

# Marton Parish Council

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Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held at  
7.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 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 S Webborn (SW), Mr B Nolan (BN), Mrs C Clowes (Clerk), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS),

1. **Apologies for absence:** PC Chapman **17/21**
2. **Election of Parish Council Positions: 17/23**
  - a) **Chairman** – John Rylands proposed by Barrie Nolan and seconded by Lucy Nixon
  - b) **Vice Chairman** – Sue Webborn proposed by John Rylands and seconded by Dick Schwendener
3. **Parishioners attendance: Introduction and opportunity for attendees to share points of Parish interest:** None **17/24**
4. **Declarations of Interest: 17/25**

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.
5. **Minutes of meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> Januay 2017 and Village Meeting Report 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017:** agreed as a correct record with adjustment to point number 7 **17/26**
6. **PCSO Report:** None given as PCSO not in attendance **17/27**
7. **Planning Application Ref: 15/2274M** - Application for up to 27 dwellings and car park Land Off School Lane, Marton - **17/28**

This application has been refused by the Secretary of State and there is only a week to go for the developers HSL to decide to go to the High Court. David will check that no appeal has gone forward. **DM**
8. **Marton Neighbourhood Plan: 17/29**

Dick advised that in order to completely protect Marton against future developments it would be necessary to allocate specific sites within the Neighbourhood Plan but this is a long and difficult process and therefore a decision needs to be taken on whether this is worth doing. A discussion followed after which it was agreed to leave the plan as it is for now but the Neighbourhood Plan Committee will do some research into possible sites for future reference. Cllr Smetham was asked for an update on the 5 year plan regarding housing.
9. **Marton School Liaison: 17/30**

Forest School - John advised that Mr Robin from the school reported that there has been a good response of volunteer efforts to help with this.  
No other activities have been organised yet.

Sue advised that it may be possible to reinstate the indoor bowls because a potential storage point has been located in the school grounds. This is owned by the Parish Church therefore Barrie will take this issue to the PCC for their consideration.

Parish Councillors advised that local residents are not happy with the large sign that has been put up to advertise the school and would like it removing. John advised that the sign was only temporary and the issue will be reviewed at the next meeting.

## 10. Village maintenance 17/31

- a) Road flooding:
- Area outside school flooding – awaiting hole to be dug by the well - ongoing
  - Flooding at the end of School Lane – no progress but Andy Simpson has promised to sort this out. David will chase up. **DM**
- b) Other:
- Paving and noticeboard on the village green – a plan has been drawn up but planning permission is needed. Barry and David have applied to Simon Davis and David is meeting with Andy Simpson about this. He will report back to the next meeting. **DM**  
John Percival is arranging a tidy up of the green.  
It was agreed that further quotes for a Noticeboard are needed and that Barry and Mike need to review the work on this so far with a view to applying for a grant from Tarmac or other sources. They will liaise with Lesley on this. **BN, MH, LS**
  - Village Signs – Mike advised that he has met with Andy Simpson's assistant and he has advised that the work needed is in hand. Mike will try to get this confirmation in an email. **MH**
  - Footpath closure at Chapel Brook – Mike advised that he has had discussions about this. John advised that really an email record of these are needed. David advised that it was promised that the work would be carried out in the 16/17 financial year and he will forward the email he had regarding this to Mike. As this poses a safety issue, Mike will then forward the email to Lesley for her action. **DM, MH, LS**
  - Main sewer on School Lane was blocked but has been cleared by United Utilities.
  - Junction between School Lane and the A34 – the pot hole was patched but the rest of the road is now deteriorating. There is also another bump due to a water box which is causing HGV's to jump. This is causing the neighbouring houses to shake resulting in structural damage such as cracks. David has reported this on the CEC website ref:3288436 and has also reported it to United Utilities. David will contact Lesley if no progress is made.

## 11. Community Pride 17/32

Barrie advised that he is doing the school planters and he will forward the invoice for plants to the Clerk for payment when he receives it. A £50 contribution has been given towards this by the school.

