

Marton Parish Council
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Parish Meeting 3rd February 2020

1. In Attendance:
 - a. Luck Nixon (LN), Sue Webborn (SW), David McGowan (DM), Barrie Nolan (BN), Dick Scwendener (DS), John Rylands (JR)
 - b. Apologies from Alison Hall (AH), Lesley Smeatham (LS).
 - c. Clerk; Andrew Simpson (AS).
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting 9th December 2019.
 - a. AS confirmed that the corrections notified had been applied and the minutes were then approved.
3. Footpaths:
 - a. Gill Kay from the Ramblers Assoc is working on discovering the 'lost paths' identified by LN.
 - b. SP3 sign damage has been reported to CE and the Ramblers.
 - c. The Ramblers Assoc have been invited to give a small presentation at the village meeting (see later).
4. PCSO;
 - a. There has been a report of disturbance to the Bat Roost at Moss Farm, which is a criminal offence.
 - b. AS to circulate details of the PCSO meetings to all village distribution (**ACTION AS**).
5. Planning Applications;
 - a. Cost Appeal re School Lane Development (15/5637M0; we await a response from HSL re costs.
 - b. Lights at Pesto; BN has spoken to them and they do have a policy of turning the lights out after closing, but sometimes forget; they will consider fitting a time switch.
 - c. There was a discussion about the lights, and possible light pollution, but for the time being no further action is proposed.
 - d. Barlows; Caravan storage is still an outstanding issue. AS to write to CE and ask for clarification about the status on rates and planning. (**ACTION AS**).
 - e. Marton Meadows conversion to offices; there was concern that;
 - i. 14 offices were being provided with only 12 dedicated parking spaces; it was assumed the Golf Course carpark would provide overspill.
 - ii. There was no provision for Bicycles or Bikes.
 - iii. There was only poor provision for toilets, no provision in one block, shared in the other.
 - iv. There was no plan for dealing with Sewerage or waste.
 - v. The site would, despite the submission suggesting otherwise, still be seen from the road.
 - vi. There was a question as to whether it would comply with PG6 Development, and if Jodrell bank would approve.
 - vii. A general discussion agreed that some development was better than allowing the site to remain as it is, and in principal the parish council did not object.
 - viii. DM will draft a response for the council to submit via the Clerk (**ACTION DM**).
6. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) update;

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- a. A grant of £5801 (confirmed by AS as now received) was due as a contribution to consultants fees due for this work. This money must be 'spent' by March 30th.
 - b. Lucy Hughes, Consultant, Cheshire Community Action (CCA) is working on the updates, but there is some time pressure to complete.
 - c. There was a brief discussion where members were asked to try and define what they thought was the 'Character' of the village that could or should be preserved or emphasised. No conclusion was reached but this may be an ongoing topic.
7. Environmental Plan;
- a. This is to stand alone, not within the NDP.
 - b. Apples Trees have been planted alongside the A34 close to Barlows; JR will check with CE Highways to confirm no objection from them. (ACTION JR). A bill for these was approved for payment; any contributions were gratefully accepted. (note LN and SW have contributed).
 - c. Re-Wilding of the Green; a policy expert was being consulted about the best way to achieve this; there were mixed reactions to the scheme with some reservations about allowing footpaths to be established or maintained through any new planting.
 - d. Andy Simpson from CE Traffic should be consulted and may be able to provide advice (ACTION JR).
8. School Liaison;
- a. DM reported on current progress (or lack of) but confirmed that LS is trying to progress some response.
 - b. JR reported that the Reading Group is providing regular volunteers to the school.
 - c. Engines running; school have responded through the Parent Liaison to remind people and encourage co-operation, but JR will also try and mention again to the Governors. (Note from AS; a sign is now in the village noticeboard, and recent monitoring has not shown any significant problems, all engines are currently being turned off).
 - d. The committee commended JR for organising the Mulled Wine and Choir at the School at Christmas, and subject to agreement with the Church and School JR will re-organise for December 2020.
9. Village Maintenance:
- a. After a bit of a shaky start the new sign board is to be fitted tomorrow (4th Feb, confirmed as having been completed). Thanks to DS and DM for their efforts.
 - b. The re-wilding scheme should be put to the Village Meeting; the general scheme was discussed and there were some reservations, but Congleton Parks and Gardens might be a good source of advice. (ACTION AS/JR to contact Parks and Gardens).
10. Highways;
- a. The pothole on the A34 close to the School Lane junction has been reported and inspected but is not, apparently, yet big enough for action.
11. Parish Website:
- a. Nothing to report but thanks again to LN for her ongoing action at maintaining it.
12. Finance:
- a. AS reported that the bank balance was healthy, the Government grant (see agenda item 6(a)) had not arrived on the last (December) statement but is now confirmed as having arrived.
 - b. The council approved the grant for the trees (£150).

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- c. A village email might ask for tree sponsors at £10-15; (ACTION AS).
- 13. Chairman:
 - a. No outside meetings to report.
 - b. Thanks for the support for the Christmas wine evening, we will progress for 2020.
- 14. Village Meeting:
 - a. The proposed agenda was circulated and agreed subject to minor changes in wording (ACTION JR).
 - b. The litter pick; a date was to be agreed and LN will circulate (ACTION LN).
- 15. Correspondence:
 - a. An update had been received about the modified flightpath proposals from Manchester Airport. Marton was unaffected.
- 16. Dates for next meeting:
 - a. Note the change to the June meeting, but otherwise as previously circulated.
 - i. 23rd March (Village Meeting)
 - ii. 11th May
 - iii. 29th July (Changed)
 - iv. 7th September
 - v. 7th December

Meeting closed at 21:15