

**Marton Parish Council**  
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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Village School, Marton.

Present:

Councillors: John Rylands (JR), Sue Webborn (SW), Dick Schwendener (DS), David McGowan (DM),  
Barrie Nolan (BN), Lucy Nixon (LN).

Clerk: Andrew Simpson (AS).

In Attendance: Councillor Lesley Smeatham (LS).

1. New Councillors.
  - a. The AGM and Village Meeting was noted.
  - b. Councillors all signed acceptance and declaration of interest forms in the presence of the Clerk.
  - c. John Rylands was proposed as Chair of the new Council by SW, seconded by DM and was duly elected.
  - d. There being a vacancy on the council, a proposal was put forward for Alison Hall (AH) to be co-opted on to the council, proposed by SW and seconded by DM. The Clerk will now contact AH to confirm her willingness to stand.
2. Parishioners in attendance. None were present.
3. Declarations of interest; this item related to Planning Application 15/5637M, which having been withdrawn was no longer required.
4. Minutes of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019;
  - a. A correction to the date was made and the minutes were then approved.
  - b. Matters arising from the Village Meeting; correction to the reference about avoiding cutting verges to protect wildlife was noted.
5. Footpaths; No update was reported.
6. PCSO Report;
  - a. There was concern that few people attended the meetings being held at Marton Meadows, and councillors questioned whether the PCSO could be encouraged to attend a Council Meeting to update the Councillors on current activity.
  - b. There had been no further comment about the alleged theft of equipment from Marton Meadows, and no crime report having been noted the issue is now closed.
7. Planning Applications;
  - a. Re 15/5637M Land off School Lane, now withdrawn, Lesley Smeatham was able to confirm that Cheshire East were now reporting that they had 7.2 years of land allocated as housing stock, thus removing one justification of this application. The Councillors were advised that an application for recovery of costs had been made by DS.
    - i. JR expressed his thanks on behalf of the Councillors for the efforts by especially DM and DS for their hard work on this application.
  - b. 18/2652M Marton Meadows;

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- i. following this application having been approved (without reference to the Planning Committee through delegated authority) a question was raised about the approval conditions and the terms of any Licence (Alcohol or Performance) which may be applied for and how the Council might discover when an application had been made. LS confirmed that the application should be posted on the site when it had been made, but was otherwise difficult to discover. LS would make further enquiry about this.
    - ii. The village residents including those from Oak View had met and expressed their concerns about noise overspill from the development.
    - iii. The Councillors felt it appropriate to 'reset' the relationship with Marton meadows and its owners going forward. AS would draft a letter to Chad, the general manager, copy to the Owners as a response.
    - iv. AS to write to Aaron and Partners thanking them for their advice.
  - c. Rigbys garage; approved, but it was noted on behalf of the neighbours (e.g. Rick Kellet) that any noise abatement screening or landscaping be monitored for effectiveness.
  - d. Church Farm Storage (18/5731M) had been approved.
  - e. Church Farm change of use from barn to 'other' (18/5703M) had been approved
  - f. Cocks Moss Lane farm workers cottage.
    - i. Cheshire East were reported as having concerns that some applications for 'workers cottages' were showing houses that were beyond what might have been expected in size and scale, and that applicants were using this in an attempt to circumvent restrictions on use. This may be the case in this instance and the Council would respond.
    - ii. The Councillors wondered if this application might affect the Church; SW to ask rev Ian Arch.
  - g. Cherry Barrow Farm; no further action, remove from future agenda items unless a change.
  - h. Barlows Agriculture;
    - i. The storage of caravans on site was noted, together with the scope of the Planning permission granted. AS to write to Cheshire East planning dept re this issue.
  - i. DM reported that changes to the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) may need a plan of action before any further developments take place; it does not affect existing or historical applications.
- 8. Marton NDP;
  - a. DM reported that grant applications for this were being pushed back however DM and DS would make an approach to the Consultant even before the grant was confirmed.
- 9. Environmental Plan;
  - a. Cheshire Wildlife, JR to ask for a quote from them for a plan.
  - b. Seedling trees have now been planted, thanks to John Percival.

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10. Marton School Liason;
  - a. JR is co-ordinating an open invitation to join a school reading group. CRB checks by the school.
  - b. Marton Wakes; can we find a way to involve the school to a greater degree? Ian Arch is the 'responsible person' as go-between.
11. Village Maintenance;
  - a. Oak Lane sink hole was repaired but appears to be worse since; JR will attempt to re-report this online.
  - b. Village Green; notice board outside the Spinney now needs urgent replacement, beyond repair. Three estimates are needed, as per the Community Financial Regulations (for spending over £100 but less than £1000).
  - c. Village Green; meet on site to discuss possible solutions.
  - d. Thanks to those who worked on the tidy up last month.
12. Community Pride;
  - a. Plants will cost about £164. Approved, BN to proceed.
  - b. Water Butts; £70 for two large containers, filled from the external hosepipe provided by school, approved if required.
  - c. School have offered £50 contribution.
  - d. Community Pride arrangements are being withdrawn, we will not apply again.
  - e. Litter Pick;
    - i. Thanks to LN for organising again.
    - ii. We may try and co-ordinate with neighbouring councils to have one per day, equipment then stays local for the weekend.
    - iii. Email thanks to village for their help.
13. Highways;
  - a. LS reported that this was progressing with some pace, although not immediately obvious at the Eaton end. Plastic fencing is for wildlife recovery.
  - b. Mud on roads is no longer an issue on School Lane.
  - c. Speed Gun; there are enough trained to use this, but encourage those who are to ask SW to make available.
14. Marton School Parking;
  - a. Action on running motors outside school; Parent Committee have been reminded of this issue. Local neighbours affected are reminding car owners caught running engines, not always with good response.
15. Parish Website; nothing to report.
16. Finance:
  - a. Subscriptions; CPRE, CHALC, Community Action paid up to date.
  - b. AS to revisit Came and Co re liability insurance.
  - c. Approved up to £500 spend on new notice board (see comment 11.b above re standing orders) AS/JR to progress.
  - d. Request from PCC for cash support; decline as contrary to law.
  - e. Bank mandates, processed and in force.

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- f. Note that the precept (50%) has been received.
- 17. Chair; Nothing to report.
- 18. Email contact Lists; being maintained by AS
- 19. Constitution; no longer required on agenda.
- 20. Correspondence; nothing to report.
- 21. AOB;
  - a. Field, Alison Hall to discuss at next meeting.
- 22. Date of next meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

Meeting closed at 21:55