

Marton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at
7.30pm on Monday 30th January 2017 at the Village School, Marton

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Rylands (JR), Mr D McGowan (DM), Mr D Schwendener (DS), Mrs L Nixon (LN), Mr M Hodgkinson (MH), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS),

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mrs S Webborn, PCSO Short **17/01**
2. **Parishioners attendance: Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest:** None **17/02**
3. **Declarations of Interest: 17/03**
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.
Cllr John Rylands advised that he has association with Terra Nova School.
4. **Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2016:** amended and agreed and signed as a correct record **17/04**
5. **PCSO Report:** Circulated to all Councillor's via email **17/05**
6. **Planning Application Ref: 15/2274M** - Application for up to 27 dwellings and car park Land Off School Lane, Marton - **17/06**
7. **Marton Neighbourhood Plan: 17/07**
Items 6 and 7 are quite interlinked. A statement was released by the Minister of State for Housing regarding Planning Application **15/2274M** and within this 3 main points were summarised in relation to Neighbourhood Plans:
 - i. For a Neighbourhood Plan to be considered as relevant it must not be over 2 years old.
 - ii. The Neighbourhood Plan must allocate specific sites for housing development and Marton's Plan does not do this. However the examiner for the plan advised that for a village of Marton's size this is not necessary. During the preparation of the plan 15 brownfield sites were identified, barn conversions or infill, some of which have already been granted planning permission. It was felt that the statement by the Minister of State for Housing was lacking and David McGowan has written to MP David Rutley about this who has passed it on to the Secretary of State.
 - iii. The 5 year Plan for Housing has now been dropped to a 3 year Plan – Dick Scwendener advised that on Cheshire East's Website it is not clear if they are working to a 5 or 3 year plan. Cllr Lesley Smetham advised that CEC have the requirements covered and with large housing developments being approved all the time it is unlikely that small villages will be affected.
8. **Marton School Liaison: 17/08**
John Rylands advised that there had been communication taking place between Peter Webborn, Nevin Deakin and himself and developments from this would be shared at the village meeting.
9. **Village maintenance 17/09**
John Rylands and Mike Hodgkinson advised that they had done a review of the signs, verges and paths in Marton. A list of all items reviewed, their location and condition was given to councillor's and a powerpoint presentation of pictures of signs was given. It was suggested that some of the work required such as sign cleaning and cutting back overgrown vegetation could be carried out by a working party from Marton whereas other work would require

Cheshire East to carry it out. It was agreed that Mike and John would go back over the list in conjunction with the previous list and photos provided by David McGowan and regroup the issues into what action from which group is required. This will then be presented at the Parish meeting with the hope that jobs can be allocated appropriately. John will approach local farmers over concerns of damage to verges by tractors. **MH, JR**

- a) Road flooding:
- Oak Lane Flooding – drain has been cleared and the problem seems to be solved. Clerk to remove from agenda. **Clerk**
 - Area outside school flooding – Drain is still blocked despite several attempts by United Utilities to clear it – ongoing.
 - Flooding at the end of School Lane – David McGowan showed Andy Simpson from Highways the problem with the sunken carriageway and he advised that he will arrange for it to be tarmacked to level it off and stop the flooding.
- a) Other:
- Paving and noticeboard on the village green – David advised that he printed a plan of the village green area which Barry has annotated. This will be formalised and sent to Simon Davies at Cheshire East for approval. **BN, DM**
 - Village Signs – already covered.
 - Missing/Damaged posts on Oak Lane – These have now been replaced at no cost to the Parish Council. Mike was thanked for his efforts with this. Clerk to remove from the agenda. **Clerk**
 - Pump Cottage – resolved. Clerk to remove from the agenda. **Clerk**
 - Footpath closure at Chapel Brook – due to be done within this financial year. Ongoing.

10. Community Pride Competition 17/10

It was agreed that this item be kept on the agenda but as Community Pride because the competition is currently suspended. **Clerk**

