

Marton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.30pm on
Monday 13th July 2015 at the Village School, Marton

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Rylands (JR), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Mr D McGowan (DM), Mr B Nolan (BN), Mrs L Nixon (LN), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS) Alex and Paul from Congleton Harriers

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Mrs S Webborn **15/40**
- 2. Parishioners attendance: Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest:** None **15/41**
- 3. Declarations of Interest: 15/42**

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 Ref: 15/2274M.
- 4. Minutes of meeting held on 11th May 2015:** agreed and signed as a correct record **15/43**
- 5. 32nd Congleton Half Marathon, 4th October 2015 from 9.30am: 15/44**

Alex and Paul, representatives from the Congleton Harriers, advised that the route of the Congleton Half Marathon has been changed and will now pass through Marton for a short stretch on Davenport Lane and Bunce Lane between 9.50am and 10.20am on the day. The change has been made due to some parts of the original route becoming too dangerous on the road and the decrease in police support. The Parish Council agreed to give the event their full support and to promote the event to the village at the Marton Wakes event. Councillors also agreed to notify the local dairy farmer so that the cows are not on the road when the run comes through.
- 6. Planning Application Ref: 15/2274M - Application for up to 27 dwellings and car park Land Off School Lane, Marton - 15/45**

Thanks were expressed to LN, DM and DS for all their hard work for putting together the objections of MPC on behalf of the village of Marton together. This has now been sent to planning and is showing on the relevant webpage. It was noted that around 45 residents have also sent objections into planning. The Planning Meeting to decide the application will take place on Wednesday 12th August at 10am. The timing of this item will depend on where it is on the agenda. LS advised that once notification of the meeting is received it will be necessary for one Parish Councillor to register with the officer in charge a desire to speak and they will then be allowed a 3 minute slot at the meeting. LS advised that she would also be allowed to speak for 5 minutes on behalf of MPC and Marton Village and it was agreed that she would use the headings of MPC's comments submitted to planning as bullet points for her speech. LS advised that a decision will be made following the presentations and discussion on this application.

It was agreed that DM will send a document to the planning officers of all the bullet points summarising MPC's objections and this should be sent on the evening of Monday 10th August.

DM

It was agreed that MPC councillors would encourage local residents to attend the meeting on 12th August, meeting outside and then all going in at the start of the relevant item. **MPC**

JR circulated a letter from David Rutley received in response to email sent regarding the proposed development. JR will write and thank. **JR**

It was noted that a Tree Preservation Order had been submitted by Nigel Evans and accepted on trees affected by the proposed development. Clerk to thank and advise that MPC wholeheartedly support the TPO. **Clerk**

JR advised that following the submission of a letter of support for the development from Marton School, he had been invited to speak to the School Governors and had advised of the views of

MPC which reflect the views of the village. The school has since submitted a letter of retraction to planning. JR advised that the school have requested that people refrain from taking pictures and videos of cars outside of the school due to safeguarding issues. LN advised that any pictures taken on behalf of MPC to support their objections had had the number plates blurred on them. It was agreed that JR would continue to try and build relations with the school on behalf of MPC. **JR**

7. Marton Neighbourhood Plan: 15/46

LN advised that the latest draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), 1.9, is now on the website and the committee will be meeting again very soon. DM advised that an invoice had been received from N P Curtis of Project 10 Design of £1290 for work carried out for the NP. It was agreed to raise and sign this cheque at the meeting. The money would later be reimbursed by grants that are being applied for for the NP. In response to a question from LS, DM advised that one of the consultants recommended by Tom Evans is looking at housing needs in Marton as part of his work. Clerk to send JR his copy of the electoral role from the recent elections. **Clerk**

8. Village maintenance 15/47

a) Road flooding:

- Oak Lane – Ref: 3226776 (16.02.2015) BN advised that this is still very bad and JR advised that he had been told that it is scheduled to be done.

b) Potholes:

- Depression in road by water valve box junction A34/ School Lane – Ongoing.

c) Other:

- Weeds along A34 footpath – LS will chase up with Highways. **LS**
- Blocked Gully at end of School Lane – Highways have been out but unsuccessful and now say it needs jetting but don't know when it will be.
- Paving on village green – BN and DM have discussed this and are planning to put loose chippings and stepping stones down. Agreed to carry this forward for discussion at next meeting.
- Village Signs – DM advised that he did a report with photos on all the signs in the village which was sent off months ago and nothing has happened. LS will chase this up at the next Highways meeting. **LS**

9. Community Pride Competition 15/48

BN advised that the judges have been round the village and felt that the village was generally tidier than last year but we await results.

- Fence Planters
- Floor Planters – done by children from the school.
- Bramble Clearing on village green – done.
- Noticeboard on village green – ongoing.
- Noticeboard on School Lane – has been tidied up.

10. Highway and road safety matters 15/49

- a) Speeding & accidents on A34 – there have been 2 accidents since the last meeting, one involving a tractor and one a motorbike.**
- b) Community Speed Watch Scheme – Ongoing.**

11. Marton School 15/50

- School Transport and School Parking on grass verge – DS will send an email to Glen Bubb to see where things are up to. **DS**

12. Planning 15/51

- a) 15/0438M - Oakcroft Farm, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HX - Demolition of existing buildings on site and erection of activity centre building and camping site with associated development – **Awaiting Decision** It was thought that this may have been withdrawn.**
- b) 15/1032M - CHERRY BARROW FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Erection of Brick Columns and Gates to Driveway – **Approved with conditions****
- c) 15/2274M - Land Off School Lane, Marton - Application for up to 27No. dwellings and car park – **Objections sent to planning****
- d) 15/2443M - Yew Tree House, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, SK11 9HF - Proposed change of use of land and buildings; demolition of glasshouses; erection of portal framed workshop building; formation of new highway access point / track to allow safe access and egress of the site – **No comments submitted****
- e) 15/2210M - CHERRY TREE COTTAGE, BUNCE LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HQ - Replacement of Existing Wooden Garden Shed with Oak Framed Building to Create Garden Room and Garden Store – **Clerk to advise of no objections****
- f) Weekly planning lists – circulated by email**

JR advised that there may be some applications coming in from residents for brown field site developments.

13. Parish Council Website 15/52

LN advised that the underlying software has been upgraded and more papers have been displayed in line with compliance with the Transparency Code.

14. Finance 15/53

- a) Cash Book and bank reconciliation – agreed and signed.
- b) Cheques totalling £2145.54 - agreed and signed
- c) Internal Audit Report – clerk advised of the 2 recommendations regarding amendments to the risk assessment. Clerk to look into this via Jackie Weaver at ChALC. **Clerk**

15. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings 15/54

None

16. Correspondence 15/55

- a) All other correspondence has been circulated by email

17. Any other business 15/56

- a) Phone box – LN has chased this up and is awaiting a response.
- b) Christmas Tree – has died. JR has a tree that might be suitable. BN will look at it and prepare it for moving if suitable.
- c) CEC 5 Year Plan – DM asked LS when this will be put into place because until it is, Marton is vulnerable. LS advised that she did not know but would try to find out. LS advised that the papers that will be resubmitted to the Planning Inspectorate at the end of the month have just been released and a consultation regarding the Local Plan will be coming out to Town and Parish Councils via ChALC.

18. Dates of future meetings: 15/57

- 7th December 2015

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm