**Marton Parish Council**

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Minutes of theMeeting of the Parish Council held at

7.30 Monday 12th December 2022 at the School.

1. Attendance:
	1. In Attendance; John Rylands(Chair)(JR), Sue Webborn (SW), David Mcgowan (DM), Sue Platt (SP).
	2. Also: Cllr Lesley Smetham(LS), Clerk Andrew Simpson (AS).
	3. Apologies: Barrie Nolan(BN), Lucy Nixon(LN).
	4. Members of the public; Flo Bullock(FB).
2. Minutes:
	1. The minutes from the meeting on 4th October were approved.
3. Matter Arising:
	1. JR welcomed FB to the meeting.
	2. A discussion about standing orders took place.
	3. UU were still marking School Lane as closed when it did not appear so. Leaks were still very common lace along the length of School lane.
4. Footpaths:
	1. No new issues were reported.
5. PCSO:
	1. The report was noted.
	2. It was noted that a gradual handover from PCSO Julia Short was expected in the first ¼ of 2023.
6. Planning:
	1. Marton meadows Golf Club;
		1. 21/6443M Extension of the course including ground works. Not decided.
		2. 21/4440M Driving range, approved; it was noted that two incidences of stray golf balls had been reported.
		3. 21/5311M Two new houses, approved. It was a surprise that JBO had not objected; it was felt it may be worth asking for a meeting with JBO and CE to discuss what were their current requirements.
	2. Messuage Farm 21/6404M camping pods, still undecided.
	3. Cherry Barrow farm stables, not decided. It was noted that there was a discrepancy on the public comments, AS is investigating.
	4. New Venture Farm 22/3966M. Not in Marton, but approved as permitted development.
	5. Brookside cottage barn 22/4146M. This was not pre-notified to the parish via email (as is usually the case) and the date has passed for comments. The council considered this application and on balance would not approve, contrary to Neighbourhood plan(PG6), without significant changes to conditions.
	6. Oak Lane cottage removal of trees. This matter was discussed with the owner and a satisfactory explanation given. JR will discuss further before responding to R Kellet, who raised the issue.
	7. Cherry barrow farm tipping. The responses by the landowner were challenged and this has been passed back to LS who have notified enforcement.
	8. Cherry barrow farm hedge complaint is now resolved.
	9. Barlows enforcement. DM expressed concern that this was being frustrated by the owners who were using a number of apparently spurious excuses, including change of ownership and other reasons. LS will pursue again with enforcement. JR will draft a response to pass to Enforcement.
7. Environmental Plan;
	1. Rewilding of verges:
		1. Costing of the rewilding of other parts of the A34 and CocksMoss lane including cutting the grass to prep and seeding was approx. £150.
		2. DM raised a question about permission from Highways re visibility.
		3. If work proceeds notify Highways re cutting plans.
		4. Grant opportunities, LS will explore possibilities.
	2. J Percival requested budget approval of £210 for hawthorn whips and £250 for mixed hedging; both amounts approved as a budget max.
8. School Liaison;
	1. Mirror now erected. JR thanked those involved.
	2. There is currently no village Governor Representative on the school board P. Webborn having resigned.
	3. CE are in discussion to ‘re-design’ transport arrangements. SP expressed concerns that it may affect children in Marton currently requiring transport in to Congleton.
	4. Cars arriving early engines running. Any specific instances note reg number and JR will notify school. We should ask PCSO for a review of afternoon traffic movements (AS to email).
9. Village maintenance;
	1. Village signs are all up and paid for. Thanks to DM for big effort in achieving this.
	2. Oak Lane/Oak View hedge need cutting; SP to contact Highways.
	3. Furniture and gate in The Spinney treted again, thanks to work team.
	4. Village Green; an application for support for the renewal including notice boards totalling £8000 has been made to Tarmac and MIA, will need to reserve ‘match funding’. (AS)
	5. BN an JR will review condition of planters after further damage,
	6. Litter pick (LN) is re-scheduled for April 2023.
	7. Litter signs; it was suggested that signs could be applied to several strategic spots around the parish; an estimate for cost was a total of £125, approved.
	8. Dog Mess; it was noted that this is a recent problem and we should try and identify any culprits. Oak View has a resident who is allowing their dog to roam unsupervised, neighbours are aware.
10. Village matters;
	1. The welcome pack has been distributed to new residents. SP will remind AS of email addresses where given.
	2. A number of vulnerable household are apparent in the village and SP suggested a leaflet drop to all house with contact numbers where concerns were apparent. FB suggested this should include Farming Community numbers especially in the difficult farming times.
	3. UU would like to hear of any household for whom water supply is a critical element.
	4. FB noted that Eaton now run a monthly informal coffee morning for those who feel isolated. SP encouraged such a move and would join JR in approaching the pub to test their response. They should also consider asking the café, although it was thought they may have a space issue.
	5. Warm Spaces; LS has circulated details.
11. Highways;
	1. Speed enforcement is now appropriate on the A34 and can we restart monitoring in the spring (SW).
	2. SP asked if we could re-cost automatic speed signs. (AS)
	3. Children crossing the road after drop off was a concern but no obvious solution offered.
	4. JR will follow up with the PCC on Average speed control on A34.
12. Website. No issues but can we use this to publish contact numbers (see 10.b).
13. Finance;
	1. Cheques approved.
	2. Forecast and Budget required before precept can be approved (AS).
	3. Accounts to be sent out (AS).
14. Chair. No further matters.
15. Correspondence, none.
16. Clerk Advert. AS to send to local clerks and resend to CHALC.
17. Dates of next meetings:
	1. Tuesday 7th February 2023.
	2. Tuesday 14th March 2023 (Village Meeting).
	3. Tuesday 16th May 2023 (AGM and Parish Council).
	4. Tuesday 18th July 2023.
	5. Tuesday 19th September 2023.
	6. Tuesday 5th December 2023.