

# Marton Parish Council

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Notice of AGM Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.30pm on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at the Village School, Marton

## MINUTES

**Present:** Mr J Rylands (JR), Mr AG Darbyshire (AD), Mrs L Nixon (LN), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Mrs W Basnett (WB), Mr B Nolan (BN), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS)

1. **Apologies for absence:** D McGowan **13/17**
2. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and Village Meeting report on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013:** Agreed and signed **13/18**
3. **Election of Parish Council Positions: 13/19**
  - a) Re-election of John Rylands as Chairman – Proposed by L Nixon, Seconded by Dick Schwendener
  - b) Election of Vice Chairman – open at present to be reviewed during the next 12 months
4. **Village maintenance 13/20**
  - a) Overgrown footpaths on A34 – all work completed
  - b) Road flooding:
    - Near Church – not done JR pointed out that it needs to be logged on the Cheshire East website. Clerk to check database and email AD and JR if there is no reference. **Clerk**
    - Oak Lane – Nick Hill advised that this work has been done – to monitor over time
    - Bunce Lane - Ref no.4742611 not done, reported 18/4/12 over a year ago
  - c) Potholes:
    - Marton Hall Lane – work has been done but to a substandard level. Richard Campney has been chasing this up. JR will check with him if this has been logged on Cheshire East's website. **JR**
    - Oak Lane – JR advised that although the potholes have been patched up it is not in a fit state for Marton Village Fete on 20<sup>th</sup> July to come down it at present. LS agreed to chase this work up. **LS**
    - Depression in road by water valve box junction A34/ School Lane reported 9/5/13 ref.no.4764360
  - d) Other:
    - Oak Lane – missing white bollards – LN to report on Cheshire East Website and send ref. to clerk. **LN**
    - A34 – Fire hydrant opposite New House Farm – WB will log on CEC Website and send ref. to clerk. **WB**
    - Oak Lane – road sign damaged – WB will log on CEC Website and send ref. to clerk. **WB**
5. **Community Pride Competition 13/21**

JR advised that the application had been submitted online. DM has put the information notice on the notice board.

  - JR advised that we need to have a litter pick. LN has contacted Cheshire East and is awaiting a date. LN to inform when she receives a date and JR to produce flyer for village distribution. Clerk to distribute via village email list. **LN, JR, Clerk.**
  - JR advised that there is a branch down on the Spinney green and the grass needs cutting. The benches also need re-creosoting but it was agreed that this is not urgent.
6. **Highway and road safety matters 13/22**
  - a) Speeding & accidents on A34 – DS contacted highways engineer who advised that survey on speed has been carried out and the data will now be analysed to see if speed reduction measures are necessary. The engineer knew nothing about MPC's request for double white lines. DS forwarded him all correspondence and DS will email LS with engineers email address so that she can chase the work up. **DS, LS.**
    - Clerk to contact PCSO to request feedback from driver awareness day. **Clerk**
  - b) Community Speed Watch Scheme - no change from previous minutes. Clerk to ask PCSO when Marton will get use of the SID. **Clerk**

**7. Marton School 13/23**

- a) School Parking and Transport – DS advised that the actual figures of children with bus passes is 79 although many of these do not use the bus. Mrs Deakin was to let CEC know of these correct figures. A meeting date has been requested with CEC to discuss this with a view to getting smaller buses, awaiting date. LS agreed to attend this meeting. **LS**  
- DS met with Mrs Deakin who advised that there is no money for the school parking scheme at present. DS has contacted the a possible source of Diocese funding who advised that if there is a safety issue and CEC supported it there was more chance of getting funding. LS will contact Rachel Bailey (portfolio holder) to find out the best way to go about this and let DS and DM know. **LS**
- b) School Landscaping scheme – DM advised via email that 3 new planters installed. School has agreed to maintain them and the garden club will be planting new plants soon.  
- DM has emailed LS regarding the grass verge near school which is being used as a car park by parents. He is requesting that it is either officially made a car park or measures are taken to stop cars parking there. Could this be carried out in conjunction with the school safety officers and if so who are they?  
- Thanks were expressed to DM and DS for all their hard work.