Lucy advised that the litter pick has taken place, numbers of helpers was down but a good job was done. Thanks were expressed to Lucy for organising this. In future it was agreed that this should take place in April so will need to be put on the agenda for the January/February 2018 meeting. **Clerk**

## 12. Highway and road safety matters 17/33

- a) Speeding & accidents on A34 to include report on Road Safety Meeting – John will contact PCSO Short to follow up any issues on this item and he will chase up any data from the speed check exercise – this may need to be done by contacting Simon Wallace at CEC Highways. **JR**  
Siddington now have a SID – John will write to Ruth Goodfellow (Clerk to Siddington Parish Council) to ask how they got this. **JR**
- b) Community Speed Watch Scheme – volunteers have come forward and are now waiting on PCSO Short to organise – John to chase this and add Lesley Smetham to the list of volunteers. **JR**
- c) Congleton Link Road – nothing to report.

## 13. Footpaths 17/34

- a) Lower to Higher Mutlow Farm Permissive Footpath – permission runs out in 2018. John is liaising with land owner to see if he is happy to continue to allow access. Cheshire Ramblers have agreed to put signs up informing walkers to keep dogs on leads if he agrees for access to continue.
- b) Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Rogation Walk of the Parish, 2-4pm starting from Marton Church. Lucy will advertise on the website and copy to the clerk to distribute to the village email list. **LN, Clerk**

## 14. Marton School 17/35

- a) School Parking – nothing new to report at present – will revisit once HSL Planning Applications are resolved.

## 15. Planning 17/36

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

- c) **16/3809C** - Land At, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE - Outline planning permission for an agricultural workers dwelling – **Unknown**
- d) **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**
- e) **16/6236M** - DAVENPORT ARMS, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HF - Variation/removal of condition 2 (approved plans) to planning application 16/3904M - 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) **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 – **Approved with conditions**
- g) **17/0584M** – THE OLD RECTORY, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, SK9 9HX - Construction of a single storey entrance porch with a WC - to replace a single storey porch on the principle elevation of a domestic dwelling – **Approved with conditions**
- h) **17/0599M** – MESSAUGE FARM, MESSAUGE LANE, MARTON SK11 9HS – Prior approval for a proposed change of use of a building from office use to a dwelling house – **Determination – Appvl not reqd (Stage 1)**
- i) **17/1093M** - MOSSBANK FARM, COCKSMOSS LANE, MARTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 9HX - Conversion of agricultural buildings to dwelling and creation of new vehicular access – **Approved with conditions**
- j) **17/1648D** – YEW TREE FARM, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, SK11 9HN – Discharge of conditions 4,6 and 8 on approval 15/2443M – **Awaiting Decision**
- k) **17/1605M** - Cherry Barrow Farm, Congleton Road, Marton, Cheshire, SK11 9HF - Construction of three detached, 3-bedroom houses with double garages on land to the west of Cherry Barrow Farm – **Awaiting Decision**
- l) Weekly Planning Lists – Circulated by email

**16. Parish Council Website 17/37**

Thanks were expressed to Lucy for all her work on this. Grants are available for upgrading, Lucy will look into this and email the Clerk. **Clerk**

**17. Finance 17/38**

- a) 2016/17 YE Cash Book and bank reconciliation to be agreed and signed
- b) 2017/18 Cash Book and bank reconciliation to be agreed and signed
- c) Cheques to be agreed and signed

**18. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings 17/39**

- a) Environmental Plan – John has continued to have talks with John Percival and there has been some positive interest from local landowners and Capesthorne who is particularly keen to help. It is hoped to have an outline plan ready by the village meeting in 2018. Financial support has not been forthcoming so far. A number of possible sources of funding and information were discussed including Tarmac and Simon Browne of Henbury Parish Council, were to be looked into by John and Lesley. **JR, LS**
- b) Defining Rural Places, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Chester University by Rural Services Network – John will attend. **JR**

**19. Correspondence 17/40**

- a) All other correspondence has been circulated by email

**20. Any other business 17/41**

- a) Handy person leaflets for vulnerable/elderly/disabled people run by Orbitas Bereavement Service – to be displayed on noticeboard, website and sent to village email list. **LN, DM, Clerk**
- b) Light pollution from the Davenport Arms – A concerned resident has highlighted this issue and David has chased this up with CEC planning and passed contact information to the resident for him to pursue.
- c) Planning Application 17/1010M – Cllr Smetham advised a representation to object has been lodged with planning and encouraged MPC to support this.

**21. Dates 2017 Meetings: 17/42**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017
- 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Meeting Closed at 9.45pm**