

Marlon Parish Council
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Meeting of the Parish Council held at
7.30pm on Monday 4th December 2017 at the Village School, Marlon

Minutes

In attendance: Cllr Barry Nolan
Cllr David McGowan
Cllr Lucy Nixon
Cllr Sue Webborn
Cllr Dick Schwendener
Cllr Mike Hodgkinson

Also in attendance was Cllr Lesley Smetham, 2 PCSOs including Julia Short and the Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr John Rylands
Allan Catherall of East Cheshire Ramblers 17/83

2. Parishioners attendance:

None 17/84

3. Declarations of Interest:

All members declared a standing interest as residents in any issues relating to Planning Application 15/5637M 17/85

4. Minutes of meetings held on 14th September 2017:

RESOLVED: That the minutes are approved as a true record of the meeting 17/86

5. Footpaths Report:

It was reported that the permissive path on Mr Massey's land will be retained and the path will be walked by East Cheshire Ramblers in the new year to agree the route and the scheme of maintenance and enhancement works required.
The Village walk will take place on 27/12/17 with timings to be confirmed. 17/87

6. PCSO Report:

PCSO Julia Short reported calls have been received by the police about suspicious vehicles and individuals in the area and,

whilst there have been no reported associated crimes, asked for the community to be vigilant and to continue to report such instances.

PCSO Julia Short also informed the council of a number of local Road Traffic Collisions (RTC).

The council was asked to remind the community that outbuildings should be secured to deter opportunistic criminals and to keep lights and/or radios on if possible when away from home.

Members reported concern that Bunce Lane was a “party road” with the proliferation of alcohol and take away food waste. This was noted for observation by the PCSOs. 17/88

7. Planning Applications

15/5637M - Land Off, SCHOOL LANE, MARTON

Erection of up to 23No. Dwellings

It was reported that the sub-committee working on responding to this application has met and agreed a strategy should an appeal be submitted.

Members considered how a response to an appeal could be funded in terms of planning consultancy support. It was suggested that there is adequate provision within the precepted amount.

17/5101M - Brickyard Farm, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, SK11 9HG

Proposed Internal alterations including change of external window fenestration and proposed detached garage building

Response submitted: The Parish Council have no objection to this application. The proposed changes to the house are not significant & retain the original character of the building. The garage fits in well with the other buildings on the site.

17/5103M - Brickyard Farm, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, SK11 9HG

Conversion and Change of Use of Barn to a single Dwelling

Response Submitted: The Parish Council have no objection to this application. The design is in keeping with the existing buildings & conforms with our Neighbourhood Plan Policy 7.

17/5105M - Brickyard Farm, CONGLETON ROAD, MARTON, SK11 9HG

Reuse of rural buildings for business storage (B8) use

Response Submitted: The Parish Council have no objection to this application. The site was formally used as a plant hire business, the proposals would not be an increase on the previous usage. The application conforms with our Neighbourhood Plan Policy 6 which supports small rural based businesses.

17/5808M - Oak Farm, OAK LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HE

Listed building consent for single and two storey rear and side extensions and replacement of detached outbuilding

RESOLVED: No objections submitted

17/5807M - Oak Farm, OAK LANE, MARTON, SK11 9HE

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RESOLVED: No objections submitted

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8. Marton Neighbourhood Plan:

It was reported that the sub committee will seek to include an addendum incorporating a register of planning applications that have been approved. 17/90

9. Marton Environmental Plan

It was noted that this plan is separate from the Neighbourhood Plan.

A meeting has taken place to help to progress an application for funding support from Tarmac for this work. The council awaits the submission and outcome of an application for funding.

17/91

10. Marton School Liaison:

An update was circulated at the meeting (appendix 1 to these minutes). Members discussed that the proposed siting of an advertising banner for the school on the green, highlighting that it might require planning advertising consent and that it was not fitting within the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that Cllr McGowan would email Cllr Ryland, as the school liaison, to seek further insight. 17/92

11. Village maintenance

- a) It was reported that the road flooding outside the school may have been addressed by recent gulley and drain clearances by Cheshire East Highways. Flooding at the end of School Lane still not remedied.

United Utilities have completed their remedial work on the A34 at the junction with School Lane. Andy Simpson has been informed that CEC can now complete their work. He has responded that due to budget constraints he cannot give a date when the work will be completed.

It was reported that the grit bins are currently stocked.