**8. Planning 13/24** – it was agreed that the planning circulation slip needs reformatting to include councillor's names on it in circulation order: JR, BN, AD, WB, LN, DS and DM with space for date received and sent and room for comments. Clerk to update. **Clerk**

- a) 13/0123M - NEW HOUSE FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, SK11 9HF - Conversion of existing redundant farm building into storage units – **Withdrawn**
- b) 13/1040M – NEW HOUSE FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, SK11 9HF – Conversion of existing redundant farm building into storage units – **Approved with conditions 1/5/13**
- c) 13/0877 - SANDPIT FARM, MESSUAGE LANE, MARTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HS – Change of use to construct a riding arena – **Comments sent to planning**
- d) 13/1346C -BOUNDARY FARM, HODGEHILL LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HP – Proposed ménage – **Comments sent to planning**
- e) 13/1826M -MOSS WOOD COTTAGE, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HX – Two storey rear extension – **awaiting councillor's comments.**
- f) Proposed Girl Guide Camp Black Wood – LN advised that an announcement had been made at a recent Girl Guide meeting that this was going ahead but nothing official has been received yet.
- g) Weekly planning lists – circulated by email

**9. Local Plan 13/25**

- LS advised that the nearest proposed alternative site to Marton is Lark Hall, Macclesfield therefore this does not really affect Marton. The previous site consultation has finished and a report should be released in the near future. The final consultation should take place in the Summer with the final proposals going to the Secretary of State for approval in 2014.
- JR proposed that the best way forward is to work towards getting a new green gap established to protect Marton and surrounding areas from unwanted development. LS advised that the best way to do this would be to set up a meeting with surrounding Parish Councils and to formulate a united proposal. Clerk to get contact details for Eton, Hulme Walfield, Somerford Booth, Lower Withington, Siddington, Henbury and Gawsworth Parish Councils and forward them to JR for him to contact with a view to setting up a meeting. **Clerk, JR**

**10. Parish Council Website 13/26**

Councillors viewed the website and LN advised that we need to decide what we want to put on it. JR suggested that the minutes and agenda's for the last 12–24 months should be included and perhaps the spreadsheet of reported highway faults. It was queried if all the emails that are circulated to councillors could be uploaded instead but LN was not sure that there would be enough space to allow this. She will investigate and report back. Thanks were expressed to LN for all her work. **LN**

**11. Trees & Hedges 13/27**

- a) Proposed village orchard near the village green – DM advised via email - all trees are planted and sponsors money paid. He will organize the plaques and give the PC completed accounts by the next meeting. There will be a surplus of cash available for future maintenance, details given to DS. John Percival has suggested more fruit trees should be planted next year possibly in the verge in front of LS's house – this was agreed as a good idea. Thanks were expressed to the Percival Family and DM for all their hard work. **DM**

**12. Internal audit and annual return 13/28**

- a) Clerk reported no issues arising in the internal audit.
- b) 2012/13 Cash Book and year end bank reconciliation – agreed and signed.
- c) Annual Return agreed and signed by Chair.

**13. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings 13/29**

None

**14. Correspondence 13/30**

- a) As distributed during meeting
- b) All other correspondence has been circulated by email

**15. Finance 13/31**

- a) Cash Book and bank reconciliation – circulated and agreed and signed.
- b) Cheques totalling £1311.69 – agreed and signed

**16. Any other business 13/32**

- a) DS advised he has been asked to remove the stones from the verge in front of his house because a complaint had been received from someone who had damaged their car. JR suggested that this is brought back to the next meeting.
- b) LN advised that Connecting Cheshire was providing funding for extra broadband cover which means many more will have access to a faster broadband speed. We don't know if this will include Marton yet but are hopeful that it will. There will be another meeting soon.

**17. Dates of next meetings: 13/33**

- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013
- 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013

**Meeting closed at 9.25pm**