

Marton Parish Council
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Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at
7.30 Tuesday 20th October 2020 via Zoom or at the Church.

Note: Please observe all distancing and safety precautions.

Attending: in church – BN, DS, DM, JR, LN

On Zoom: AS, SW, LS and PCSO

- 1. Parishioners attendance:** David Worth (zoom) welcomed
- 2. Welcome to new member:**
 - a. (Alex Davis) has declined.
- 3. Minutes of meetings held 27th July 2020:**
 - a. As circulated – Point 3 – modifications to meeting of 3/2/20 not done. No examiner will be appointed for NP update until after a further 6 week (No referendum on updated plan)
 - b. Have been published.
- 4. Footpaths Report:** David Worth's letter re A34 footpath problem. (AS to send on DW's letter so JR can address the issues concerned)
 - a. Matters arising not otherwise in Agenda
- 5. PCSO Report:**
 - a. PCSO Meetings had resumed on 2nd September are now under review again.
 - b. PCSO Julia Short or her colleague Garry are happy to attend parish council meetings but only via Zoom. Julia says school are still concerned about the problems with parking. Marton school is the only one without flashing lights and '20 is plenty' road signs. CE cannot explain this – they were forgotten! Form 43 has been sent by JS to highways – no reply received from CE, to try and reduce the speed limit (after accident outside Barlows). Traffic Management can be contacted (Robin Johnson) by Marton PC. JR to draft a letter to RJ to take this issue forward. Road traffic investigating serious accident on A34 south of the village.
 - c. Contact Robin Johnson (CE) re speed limit on Southbound A34. Dept. for transport do not allow PCs to purchase own speed cameras, criteria being changed. Police have mobile camera which can be shared. There is a queue – ask Robin Johnson to put ourselves on the list. Talk of a 40mph limit after the 50, leading to the 30mph. JR to contact R. Johnson
 - d. Regenda and Phillip Hilton Letter response (JR). Email was sent by SW to let him know that the PC would contact Regenda. JR has contacted Regenda. They are interested in working with Marton PC to establish good relations with the village. There will be an annual contact. They have to be careful with data protection.
- 6. Planning Applications:**

- a. 20/3735D Brickyard Farm, discharge of conditions.
- b. 20/3740D Land at Cocks Moss Lane discharge of conditions.
- c. Barlows Agri, Yew Tree Farm.
- d. Marton Meadows 20/2459M change of use; approved subject to conditions.
- e. Marton Meadows hedge removal update.
- f. 20/4468M Cherry Tree Cottage. (JR to email re his concerns about changes to garden of a listed house).
- g. 20/4217M Cherry Barrow Farm.

7. Marton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP):

- a. Updates. End of consultation period reached. All comments collated and sent on to Lucy Hughes, who will produce a draft planning statement. Hollins sent 180 pages of comments! Very few responses. PC will alter/agree it, then return it to CE, then another 6 weeks consultation before an examiner is appointed to look at the updated plan. We need to show an effort to communicate info to the village. If minutes are sent to village email group, this will prove that we are sharing information with the residents. AS to send minutes to village email group.
- b. Planning for the Future, White Paper, August 2020. Eaton Council. Eaton PC have produced outstanding letter (LN), in response to the changes proposed in planning application process. Eaton PC have concerns re undermining of local democratic accountability – into the hands of private developers. LN suggests Marton PC does something similar. LS says CE has concerns also – she will look up the letters being sent in to government. Closing date is 29th October for comments on the white paper. DS asked if Jodrell Bank was taken into consideration regarding planning issues for the white paper. LS thinks it must be taken into account, although we are unaware of the number of houses designated for the county. LN and JR to draft letter on behalf of PCII

8. Marton Environmental Plan:

- a. Discussion. Feedback from John Percival is good. Brook has increasing number of fish, due to reduction in silage spillage; kingfisher sightings.
- b. Hedge saplings proposed, with budget of £120.
- c. Cheshire Wild Life Trust mandated to do some work on reactivating dells around the area. (is under discussion).

9. Marton School Liaison

- a. Update on attendance re Covid. Success with their protection.
- b. New team for the PTA, so hopefully renewed efforts to increase local contact.
- c. Extremely positive reaction to planters, and thanks to those involved.
- d. School parking. Note the reference forwarded by Cllr Lesley Smetham about CE initiative for handling alternative arrangements (already forwarded). DM – repeatedly asked for risk assessment.

However CE council have misinformed, ignored messages – finally proposed an inappropriate response. No longer have any confidence in CE – planning to go to HSE/press; will not send anything further to CE (complete waste of time). JR thanks DM for this – suggestion put to the vote.

- e. https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/public_transport/school_transport/school_travel_planning.aspx

10. Village maintenance

- a. Village Green update. JR – two seats to village side of circle; 2 noticeboards instead of one. Reseeding – proposal – back half reseeded; near A34 left as is. Need to do this asap. Total estimate £3695 for all the work. Suggestion from DS to get quote from Rick Kellett. Grant being sought from Tarmac by JR. They are happy to go ahead, although we don't know actual amount yet. Need to start cultivation this month. Initial cost could come from the PC to get it started, before the grant money comes in. JR promised to keep cost to a bare minimum for the PC (sponsorship, funding etc). JR will give councillors time to read the info, then hopefully proceed with the work asap.
- b. Update on Potholes and Roadsigns. JR has spoken to CE re sign for Marton to the north – received smug reply saying it is village responsibility to replace signs, and maintain them. DM says PC responsible for Marton sign – all others are CE. Marton PC could put up new village signs (DM and JR to investigate and put a plan together).
- c. Note that the Litter Pick took place as scheduled. JR thanked LN for her work on this. LN – now has litter pickers available for loaning out for ad hoc litter picking. AS to put A5 note on noticeboard regarding litter pickers.

11. Highway and road safety matters

- a. Congleton Bypass update. Dozens of variations of planning filed as it is being built.
- b. Well Managed Highway Infrastructure Winter Service Further Streamlined Consultation. Footpath opposite Barlow – Andy Simpson will look at sorting it out. JR to follow up with a letter regarding safety issues.
Pathway on west side of A34 has been weed killed, but no further than Barlows – hopefully next year on east side as well. Path to south of village unlikely to be done.

12. Parish Council Website

- a. Note that LN confirms it is now fully compliant with recent legislation (data protection) updates. JR thanked LN for her work.

13. Finance

- a. Accounts 2019/20. Request from DM if payments could be speeded up.

- b. AGAR submission is in progress.
- c. Reclaim VAT; in progress. AS reclaimed for last two years (c£570)
Draft budget needed for discussion at December meeting, so it can be approved in Jan/Feb. AS to draft outline proposal for 21/22.

14. Chairs remarks & reports from members attending external meetings

- a. make Marton a Heart Safe Zone
- b. Record thanks for those involved in updating the Neighbourhood Plan.

15. Correspondence

- a. Email from annoyed cyclist meeting ABF wagon somewhere on School Lane/Marton Lane (Gawsworth)– more wagons expected on School Lane, due to application for 2 more lagoons. copied to and response made by Gawsworth Clerk and Cllr Smetham. What can CE do to help us with increase in traffic? Need to collect evidence if wagons are causing an issue: dates and times, registration plates. JR to discuss with AS to close this issue.

16. Any other business

- a. Note that The Davenport Arms is due to reopen late October. Remind new landlord to switch off outside lights at closing time. AS and JR to write separately to mention lights and welcome them. United Utilities will be working on Marton Lane – closed for 2 weeks at end of November. Removing phosphates from the water, created by farming etc. Nothing serious – they will be accommodating. AS to ask LS for contact re this. DM thanked JR and LN for sorting out the meeting under these circumstances – zoom/hybrid Parish Matters, not Any Other business suggested by LS. JR thanked Barrie Nolan - £20 donation proposed for church.

17. Proposed dates 2020/21 Meetings:

- a. 7th December 2020
- b. 8th February 2021
- c. 22nd March 2021 (Village Meeting)
- d. 17th May 2021
- e. 26th July 2021
- f. 27th September 2021
- g. 13th December 2021

18. Meeting closed at 21:15.