with conditions**

- c) **15/5637M** - Land Off School Lane, Marton - Erection of up to 27No. Dwellings – **Awaiting Decision**
- d) **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**
- e) **15/5710M** - CHERRY TREE COTTAGE, BUNCE LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HQ - Garage & Office Building to Replace Existing Double Garage Consent – **Awaiting Decision**
- f) **16/0370M** - MOSS BANK FARM, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HX - Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to two dwellings – **Refused**
- g) **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**
- h) **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**
- i) **16/2071M** - MESSUAGE FARM, MESSUAGE LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HS - Prior notification of agricultural building – **Refused**
- j) **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 – **Comments sent to planning**
- k) Weekly planning lists – circulated by email

**17. Parish Council Website 16/37**

Lucy will upload the map of parish footpath walks to the website.

**18. Finance 16/38**

- a) 2015/16 Year End Cash Book and Bank reconciliation - agreed and signed.
- b) 2016/17 Cash Book and bank reconciliation - agreed and signed
- c) Cheques - agreed and signed
- d) Internal Audit Recommendations – Risk Assessment Review – Agreed, Clerk to circulate. **Clerk**
- e) Annual Return Section 1 and 2 - agreed and accepted

**19. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings 16/39**

John expressed thanks for all the work being carried out by the Parish Council. He will attend the next CPRE meeting. **JR**

**20. Correspondence 16/40**

- a) All other correspondence has been circulated by email

**21. Any other business 16/41**

- a) Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – an enquiry has been received from Rob Barrow querying if Marton will be arranging a street party with available funding. It was agreed that a notice will be put together by John to be circulated to the village email list via Clerk and for the noticeboard to see if any residents are interested in organising this. **JR**

**22. Dates of future meetings: 16/42**

- 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016
- 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Meeting closed at 9.25pm**