

Marton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.30pm on
Monday 9th September 2013 at the Village School, Marton

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Rylands (JR), Mrs L Nixon (LN), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Mrs W Basnett (WB),
Mr D McGowan (DM), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS), PCSO Lisa Cash

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr A Darbyshire **13/61**
2. **Minutes of meeting on 8th July 2013 and extra village meeting on 15th July 2013** : agreed and signed with one amendment to minutes of 15th July – villagers present:74 **13/62**
3. **Introducing PCSO Lisa Cash 13/63**
 - PCSO Cash advised that if the Parish Council had any queries regarding police incidents she could provide us with the statistics for the last 6 month period. If the parish council have any concerns they wish to support they should call 101 (the new number for non emergencies) or could contact PCSO Cash directly at lisa.cash@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
 - DM advised that Marton does not seem to be having the SIDS as often as it is supposed to. PCSO Cash advised that she will arrange for Marton to have the SIDS (which are in the process of being upgraded) for 2 days each month and will send the stats for these days to the clerk. These stats help to identify peak problem times and then the police can arrange for a driver engagement day to coincide with those times. The next driver engagement day in Marton will be in November and PCSO Cash will send the stats for this day to the Parish Council before the next meeting in December.
4. **Village maintenance 13/64**
 - a) Road flooding:
 - Near Church – Outstanding - Clerk to chase up. **Clerk**
 - Bunce Lane – Outstanding - Clerk to chase up. **Clerk**
 - b) Potholes:
 - Marton Hall Lane – Work done is substandard.
 - Depression in road by water valve box junction A34/ School Lane – Outstanding – Clerk to chase up. **Clerk**
5. **Trees & Hedges 13/65**
 - a) Village Orchard – DM advised that work is now complete and the plaque will arrive next week. DM to send the invoice to Clerk. **DM**
It was also agreed to do some more orchard planting on the opposite side near LN's house.
 - b) Village planting – DM advised of Mr Percivals plans for the next stage of village planting:
 - Continuation of Hedge planting A34 chapel bank west side and gapping on East side and hedge planting along Marton Lane around Pikelow farm plus gapping around Holly bank/Yew tree Cottage. Estimated Cost-£100.
 - Continuation of orchard planting along A34. Purchase of & Cheshire heritage varieties-probable cost around £100. There is now a supply of Cheshire varieties available via the Cheshire landscape trust.
 - Continuation of tree planting programme around Bunce and Marton Hall Lane-No cost we have saplings in pots ready, plus the alndscape trust may have another tree availability.
 - Felling of damaged trees oppsite New House farm (To be replaced by fruit trees)
 - Trimming of trees around Parish Notice board.
 - Removal of crowding Ash and Sycamore along bank at the back of the green across A34.

The cost of this work will be covered by the surplus money from the village orchard and MPC are committed to allocating £100 per annum to this work.

JR suggested that some more hedges be planted by Mr Goodwins house on Oak Lane. DM agreed to email Mr Percival about this. **DM**

- c) JR suggested a working party to clear the brambles on the field behind the school. DS agreed to organise this for Saturday December 7th 2013. Clerk to email a reminder out at the start of November. **Clerk**

