

Marlon Parish Council
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Meeting of the Parish Council held at
7.30 Monday 27 September 2021 in the Village School

In Attendance: John Rylands (Chair) (JR), Sue Webborn (SW), Lucy Nixon (LN), David McGowan (DM), Barrie Nolan (BN).

Also Present: Andrew Simpson (Clerk) (AS), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS).

Apologies: Sue Platt (reason given).

1. Parishioners Attendance: None.
2. Minutes of previous meeting;
 - a. These were approved and can now be published.
 - b. It was noted that members did not always respond to the meeting minutes circulated and so cannot be published as a draft. Can all members please respond to the circulate minutes so they can be published.
3. Co-Opted Member;
 - a. A discussion took place.
 - b. Please will members bring forward suggestions at the next meeting.
4. Footpaths;
 - a. Current state, nothing to report following JR contact with Andy Simpson (CE Council) re spraying.
 - b. Incident report 3425871 has not been prioritised for action.
 - c. Haylage spill outside Rigby's; JR will report.
 - d. Weedkilling – quote from Peter Davies about joining with Siddington to spray jointly. Andy Simpson (CE) has been contacted about siding out overgrown footpaths but no response.
5. PCSO;
 - a. There were no serious incidents reported on the latest PCSO report.
6. Planning;
 - a. Marton Meadows Golf Club 20/4440M -addition of extra holes and driving range. United Utilities have also logged an objection to the driving range citing issues with stray balls affecting the treatment plant. Marton have already objected on similar line.
 - b. Marton Meadows Golf Club 21/3874M Change of use of outbuildings to Hotel. Parish Council has re-iterated earlier concerns.
 - c. Marton Meadows Golf Club 21/3873M Extension to clubhouse; Parish has not comments.
 - d. Brickyard Farm 21/1233, awaiting decision.
 - e. Cherry Barrow farm;
 - i. Rachel Anderson, an enforcement officer from CE has visited the site to inspect possible hedgerow damage but was unable to speak to the site owner and has made no comment.
 - ii. Variation on permission to extend garage. DM will prepare a response.
 - iii. Appeal on refusal to erect extra garage; is ongoing.

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- f. Barlows Agri; Paul Douglas, Enforcement Officer for CE has been contacted but has not responded to request by DM. LM to be kept informed.
 - i. Note that Barlows Agri has gone in to liquidation and now has a new name Cheshire Atv & Mowers Ltd
 - g. Expansion of Eaton Quarry; Some neighbours have complained of noise nuisance but Tarmac Liaison group have a history responding in a positive way to complaints. JR has offered to stand as a representative on the Liaison Committee.
7. Environmental Plan;
- a. John Percival has planted 5 new trees around the village.
 - b. The 'nursery' patch near the sewerage works has had about 150 trees planted and should be reviewed for take up in the spring.
 - c. The free hawthorn whips from the Forestry Commission were known to be in poor condition and most have failed to take. Having invested in tree guards and canes it was agreed to allocate a budget of £200 towards new whips.
 - d. Re stock of Marton Brook, John Percival is trying to locate a supply of young fish.
 - e. Apple trees on the green; John Percival is looking for three further trees, it was suggested Plums or damsons as an alternative to Apple. It was noted that several trees between Bunce Lane and Rigby's have been damaged by hedge cutting JR to approach landowner.
 - f. Pools and Ponds; The pool at Messuage lane/Hodge Hill Lane may have entered 'common' ownership by default, originally thought to be Estate land before various land sales. We should list it as an asset and post 'Danger Deep Water' signs. DM to source from original signage budget.
 - g. CE would like to help regenerate ponds suitable for wildlife regeneration, there are three possible sites in Marton, one as above and two on Tidnock Farm. JR to explore further for opportunities.
 - h. Environmental Plan; there was concern that this seemed a bit random and can it be itemised somehow with a view to costing and possible opportunities for grant applications. JR and John Percival to meet and discuss.
8. Marton School Liaison;
- a. Parking; School is aware of the problem but SW and AS confirmed that it was currently very bad. DM reported that as a result of poor parking a vehicle destined for ABF Fertiliser was stuck at the top of School Lane and this caused a tail back on the A34.
 - i. Parish has asked if enquiries could be made of parents and their locations to see if more can use the busses, thought to be very under utilised.
 - ii. Can the bus routes be better publicised to Parents.
 - iii. JR would approach the School Governors about a joint approach to the problems.
 - iv. Can CE monitor Bus Usage and report (LS may be able to say who to approach)
 - b. Nursery Expansion: can the possible expansion of the Nursery (an independent venture to the School) be made aware of parking issues and consider in their development plans (JR).

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- c. Mirrors at Oak Lane junction; all the required permissions are in place and a parent has agreed to help. JR is waiting for a suitable post to be provided by Andy Simpson (CE).
- 9. Village maintenance;
 - a. Village Signs; there are still two more to complete, one on the North side of the A34 and the other on Mill Lane.
 - b. Messuage Lane has now been replaced (a letter about this was received from a resident not in the Parish).
 - c. Wildflower Meadow; CE to report on progress and further action but not bad for year 1.
 - d. Stone flags for the circle expansion are currently unavailable (Indian are best but not around).
 - e. We were not successful at persuading the Council to empty the bin in the Spinney; JR and As will continue to empty from time to time.
 - f. LN had explored the litter pick map for Macclesfield and may try and register or location.
 - g. Telephone Box, Mary Percival will explore this as a possible 'Community Book Swap', can the School accommodate it? JR to ask.
 - h. Public Liability insurance; can we ensure a minimum cover of £5m.
 - i. Asset List: in progress, AS and DM will update.
- 10. Highways;
 - a. There has been no public release of the consultation to restrict by cameras speed on the A34. JR will enquire about extending coverage from Monks Heath (the proposed start) all the way through Marton and possibly to the new bye-pass.
 - b. Grit Buckets; Andy Simpson (CE) has been asked for an update on when they might be re-filled prior to this winter. JR to follow up.
- 11. Welcome Pack; defer to next meeting.
- 12. Website; LN has nothing to report.
- 13. Finance;
 - a. The Latest position was circulated.
 - b. AS to ensure regular updates before meeting.
 - c. Council agreed to the application by the clerk for his six month payment.
- 14. Community Governance (consultation);
 - a. JR has met with North Rode and Eaton and the local MP to discuss opposition to the suggested merger.
 - b. We must try and encourage the Village to respond to the online survey either by post or online. This is not an easy survey to complete.
 - c. A leaflet drop amongst all households was suggested, together with publicity via social media platforms.
 - d. The local MP has had a letter published in the Chronicle (DM may provide a link for website etc)
 - e. A suggestion of a Village Meeting was made, with incentives around the theme of Harvest Time (similar to Xmas meeting in the hall). This needs to be scheduled soon. JR to consider.

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- f. A question about how much weight is given to responses by PC's as opposed to individuals on the Survey site; LS to ask the question.
- 15. Chair Remarks;
 - a. Mindful of the Kenny family desire to stay private, a card was suggested to congratulate them of their Olympic success, on behalf of the village. JR to provide.
 - b. Congleton half marathon; encourage support as they pass through the village.
 - c. Cheshire Community Directory; LN will investigate if appropriate.
- 16. Correspondence; None.
- 17. Comments by Attendees: None.
- 18. Dates of next meetings (proposed).
 - a. 13th December 2021
 - b. 7th February 2022
 - c. 21st March 2022(Village Meeting)
 - d. 16th May 2022
 - e. 25 July 2022

Meeting closed at 21:30.