

Marston Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at the Village School, Marston.

Present:

Councillors: John Rylands (chair) (JR), Mike Hodgkins (MH), Dick Schwendener(DS), Lucy Nixon(LN), David McGowan(DM), Barrie Nolan(BN)

Clerk: Andrew Simpson

1. Apologies for absence were noted for Sue Webborn, Lesley Smetham, Julie Short (PCSO).

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2. Parishioners attending: None

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3. Appointment of village Clerk:

- a. JR proposed the appointment of Andrew Simpson (AS) as Village Clerk; AS having indicated his willingness to accept the position it was unanimously agreed to confirm the appointment.

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4. Declarations of Interest:

- a. JR, DM,L N, DS and BN declared their interest in respect of agenda item 8(a)
- b. JR declared an interest in respect of agenda item 8(b)

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5. Minutes of Last Meeting:

- a. The minutes having been previously circulated they were agreed as a true account by all.

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6. Footpath Report:

- a. Renewal of the Permissive Way between Lower and Higher Matlow has now been abandoned. The farmer, whilst not objecting, was not willing to renew the permission without a grant being available towards the maintenance costs. He has not barred the path.
  - i. Action: JR will continue a dialogue with him.
- b. The Hodge Hill electric fence has been modified at one edge of the field but not at the other; The fence, when last checked, was live. Barry Worth (the Farmer) needs to be asked again to review the position;
  - i. Action: council will review at the next meeting.

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7. PCSO Report:
- a. Two burglaries have been reported by the owners of Marton Meadows Golf Course but they do not appear on the PCSO report. It was suggested that the Clerk might write to the victims and confirm the details, then contact the PCSO if required.
    - i. Action: Clerk to follow up with PCSO and Victim.
  - b. The latest report includes a number of surgery dates but few, if any times. Can we have some start times notified to us, at least one week in advance.
    - i. Action: Clerk to ask PCSO for times of meetings at least one week in advance and notify the 'All Recipients' mailing list.

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8. Planning applications.
- a. 15/5637M Land off School Lane, 23 houses.
    - i. The appeals procedure has been changed to be by written submission only, but no timescales have yet been indicated.
    - ii. Thanks to DS and DM for their continued work.
  - b. 18/2652M
    - i. A revised plan excluding the Camping Pods and the Workshops has now been submitted. The PC still have some reservations about the scale of the rest of the development.
    - ii. Jodrell Bank have now indicated that they object to the proposal, including in its modified form.
    - iii. There is now no date for a decision; it may now revert to a Delegated Powers decision, but it is difficult to judge what the outcome may be.
    - iv. Some concerns were expressed about the fencing referred to in a rent letter from the owners about additional fencing. D will arrange for a letter to be prepared sent by the Clerk to express concern about scale and height.
      - 1. Action: DM and Clerk to prepare letter in behalf of the PC.
  - c. 18/2652M Rigbys Garage
    - i. The main concerns from local residents were over the landscaping and CE have now asked the applicant for a detailed plan of planting and landscaping. There is no further action for the PC except to monitor the work in the future.
  - d. 18/5731M Church Farm barns conversion to storage units.
    - i. The PC have no objections to the proposed development but would want to ensure that external finishes were to an appropriate standard and design.
      - 1. Action: DM and Clerk to agree on the form of words and submit in time to Planning.
  - e. 18/5703M Change of use to class C1 usage such as a Hotel
    - i. This is an outline application with so little detail that the PC cannot realistically comment on it without more information.
    - ii. JR will also contact the Vicar for his views on behalf of the Church.
      - 1. Action: Clerk to write to Kevin Foster, Planning Officer, and the applicant and ask for more detail and, if required, an extension of time for submissions.
  - f. Barlows are still to complete all the landscaping requirements although some planting has commenced.

- i. Action: DM and DS will make an informal approach to Barlows to review progress.
- g. Once a month, and in time for the Parish Magazine, DM and DS will confirm the current status of applications and Clerk will submit the list to Sue Webborn for inclusion in the Church magazine.

