

# Marton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.30pm on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the Village School, Marton

## MINUTES

**Present:** Mr D McGowan (DM), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Mr B Nolan (BN), Mrs L Nixon (LN), Mrs S Webborn (SB), Mr M Hodgkinson (MH), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS)

- 1. Apologies for absence:** John Rylands **15/59**
- 2. Parishioners attendance: Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest:** None **15/60**
- 3. Declarations of Interest: 15/61**  
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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015:** agreed and signed as a correct record **15/62**
- 5. 32<sup>nd</sup> Congleton Half Marathon, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 9.30am: 15/63**  
Clerk to check if John Rylands has notified the local farmers to ensure they are not taking their cows for milking across the road when the race passes through. **Clerk**  
A notice has been placed on the noticeboard. DM will scan the notice and send to clerk for circulation to the village email list. **DM, Clerk**
- 6. Planning Application Ref: 15/2274M - Application for up to 27 dwellings and car park Land Off School Lane, Marton - 15/64**  
DM advised that the last response to the amended application was made on the 6<sup>th</sup> August objecting to the damage to hedges caused by the proposed new access point.  
The Cheshire East Council Design and Conservation Officer has highlighted the impact that the new access point would have on an adjacent listed building.  
MPC asked Project 10 to provide a supplementary transport note to support the Parish Councils position and this will be submitted to CEC Planning.  
An appeal has been raised against the Tree Preservation Order by another party.  
Sue advised that she had seen the new PCSO doing a safety assessment of traffic around the school. Dick is trying to contact her to see if MPC can get a statement off the police that supports their objections.  
Lucy will check with John who is going to speak at the planning meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October. **LN**  
David will send a copy of the additional submission to Lesley. **DM**  
Lesley suggested that MPC should resend the letter advising of the Parish Councils views to the Northern Planning Board in advance of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October.  
Lesley advised that she will try to get Planning Application 15/2274M to be last on the agenda and will let MPC know about a week before. **LS**  
MPC will then let local residents who are planning to attend know.  
David will ask John to submit the letter of support from MP David Rutley to planning. **DM**
- 7. Marton Neighbourhood Plan: 15/65**  
Dick advised that the grant application has been submitted to CEC, it has been approved and is being processed. This grant will provide some of the money for the costs incurred but a proportion of it must be met by a Government grant. This grant has been delayed because the housing survey initiated by MPC was only targeting affordable housing and it needs to cover all types of housing. The survey is being redesigned and will be distributed to residents soon.  
Tom Evans of CEC advised that Marton should include a Landscape Character Assessment in the Neighbourhood Plan. A specialist consultant has been employed to this end and Dick and David will meet with him soon to get the final report. It is hoped that the application for the Government grant will be completed within the next week.

**8. Superfast Broadband: 15/66**

Lucy advised that although a number of residents had received notification that superfast broadband was up and running in Marton in August it is still not available. Having queried this with BT Lucy was advised that the problem is that her phone line is an exchange only line. She explained that exchange only (EO) lines are connected directly to the local telephone exchange rather than passing through a green cabinet that can be upgraded with a fibre broadband connection. These lines are generally very close to the telephone exchange or very remote from it. Unfortunately EO lines offer additional levels of complexity and cost. For this reason, EO lines are currently not being upgraded in this area. It seems that a number of residents have been told the same thing so it seems likely that most properties in Marton are served by exchange only lines. Some residents have received further notification that the superfast broadband will be up and running now by October so Lucy advised that MPC wait until then and see what happens. Lesley advised that it would be worth contacting Andrew Arditti at Cheshire East about this. Lucy agreed to do this. **LN**

**9. Village maintenance 15/67**

- a) Road flooding:
  - Oak Lane - Ref: 3226776 (16.02.2015) – still not done. LS will chase up. **LS**
- b) Potholes:
  - Depression in road by water valve box junction A34/ School Lane – ongoing.
- c) Other:
  - Weeds along footpath – Andy Simpson has advised these are scheduled to be done by October.
  - Blocked Gully at end of School Lane – work done – remove from agenda. **Clerk**
  - Paving on village green – Barry and David advised that the main problem is the back area of paving. It was agreed that this should be replaced with loosed chippings and stepping stones as has been done at the front. DM and BN will look at getting the materials and will send an email around to arrange a working party. **BN, DM**
  - Village Signs – David advised that Andy Simpson sent an email response saying he would try to get something done about fixing the signs – there are around 40 signs in Marton that need repairing so the work needs doing as soon as possible. Lesley will chase this up. **LS**

**10. Community Pride Competition 15/68**

Barry advised that he will attend the awards evening and will report back if Marton have won any awards.

