

Marton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Parish Council held at
7.30pm on Thursday 14th September 2017 at the Village School, Marton

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr John Rylands (JR); Cllr Sue Webborn (SW); Cllr Lucy Nixon (LN); Cllr David McGowan (DM) and Cllr Dick Schwendener (DS).

Also in attendance was the outgoing clerk, Catherine Clowes (CC) and the incoming clerk, Pete Turner (PT)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Barrie Nolan; Cllr Mike Hodgkinson; PCSO Short; Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS) **17/63**

2. **Parishioners attendance:** None **17/64**

3. **Declarations of Interest:**

All members of the Parish Council who live in Marton declared a general residents interest in Planning Application Refs: 15/2274M and 15/5637M. **17/65**

4. **Minutes of meetings held on 3rd July 2017:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes are approved as a true record of the meeting with the following agreed amendments:

- i. Reference to Lucy under item 6 is amended to show Lesley.
- ii. Reference to John under item 9b is amended to show Mike **17/66**

5. **PCSO Report:** Noted **17/67**

6. **Planning Application Ref: 15/5637M** - Application for up to 23 dwellings and car park Land Off School Lane, Marton

The application was heard at Cheshire East Council (CEC) Northern Planning Committee, also attended by SW, DM and DS. The application was recommended for refusal and the committee unanimously resolved to decline the application. Council thanked DM and LS for their input into this item.

Members discussed at length how this decision will be defended should it progress to appeal. DM proposed a subcommittee meeting to discuss and agree strategy for defence of appeal, with the meeting to be arranged for a month's time. - **17/68**

7. **Marton Neighbourhood Plan:**

Members discussed the Environmental Component of the NDP and items of general maintenance. JR commented that works could be commissioned to clarify the aspirations and a scope of the Environmental Plan and also then provide a footing for funding applications for delivery. Tarmac was identified as a potential funder for works and future delivery. JR to request a small parcel of land is released for sapling planting project adjacent to A34 and Marton Lane **17/69**

8. **Marton School Liaison:**

Members discussed at length the preferred positioning, scale, definition and appropriateness of temporary signage associated with the school, having previously been installed on the orchard on the A34. It is minuted that:

- i. The council views the previous signage installed as dangerously positioned (due to vision splay / visibility)
- ii. Not appropriate or in keeping with the village
- iii. Risks proliferation of banner signage in the village
- iv. Signs in the village orchard are not welcomed

- v. That future request to site temporary signs in the village should firstly demonstrate, safety in the view of the police and highways; define clear times scales and demonstrate that they adhere to planning regulations.

JR to circulate an amended letter from the council in the coming week regarding use of the school by the community **17/70**

9. Village maintenance

a) Road flooding:

- Area outside school flooding – The meeting was informed that gullies have been cleared from the school to the brook
- and that CEC Highways has promised to complete the works at the end of School Lane

The council thanked DM for his work in progressing this.

b) Other:

- Paving and noticeboard on the village green – DM updated members regarding the progress of this work, confirming that Tim Percival will make the notice board and will commence work subject to council approval of costs.
The council thanked Barrie Nolan for his work on progressing this.
- Village Signs – note amended minutes of 3/7/17
- Junction of A34 and SAchool Lane – DM – United Utilities aware of the damage and works to address promised for 18/9/17. Associated damage carriageway works will be chased following United Utilites works completion (DM).
- Grit Bins – LN suggested that members check grit bins around the village and inform CEC of any required supplies.
- DM reported that potholes on A34 have been reported as has the water leak outside Potts Farm (BN) **17/71**

10. Community Pride No update available **17/72**

11. Highway and road safety matters

- a) Speeding & accidents on A34 to include report on Road Safety Meeting – update received and to be followed up by DM
- b) Community Speed Watch Scheme – members confirmed that the volunteers now have HiVis vests and a speed gun. PCSO will deliver training. DM to be the group co-ordinator, with training to be held at JR house.
DM was thanked for orgining the speed gun.
- c) Congleton Link Road – members agreed a watching brief whilst the plans for delivery of this project became clearer **17/73**

12. Footpaths

- a) Lower to Higher Mutlow Farm Permissive Footpath – JR confirmed that Cheshire Ramblers are seeking to visit Lower Mutlow Farm to request that the permissive footpath is renewed. **17/74**

13. Marton School

- a) School Parking – Nothing to report **17/75**

14. Planning

- a) **15/5637M** - Land Off School Lane, Marton - Erection of up to 23No. Dwellings – **Declined. Waiting to see if appeal lodged.**
- b) **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 – **MPC object submitted. Unclear on the reason for delayed decision**
- c) **17/4154M** – Bridge Farm, Hodgehill Lane, Marton, SK11 9LU; 40x30 All Weather Arena – **Lower Withington**
- d) **17/4304M** – New House Farm, Congleton Road, Maron SK11 9HF – Proposed single storey rear conservatory extension, front oak frame entrance canopy and detached garage to side of dwelling – **No objections of comments submitted by councillors Minuted:** Comments of the applicant to DM – that the applicants are keen to keep the golf course open, the applicant plans nothing that contravenes their understanding of the NDP and have no plans for any large-scale developments.

- e) **17/4286M** – Yew Tree House, Congleton RD., Marton, SK11 9HN – Single storey side and rear facing extensions, two storey rear facing extension, alterations to form front facing porch and erection of detached garage – **No objections**
- f) Weekly Planning Lists – Circulated by email **17/76**

15. Parish Council Website

LN to provide log in details and agree what to be updated to PT **17/77**

16. Finance

- a) 2017/18 Cash Book and bank reconciliation to be agreed and signed - **APPROVED**
- b) Cheques to be agreed and signed – **APPROVED**
- c) Annual Return 2016/17

RESOLVED: That the 2016/17 Audit Return is received and approved **17/78**

17. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings

- a) Environmental Plan – considered as 7a

JR Confirmed that he attended a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner of Cheshire, which highlighted the changes of the service relating to social changes being faced as well as identifying that the service is recruiting more PCSOs **17/79**

18. Correspondence

- a) PT to contact CPRE to update their records for Marton Parish Council. **17/80**

19. Any other business

JR gave works of thanks to CC for her work for Marton Parish Council and also welcomed PT as her replacement. **17/81**

20. Dates 2017 Meetings:

- 4th December 2017 **17/82**