6. **Community Pride Competition 13/66**
BN advised that the results and awards ceremony will take place on Thursday 10th October, 7.30pm in Ellesmere Port. BN and JR will attend and report back. **BN, JR**
7. **Highway and road safety matters 13/67**
- Speeding & accidents on A34 – DS advised that a new person, Sarah Gerard is now in post and the data on speed limits and the incorrectly positioned double white lines is being looked at. We should hear what action is going to be taken in the next 2 months.
 - Community Speed Watch Scheme – already covered in point 3.
8. **Marton School 13/68**
- School Transport - DS and DM met with Mr C Williams (Head of Transport), Mr D Topping (CEC Portfolio holder for the environment) and a representative from Highways. Cheshire East now seem to have a better estimate of the number of children eligible to use the school transport which means that one bus less is needed. This leaves 2 50+ seater buses and 2 taxis but these are still not being used to their capacity with one of the buses only having 2 or 3 children on it. Mr Williams also agreed to look into reducing the number of taxis. DS and DM suggested sending a letter out with the bus pass forms with an area to indicate if the bus will be used or not but it was felt by CEC that this may result in pupils getting left behind. Mr Williams also advised that contrary to the schools belief the school does still have responsibility for problems that take place outside their gates that are related to the school.
 - School Parking – DS and DM spoke to Highways about the problem of parking on the grass verge near school. Highways advised that there are 3 options:
 - Tarmac the area and make it into an official parking area – but this is potentially dangerous.
 - Put bollards up to stop people parking – but where will the cars go then?
 - Leave it as it is and push for the extra parking on the school grounds.
 After some discussion it was agreed that the best course of action would be to push forward with the extra parking on the school grounds. DS and DM are meeting with the school in a couple of weeks to discuss this. Plans are already drawn up for the project but the problem has been funding. LS advised that Shay O’Neal from CEC may be able to suggest sources of grants. She will pass the contact to DM and DS. **LS**. DS suggested that he and DM meet with Christine Jones (liaison between CEC and Chester Diocese) before the coming meeting so that she is aware of the importance of the project. **DS, DM**.
 - School Landscaping scheme – now complete. Thanks were expressed to DM and BN for their work in this area – **remove from agenda**.
9. **Planning 13/69**
- 13/2895M - MOSS WOOD COTTAGE, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HX - Proposed two storey side extension to replace existing conservatory – Refused.** JR will contact Mr Hall to advise him that MPC did not object to the proposal. **JR**
 - Proposed Girl Guide Camp Black Wood – **remove from agenda**.
 - Weekly planning lists – circulated by email
10. **Local Plan 13/70**
LS advised of key dates in the next stage of the core plan:
- 19th September – revised plan made public on CEC Website – LS will email MPC with the link. **LS**
 - 26th September – Meeting with Strategic Planning board at Crewe Alexander Football Club
 - 7th October – Presentation to Parish Councils in the north of Cheshire East at Macclesfield Town Hall – members of MPC to attend and see how any changes impact our original thoughts then resend comments accordingly. **MPC**
 - 8th November – start of 6 week statutory consultation period
11. **Capesthorne Development Proposals 13/71**
This was considered in connection with the local plan. JR queried when the next stage of the plan relating to site allocations would be released. LS advised that she believed it would be in the Spring of 2014. JR asked LS if she could find out if the next stage of consultations on site allocations has begun and how MPC can best influence this. The Parish Council were keen that we should be able to put forward our views and the views of the villagers on the Capesthorne Proposals to CEC because the Capesthorne estate had already had their chance to put their side across. LS advised she would find out and report back. **LS**
JR advised that there had been an underwhelming response to the idea that green areas should be promoted. He advised that he and DM had met with MP David Rutley who had said that in light of the core plan it is essential that green fields are protected and that more of an effort needs to be made to focus development into town centres.
12. **Parish Council Website** – forward to next meeting **13/72**
13. **Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings: none 13/73**
14. **Correspondence 13/74**
- All correspondence has been circulated by email – JR reminded councillors of emails received for ChALC Training, Rural Fair Share petition and the Manchester Airport Meeting on 24th September which nobody was able to attend.
15. **Finance 13/75**

- a) Cash Book and bank reconciliation – It was agreed that a change should be made to the cash book so that entries which are listed as councillor expenses are changed to the item that was actually purchased. - Agreed and signed.
 - b) Cheques totalling £830.67 – Agreed and signed.
 - c) Annual Return – Clerk advised that this was all complete and returned by the external auditor.
- 16. Any other business 13/76**
- a) LS requested that MPC complete the CEC mapping exercise – LS to forward matrix to JR for completion. **LS, JR**
 - b) BN advised that the gate was missing off the field opposite the school that belongs to the Capesthorne Estate. JR agreed to write to Capesthorne to advise them to replace it. **JR**
 - c) Clerk to produce the dates for meetings in 2014 and circulate prior to next meeting. **Clerk**
- 17. Dates of next meetings: 13/77**
- 9th December 2013