- Noticeboard on village green – David will contact the person who is going to produce a new notice board as he had now returned from abroad. **DM**
- Fence Planters – these have now been re-stained in brown but Barry is awaiting permission from Nevin Deakin to put them back up. Sue will email Nevin and ask for a response. **SW** Once the planters are back in place they can be replanted.
- Floor Planters – these were replanted by the school children but have died off because they were not watered. David advised that the neighbours have offered to water them. Sue will email Nevin about this also to see if a way forward can be agreed. **SW**

**11. Highway and road safety matters 15/69**

- a) Speeding & accidents on A34 – nothing to report.
- b) Community Speed Watch Scheme - ongoing.

**12. Marton School 15/70**

- a) School Transport – Dick advised that CEC have finally taken on the recommendations and research carried out by himself and David and have amalgamated 2 coach routes into 1. This means there is now only one large coach and one minibus serving the school. Thanks were expressed to Dick for all his hard work which is now saving CEC a lot of money.
- b) School Parking on grass verge: Dick advised that this had reached a standstill because the school have no money to pay for any alternative parking. Mike suggested that if the planning application for new houses on the land off School Lane is successful MPC could ask for a Section 106 Agreement to provide a car park. It was considered that the issue could be referred to the new PCSO for Marton to see if they have any new ideas.

**13. Planning 15/71**

- 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**
- b) **15/2274M** - Land Off School Lane, Marton - Application for up to 27No. dwellings and car park – **Ongoing**

- c) **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 – **Approved with conditions**
- d) **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 – **Approved with conditions**
- e) **15/3228M** - DAVENPORT LANE FARM, DAVENPORT LANE, MARTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HW – Extension to existing cattle building – **Approved with conditions**
- f) **15/3281M** - MERE BARN, SCHOOL LANE, MARTON, MACCLESFIELD, SK11 9HD - Proposed Two Storey Extension Containing Stair Case; First Floor Extension over Existing Utility Room to Provide En-suite; Single Storey Side Extension to Utility Room; and Internal Alterations to Provide Additional Bedroom and Bathroom – **Approved with conditions**
- g) **15/4018M** - 7, OAK LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HE - Single Storey Side Extension and Front Porch – **Clerk to advise of no objections**
- h) Weekly planning lists – circulated by email

#### 14. Parish Council Website **15/72**

- Transparency Code Funding – Clerk advised that funding was available to help with setting up of a website in order to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code however as MPC already has a website which the required information is displayed on, it was felt that this was not necessary at this time.

#### 15. Finance **15/73**

- a) Cash Book and bank reconciliation – agreed and signed
- b) Cheques totalling £554.55 - agreed and signed
- c) Internal Audit Recommendations – Clerk advised of information on Risk Assessments that had been received from ChALC. These will be circulated to discuss at the next meeting. **Clerk**
- d) Annual Return – the completed Annual Return for 2014/15 was approved by the meeting.

#### 16. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings: None **15/74**

#### 17. Correspondence **15/75**

- a) All other correspondence has been circulated by email

#### 18. Any other business **15/76**

- a) Rural Policing Matters – David advised that the Rural Services Network is encouraging people living in rural areas to sign the petition to get the Government to carry out a consultation on this matter.
- b) 9 Oak View – Clerk advised that she had received an email from Regenda Housing Organisation who own 9 Oak View advising that it is soon to be available for a new resident and the MPC should advise of any potential people for the property who have a link with Marton. Barry advised that he is aware of an individual who is interested in it and who fits the criteria. He will get the lady to contact the clerk with her details for the Clerk to forward on. **BN, Clerk**
- c) Phone Box – Lucy advised that the request for the public phone box to stay in Marton had been successful and that it would be staying in place with a working phone.
- d) Christmas Tree – Barry advised that he has not been able to view John's potential tree but if it is to be used it will need to have its roots cut and be left in place until the end of October when it could be moved. Mike advised that he would help with the moving and get a team of people together to do this if necessary. **BN, MH**
- e) Signs outside Marton Shops – Barry advised that these are posing a safety hazard as they are blocking the view of drivers when pulling out of the shops car park. David advised that we should find out what the official ruling is for this before we approach the shops. Lesley advised that she will find out who the contact at CEC is for this and report back. **LS**
- f) New ASDV – Lesley advised that a new ASDV has been set up by CEC for skills and regeneration.
- g) Bosley Disaster – Lesley advised that there had been an overwhelming response from the community and that the work was still ongoing.

#### 19. Dates of future meetings: **15/77**

- 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Meeting Closed at 9.25pm**