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- 9. Marton NDP:
  - a. Modifications will be required to the Development Plan to bring it up to date with the requirements of PG6 in respect of Landscape and Character Assessment. This will require professional help to ensure the wording complies but the council will apply for a grant towards this, which may cost up to approx. £2500.

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- 10. Marton Environmental Plan;
  - a. An appendix requires adding to the Environmental Plan (EP) for which a grant may be required. There was a discussion about an alternative, informal report, and whether it would be acceptable. JR undertook to contact Cheshire Wildlife Trust about this. The council should also explore what new grants may be available from April 2019 towards this kind of project.
    - i. Action: JR to contact Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

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- 11. School Liaison:
  - a. A discussion about the 'temporary' sign took place, particularly why it was still advertising school places in September 2018 when this was long passed; could or should it now be removed. The School Governors are claiming it as a temporary sign, but AJS/JR undertook to ask the Highways at Cheshire East for guidelines about how long 'temporary' meant.

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- 12. Village Maintenance:
  - a. Flooding – there are no further issues.
  - b. Village Green is still under discussion. BN is waiting for quotes for two new sign boards, one for the green and one by the Spinney. Manchester Airport may support this with a grant but require i) Up to date Bank statements, ii) balance Sheet, iii) Constitution.
    - i. Action: Clerk to locate Constitution and other docs.

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- 13. Community Pride:
  - a. Marton has won the Little Gem award for 2018.
  - b. There were several areas where the judges awarded 30/30 marks, including reference to the flower tubs outside Davenport and the School, and other areas which were clean and tidy.
  - c. Congratulations to Barrie Nolan for his work towards this.

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14. Highways:

- a. Nothing in particular to report but the Clerk will continue to forward relevant closure notices.
- b. Speed Check awareness campaign; thanks to those who are supporting and continuing this work.

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15. Marton School:

- a. As winter settles in it has been noticed that a number of cars are parking in School Lane for up to 45 minutes with engines running. This should be discouraged.
  - i. Could the pupils run an 'Awareness Campaign' similar to the '20 is Plenty' last year to make people aware?
    - 1. Action: the Clerk to approach School governors to discuss.

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16. Website:

- a. LN is happy continue to maintain the website.
- b. The clerk will forward updates to her for posting.

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17. Bank:

- a. A formal Motion was proposed and approved that John Ryland and Barrie Nolan be added as signatories to the account, and that Rex Broughton and Tony Derbyshire be removed from the mandate.
- b. Re Parish precept; it was agreed that no increase on this years rate should be applied.

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18. Chairmans remarks and External meetings:

- a. There is an invitation from Manchester Airport to a presentation at the Bridgewater Hall. Anyone wanting to attend should ask JR for details.

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19. Email Contact List:

- a. The Clerk will need to reconfirm the existing contact list as still valid and appropriate.
- b. Other households should be circulated by hard copy inviting them to join.

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20. Constitution:

- a. The Clerk to locate this document.

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21. Correspondence:

No recent correspondence has been received not already circulated.

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22. AOB:

- a. Manchester Airport Section 106 agreement, there are no significant changes or issues.
- b. A34 Petition for Improved safety; if signing up to this petition members are advised that it appears to be a commercial site, ultimately asking for a 'donation'; it is not clear if comments included before this 'donation' request are listed.
- c. Lucy has been asked by a Dog Walking service if an advert could be inserted on the website or on the notice board. Council suggested this was not an appropriate medium, but that the Parish magazine does accept adverts.
- d. Are there any suggestions for a speaker at the AGM; a speaker who could talk about the former resident 'Mr Buckley' who was deported to Australia may be interesting.
- e. The Christmas lights have been located and are being checked before put up.
- f. Rick Kellet has retracted his earlier statement and this matter is now closed.
- g. The Xmas outdoor nativity is to be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December behind the church, with drinks and pies compliments of Pesto.
- h. A reminder that the Mobile Library Service is now calling every three weeks. The Clerk will check when the next visit is over the Xmas break, and notify all the email list.

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Dates for next meetings:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February (note change from previous notification)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December