

Marton Village Meeting
Tuesday 27th March 2018
7.00 p.m. in the School Hall

1. The meeting was opened by the Chair of Marton Parish Council, Cllr John Rylands

Cllr Rylands thanked each of his fellow councillors for their respective hard work on behalf of the parish

2. Events Programme

Litter pick – 2.00/3.00pm 22nd April 2018

Cllr Lucy Nixon explained some detail of the planned litter pick, expressing thanks to Cheshire East Council for supplying the litter picking equipment and collection of the bagged litter after the event. It was highlighted that tea and cake will be available at the vicarage after the litter pick is completed.

Village Christmas walk – Midday 27th December 2018

3. Cheshire East Update – Cllr Leslie Smetham

Cllr Smetham gave an update on the work of Cheshire East Council, highlighting numerous consultations completed and underway and the reason for the 5.99% council tax rise.

Police Community Support & road safety (PCSO team)
The PCSO was unable to attend, but submitted details of reported incidents:

1 burglary at a dwelling; 3 burglaries at non-residential property; 6 reports of suspicious persons or vehicles; 4 reports of animals on roads; 7 999 calls; 4 traffic incidents; 6 road traffic collisions; 62 traffic offences.

Community speed watch – These volunteers have been out 9 times since October and have recorded 2036 vehicles speeding in that time. 76 over 35-39mph; 73 at 40-49mph; 5 over 50mph.

Volunteers are sought to support this service.

4. Council Officers Report

Planning incl. School Lane planning appeal

Discussed at an earlier point in the evening's agenda. John Percival was thanked for his work on the environmental plan. It was noted that there was not a huge response to the consultation relating to greater use of the school/village hall. Marton School was thanked for their kind cooperation relating to access to the school.

It was also reported that since the last parish meeting, there had been 16 planning applications submitted: 7 new dwellings – 4 with no objections from the parish council; 1 was supported but withdrawn; 1 was opposed and was declined by the planning authority; 1 is yet to be considered by the parish council.

7 applications for extension, 6 of which approved and 1 awaiting a decision.

2 business related applications, 1 approved and 1 awaiting a decision.

Land at School Lane

15/2274M for 27 Houses was declined by Cheshire East Council and lost at appeal

15/5637M for 23 houses – The parish council objected, with supporting evidence of the Neighbourhood Plan, CEC rejected the application and an appeal has been lodged. No further dates of schedule is currently available, but the parish council will make representation in opposition to the application.

Community Pride & Village Green

Cllr Barrie Nolan gave an update on work and maintenance of the village green and welcomed any practical voluntary help that may be available or offered.

Village & Highways Maintenance (Cllr Don Stockton)

Cllr Don Stockton, Portfolio Holder for Highways at Cheshire East Council, gave insight and detail relating to highways programmed and reactive maintenance. He was joined by highways officers Simon Davies and Rob Welch.

Members of the community asked questions relating to:
Repairs to School Lane – answer given as programmed for June 2018

Flooding on School Lane – Answer given as end of May 2018 to install new gulley

Rick Kellet made an offer to improve the verges on Bunce Lane to repair damage done by traffic driving on the verge and to discourage future driving on the verge.
– Answer given that work on the highway must be carried out according to regulation and that the officer would seek to facilitate any volunteer improvement if appropriate and possible.

Concerns raised about a number of side lanes being in a dangerous state of disrepair – answer given that all defects should be reported through the report it tool.

Rev Ian Arch asked how the access to the church from the highway could be improved – answer given that he should contact Cllr Stockton directly.

A question was raised about authorisation of temporary traffic lights as they seem to be in place for protracted periods of time and also when the works site is not in operation. Answer given that utility companies have the right to carry out works on the highway and the highways

authority cannot stop them. The highways authority has challenged some applications and altered times of operation successfully. The meeting was advised to use the on line report it tool.

An update on the Congleton Relief Road was requested – answer given that there currently is no update.

Cllr Lucy Nixon asked is a grit bin could be sited on Bunce Lane junction – Answer given was that all winter grit provision was under review. Also that this request could be submitted through the report it tool (clerk to action).

Cllr Rylands thanked Cllr Stockton and the officers.

Parish Finances update

The clerk clarified the cashbook for the year end stands at £1,750.23

5. Marton Neighbourhood Plan - Update & Review

Cllr Dick Schwendener gave an update on work relating to the NDP. The parish council's planning sub-group has created a register of dwellings built and this has been uploaded to the website.

The NDP action plan of 15 items will also be reviewed to see how the village has performed.

6. Marton Wakes 2018

Cllr Barrie Nolan spoke about the parish wakes which will take place on 21/7/18. The event still needs some more sponsorship to help finance aspects such as the marquee. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the event as well as manning stalls, marshalling and general help.

Setting up the event will take place on the Friday 20/7/18 at 7pm and the event will be taken down on the Sunday. It was clarified that around £3500 was raised at the

previous year's event; Rick offered to do the hog roast; That the marquee costs around £1,000 and this was the best price quoted, Barrie has shopped around.

7. Village School Governor Liaison – Peter Webborn

Mr Webborn gave an overview of the planned improvement and day to day work of the school, bringing attention to the planned prayer garden and woodland improvements. Claire Burwood and Julie Smith were introduced to the meeting. They gave some insight in to the design of the prayer garden and the resource requirements.

8. Village Environment Plan

A thorough update on the village's environmental plan was given and it identifies the following areas of focussed work:

- Gapping up of hedgerows
- Tree and orchard planting
- Improvement of the Chapel Brook habitat through the village
- Improving pond habitats
- Promoting the use of gardens as habitats.

The meeting was closed with thanks to all at 9.15pm

Apologies – Mike Hodgkinson

Chair **Cllr John Rylands**

Clerk **Pete Turner**

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