- b)** The materials for the notice board would be approximately 7 metres of 4" x ¾" at £3.80 per metre plus 2 oak posts. Estimated cost of materials for the notice board and the hard landscaping was given as £800. It was agreed that Cllrs Nolan and McGowan should meet to detail out the works material requirements and gain a budget figure to progress the works. Cllr McGowan agreed to apply to the Manchester Airport Community Trust Grant Scheme on behalf of the council for the notice board and groundworks project. Cllrs Rylands & Hodgkinson will continue to liaise with Cheshire East Highways regarding the cleaning and maintenance of village signage. It was agreed that Cllrs Rylands & Hodgkinson would collate the maintenance lists to provide a definitive list of maintenance tasks required. 17/93

12. Community Pride

It was agreed that the clerk would chase the information relating to the Community Pride Contest and that the council will enter the village for 2018 17/94

13. Highway and road safety matters

- a)** (heard during agenda item 6) The PCSOs reported on a number of local RTCs and highways incidents, none reported as being severe.
- b)** (heard during agenda item 6) It was welcomed that the Speedwatch Group was up and running and working well. That the police are seeking to introduce a layby close to Bunce Lane on Congleton Road for the purposes of speed checking. This awaits Highways consideration and approval. Members were updated that speedwatch trained volunteers have been working in groups on 4 sessions at the 3 designated sites and have identified that approximately 10% of vehicles on the A34 were speeding (36mph or greater) during these sessions. Details of those speeding have been logged and reported.

- c) Cllr Smetham updated the council on behalf of Cheshire East Council, reporting that the project was out to tender, that the tender period ends early in 2018 and that the work is expected to take 18 months. 17/95
- 14. Marton School Parking**
Nothing reported 17/96
- 15. Parish Council Website**
It was agreed that Cllr Nixon would renew the domain at a cost of approximately £10
DM reported that the CEC version of the Marton Website was out of date, the Clerk will investigate. 17/97
- 16. Finance**
- a) 2017/18 Cash Book was agreed and signed
- b) Cheques were agreed and signed
It was agreed that the cost of batteries for council use would be refunded as expenses to Cllr Nolan (£28)
It was agreed that the Christmas Tree cost is approved - £38.40 to Ashley Waller Ltd
- c) Annual Return 2017/18 – appointment of external auditors - noted
- d) **RESOLVED:** That precept is set at £3500
17/98
- 17. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings**
None 17/99
- 18. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Stakeholder Consultation**
It was noted that the deadline has passed, but the agreed statement of Cllr McGowan would be submitted by the clerk.
17/100
- 19. Email contact list**
It was agreed that Cllr McGowan's list would be circulated again for additions and amendments. 17/101
- 20. Correspondence**
- a) Peter Mitchell Associates (email)
- b) Amber Knipe – Dark Olive Productions (email)
Noted 17/102
- 21. Any other business**

Members informed the council of issues relating to:

- Gritting of School Lane, which is not on the gritting routes for Cheshire East Council
- A resident seeking information relating to submitted planning applications close to their home – none were known to have been submitted at this point
- The council was updated on numerous Cheshire East Consultations ongoing currently and directed to the Cheshire East consultations pages of their website.
- A request for clarity on the reopening to dog walkers of Lapwing Quarry footpath, previously closed to protect nesting birds. Mitigation is believed to be being introduced, although there is no known clarity relating to when the access will reopen.
- The council was updated that the archive boxes are now stored at the clerk's house.
- That the planning of the next parish meeting was added as an item on the next meeting's agenda
- That the issue of fly tipping in a field off School Lane is added to the next agenda. 17/103

22. Dates 2018 Meetings:

- 29/1/18
- 26/3/18 (Parish Meeting)
- 7/5/18 (AGM) – to be reviewed as falls on a bank holiday
- 2/7/18
- 10/9/18
- 3/12/18

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Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman Cllr D McGowan
Clerk Pete Turner

Appendix 1

GREATER USE OF SCHOOL HALL

INTRODUCTION

Following discussions designed to encourage greater use of the School Hall by Marton residents, I ran the survey which I outlined at the September meeting of MPC.

FEEDBACK

The feedback could not be described at Tsunami levels but I summarise as follows.

Resident	Suggestions
School Lane	V supportive of the project
School Lane	V supportive and suggested establishing a committee
School Lane	Very keen with several ideas Exercise group Reading group Arts & crafts group Cooking & bakery Gardening club "Reith lectures" with various topics
School Lane	Keen to support and include children for Yoga/pilates football
School Lane	Keen to support and volunteer time e.g. Cheese & Wine evening Speaker followed by buffet
Oak lane	Keen to support e.g. keep fit and IT
Cocksmiss Lane	Keen to encourage sense of community Charitable fund raising events Race night
Other	Bowling

ACTION

I have spoken to Nevin Deakin who is very supportive and will run an evening on the use (and safe use) of social media IN January 2017. Approval/feedback from MPC would be welcomed before I draft and circulate a notice.

John Rylands