11. Highway and road safety matters 17/11

- a) Speeding & accidents on A34 to include report on Road Safety Meeting – Dick Schweneder, David McGowan and Lucy Nixon met with the Police to discuss speeding issues on the A34. They suggested that the Parish Council purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and recommended a local company in Winsford. Dick and David visited the company and advised that a battery charged SID which would need recharging every 2-3 weeks would cost £1890. A solar powered SID would cost £2600. Installation would cost £200 and a permit from CEC would be needed costing £50. There would also be the cost of 2 posts to fit the SID to. It was agreed that this could not be paid for out of MPC funds and it was suggested that it is discussed at the Village meeting to see if the village would be interested in raising funds for this as well as possible grants that may be available. David advised that CEC are currently carrying out a review of speed in Marton and the results from this will be forwarded to the Police. It may be that if this data produce enough evidence a SID is erected in Marton anyway. Therefore it was agreed that David will contact CEC and find out if this would be the case if sufficient data is recorded and he will report back to the extra meeting of MPC on 6th March. **DM**
- b) Community Speed Watch Scheme – David McGowan, Sue Webborn and another resident have now volunteered to be part of the team. David will email PCSO Shortt and see what the next step is. **DM**
- c) Congleton Link Road – nothing new to report.

12. Footpaths 17/12

The village ramble on Marton footpaths over the Christmas went very well and was also supported by Cheshire Ramblers. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to hold a ramble every 6 months – one over the Christmas period and one in the Summer. David advised that Rev Arch is planning to do a walk around the boundary of the Parish and therefore John Rylands agreed to talk to him about the possibility of joining the two events together. **JR**

13. Marton School 17/13

- a) School Parking – nothing further to report. Clerk to ask Cllr Lesley Smetham if MPC can have a copy of the Police report on this that was sent to CEC. **Clerk**

14. Planning 17/14

- a) **15/5637M** - Land Off School Lane, Marton - Erection of up to 27No. Dwellings – **Unknown**
- b) **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 – **Approved with conditions**
- c) **16/3810C** - Land At, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE - Agricultural building for proposed calving facility – **Unknown**

- d) **16/3809C** - Land At, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE - Outline planning permission for an agricultural workers dwelling – **Unknown**
- e) **16/3904M** - DAVENPORT ARMS, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Proposed new entrance canopy, with extended mansard roof. New orangery with glazed rooflight and mansard roof. Formation of new openings. New external terrace. Extension of existing parking layout – **Approved with conditions**
- f) **16/4264M** - MESSUAGE FARM, MESSUAGE LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HS - Prior notification of agricultural building – **Determination – Approval not required**
- g) **16/4202M** - BOUNDARY FARM, HODGEHILL LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HP - Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of one replacement agricultural building – **Approved with conditions**
- h) **16/5597M** - DAVENPORT ARMS, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Advertisement Consent for 2 x signwritten logos, 3D entrance logo, 2 x menucases – **Awaiting Councillors' Comments**
- i) **17/0232M** - CHURCH FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Proposed new 3 bedroom detached dwelling to be constructed on land adjacent to church farm. Amended application from approved plans 16/1345M – Clerk to inform CEC of no objections. **Clerk**
- j) Weekly planning lists – circulated by email

15. Parish Council Website 17/15

New website address is: martonparishcouncil.org.uk

16. Finance 17/16

- a) 2016/17 Cash Book and bank reconciliation - agreed and signed. It was noted that MPC had done well in what was an expensive financial year to keep a healthy balance in the account.
- b) Cheques totalling £363.58 - agreed and signed

17. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings 17/17

John Rylands had a good meeting with local MP David Rutley.

18. Correspondence 17/18

- a) All other correspondence has been circulated by email

19. Any other business 17/19

- a) Village Meeting 20th March 2017 – A discussion took place on the format the March Village Meeting should take. It was agreed that a programme focusing on local community issues would be appropriate. Areas to be covered are:
 - i. Increasing the role of the school in the community – for example by holding community classes and courses there. Peter Webborn hopefully to present.
 - ii. Community Pride – a time to consider what can be done to help maintain the village which could include the village litter pick. Barry Nolan and Mike Hodgkinson to lead.
 - iii. Tree Preservation and Village Orchard - with input hopefully from John Percival.
 - iv. PCSO talk – to include information on DNA security marking kits, Community Speed Watch and Speeding on the A34.
 - v. Planning Application 15/2274M – to build 27 houses on land off School Lane – update.
 - vi. Upcoming village events such as the Village Fete and the Village Ramble.

It was agreed that an extra meeting to plan for the Village Meeting will be held on Monday 6th March to plan for the meeting.
- b) Future Clerk Vacancy – it was agreed that the Clerk should begin to look into advertising the vacancy of Parish Clerk which will come up later in the year. **Clerk**

20. Dates 2017 Meetings: 17/20

- 6th March 2017 (extra ordinary meeting to discuss village meeting)
- 20th March 2017
- 8th May 2017
- 3rd July 2017
- 11th September 2017
- 4th December 2017

Meeting closed at 9.35pm