

Marton Parish Council Meeting Monday 10th September 2018 - Minutes

Present: Sue Webborn (SW), John Rylands (JR), Lucy Nixon (LN), Dick Schwendener (DS), Barrie Nolan (BN), Lesley Smetham (LS), David McGowan (DM) (arrived at 8.30pm)

1. Apologies for Absence – Mike Hodgkinson (MH)
2. Parishioners' attendance – Andrew Simpson
3. Declarations of interest: – all PC members are residents who live in the village apart from MH; specifically affected by the School Lane application – SW, DS, LN, DM BN; and JR by the golf club development application.
4. Minutes of meeting on 30th April 2018 - approved
5. Matters Arising:

New clerk: No idea why she withdrew yesterday (JR) – so council needs a new clerk.

JR to put ads in usual places and request councillors to ask locally if anyone interested. Post requires 4 hours per week at going rate. (4 grades of pay available at this level). JR feels that local village person would be ideal. (Ad to go on local noticeboard)

JR to draft ad for parish magazine and perhaps contact previous applicant; the ad could also go on CE website (**LS**) and newsletter, and the Marton PC website (**LN**).

Clerk (in absentia) was asked to file report of the 4th July ad hoc village meeting re the golf club plans and update on the School Lane development.

6. Footpath report: JR- gate at back of Higher/Lower Mutlow – half repaired now; Alan Catterall (Cheshire Ramblers) is elderly and has been ill, so may not be able to continue. Footpath opposite Daisybank now has electric fence blocking footpath (LN) – it will be monitored.
7. PCSO report and update on speed camera etc -all concerned over speeding/aggressive driving in the parish – LS noted this is widespread problem in the county; police tweet about speed incidents (LS), 4 deaths in Gawsorth recently. Average speed cameras may be put in on Macclesfield Rd.
PCSO presence very poor if not non-existent – noted that they have large workload.
24th September – police surgery at Marton Meadows golf club (6-7pm)

8. Planning Applications:

18/2652M Marton Meadows – Following village meeting, the PC sent in an objection. It is worth noting CE Services and Health have recommended to CE Planning the following:

Refusal – new two-storey clubhouse

Refusal – construction of 19 glamping pods

Refusal - construction of 19 start-up business units

They have not objected to the barn conversions on Service and Health grounds but this aspect of the proposed development will be considered against Policy RG6 Development in Open Countryside.

Utilities also made negative comments

Target date for decision is 12th October 2018

Percivals and Hiltons – can't see any objections from Jodrell Bank (JR). DS wrote to Jodrell Bank, but had no response. **DS** will contact J.B. to see what is happening. CE say they have notified J.B.

APP/RO660/W/15/313078-15/5637M School Lane – PC sent in objection to the appeal; Cheshire East has now put their statement in on the original website – extremely detailed response from Planning Officer: Manchester University (Jodrell Bank) has submitted 82 pages of detailed technical opposition to the 23 houses. CE also say they now have the 5-year housing supply in place (appeal was lodged in February). No info yet re appeal hearing date.

DS explained that it is a concern that our NP is a key element for rejecting the development and could be considered out of date as it will be two years old in November 2018. It therefore needs updating – our planning policies are no longer in line with the CE policies due to the CE revision of policies; the landscape assessment needs updating – but there is a grant available for updating the plan (which will take the plan back to stage 14 and will require a 6-week consultation period etc). (NPPF being revised – due in autumn – LS). Marton is not mentioned in site allocations by CE. Settlement boundary and Jodrell Bank also need to be looked at.

Need to ask CE if Jodrell Bank objections mean a planning moratorium on Marton, and if so, what the implications are for future applications (**DM**).

The developer attacked our defence of green fields and PE3; their consultant also attacked our landscape assessment. CE commissioned a rebuttal of this criticism which is extensive and critical of HSL's own landscape assessment.

The village email group could be sent the info about the CE document. (**clerk**)

Yew Tree House – Landscaping scheme does not appear to have been done.

DM and **DS** to check the application and decide whether Barlows have complied – this should be done in first planting season.

Mere Garage 18/3211M – Overall MPC do not object to this application as long as boundary shielding done, and reservations re use of field noted. There is also concern over night time parts deliveries. JR asked whether there would be a Section 106 contribution from Mere Garage? LS not sure if this happens for commercial developments (**LS** will check with CE). Is Marton entitled to a 106 contribution? (JR)

R. Kellett request for more information on planning applications: **LN** will put information on PC website, **SW** to speak to vicar about parish magazine. Email group could be informed, also website could be used for live information.

Contentious remarks by Rick Kellett – letter to be sent thanking RK for suggestions about communication of information re planning issues, also with request to retract comments about 'abuse of power' and 'pariah council'. **JR** to draft letter for RK.

9. MNP – update – see above comments. Lucy Hughes of Cheshire East Community Action is happy to help update the plan. Tom Evans will advise of a meeting re updating NPs; grants etc. Road Traffic report can also be added.

10. Marton Environmental Plan – proposal to seek Capesthorpe support for ponds, and request for strip of land adjacent to JR to grow saplings – estate manager keen, but owner hasn't approved yet. Young woodsman now working at Capesthorpe who may work with John Percival (JP). Tarmac could be approached for the grant of up to £2000 for the work JP and woodsman will do.

11. Marton School Liaison – Prayer Garden – huge effort put in. Four local people and 12 parents helped. Seating – done in August by Pete Webborn. Planters all excellent, watering rota worked. Two more water butts required, originals have been repaired. Barrie Nolan thanked by JR on behalf of PC.

School sign on green illegible and unattractive -**JR** to follow up with school. The other sign to be taken down if not removed soon.

12. Village Maintenance – JR has solved all flooding problems this summer! BN has reported sink hole on Oak Lane.

New village green on A34 – 75% agreement already on scheme. Tim Percival will not be able to make the sign now – too ill. Manchester Airport Grant – needs up to date bank statement, income ex. Bal. sheet, and copy of the constitution. (**JR**)

13. Community Pride – Judges very positive about area around school, although bit untidy around school perimeter. JR thanked BN for his work on this.

14. Highway and road safety – Congleton bypass has been approved. Pulse is the contractor. CE highway maintenance has been awarded to Ringway Jacobs. (LS)

15. Marton School Parking – nothing new

16. P.C. website – new clerk could be trained to use this.

17. Finance – cheques to sign: John Knight £810, Four Oaks £199.26, ChALC £69.12, Insurance £40?

CPRE £36, Cheshire Community Action annual membership £20

18. Chair's remarks - LN, DS, SW and John Knight – met planning officer Richard Taylor and Tom Evans at council offices at Crewe – very helpful meeting ref. School Lane development.

19. Correspondence – Regenda resident (James Spilsbury) on Oak View would like smaller property: PC will recommend him if a suitable property becomes available on Oak View.

20. Thistles on School Lane field – Capesthorne's Peter Davies will top the thistles in School Lane field, as they are an injurious pernicious weed. (referred by AS and actioned by JR). Spring flush will be a huge problem – they need treating in the spring. **AS** to write to Capesthorne if work not done in the next few weeks.

21. Email contact list – needs updating (**JR**)

22. AOB - none

23. Next meeting - 3rd December 2018