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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at  
7.30pm Tuesday 18th July 2023 at Marlon Primary School

**1) Attendance:**

- a) John Rylands (Chair) (JR), Barrie Nolan (BN), David McGowan (DM), Lucy Nixon (LN), Phil Cheetham (PC), Alistair Goodwin (AG), Lesley Smetham (LS)
- b) Apologies received in advance from Sue Webborn (SW)
- c) Lizzie Worall (Clerk) (LW)
- d) No members of the public were in attendance.

**2) Minutes of Meeting 16th May 2023:**

- a) As circulated
- b) Draft has been published  
*The minutes were approved, with no amendments, unanimously.*

**3) Matters Arising:**

- a) Congleton Half Marathon - adding to the website and e-mailing the Village to see if anyone will line at route at Williams Garage and Bunce Lane  
*The organiser will send through details of properties to be affected to JR. LN to add details to the website.*
- b) Code of Conduct Adoption - as per John Rylands e-mail  
*The council moved unanimously to adopt a Code of Conduct and to add this to the website. LW will circulate a copy and then LN will publish on the website.*

**4) Footpaths Report:**

- a) Update on current state.  
*Congleton Ramblers have contacted JR regarding the state of the footpath from the Church to Bunce Lane (as this has previously been overgrown). An update will follow after they have assessed the footpath.*

**5) PCSO Report:**

- a) To note a new PCSO, Chloe Shore, has now been appointed.  
*LW read an update from PCSO Chloe Shore. PCSO Shore is running a surgery on 19th July at Marlon Meadows regarding concerns raised to her regarding speeding from Eaton and Marlon residents. AG and JR will try to attend the surgery to introduce themselves.*

## 6) Planning Applications

- a) Marton Meadows Golf Club
  - i) [21/6443](#) - Extension Including landfill  
*Not decided - a site visit will take place on Friday 21st July 2023.*
  - ii) [20/4440M](#) - Driving Range - update  
*No update and no issues reported but continuing to monitor if golf balls leave the boundary of the club.*
- b) Messuage Farm [21/6404M](#)  
*This has been approved.*
- c) Barlows
  - i) Enforcement notice issued?  
*LS, DM and JR have a meeting with representatives from Barlows on 30th August 2023. This is currently a 'Teams' meeting. DM has requested that the council attempt to convert this to a face to face meeting.*
- d) Cherry Barrow Farm
  - i) tipped soil and debris - update  
*No update. The soil should have been moved in June / July. More debris (scaffolding) has potentially been added to this. DM will e-mail the enforcement officer regarding this.*
- e) [22/4221M](#) - Construction of a new stable block - update  
*Still undecided.*
- f) Brookside Cottage [22/4146M](#)  
*Still undecided.*
- g) Sandpit Farm [23/1363M](#)  
*Still undecided.*

## 7) Marton Environmental Plan:

- a) Update  
*A new hedging plan will be proposed in September and will be reviewed at the December meeting. Thanks were extended from JR to John Percival for all his hard work.*

## 8) Marton School Liaison:

- a) Update  
*There is no formal update. JR will attend the school garden party on the 19th July 2023. JR to arrange a key for the school for PC.*

## 9) Village Maintenance:

- a) Planter damage  
*The broken planters will not be replaced as the current formation looks neat and not 'out of place.' Thanks were extended to BN for arranging the flowers.*
- b) Oak Lane / Oak View Hedges  
*BN wishes to report the hedge is dangerous. LN to log this online. LW will contact ANSA and LS will raise to Cheshire East. This will hopefully resolve the matter.*
- c) Village Green  
*A detailed plan was shared by PC. It was resolved to relocate the green and bring this forward from the current location (away from the trees, into the sunlight). The route*

*of the path was resolved, running as per PC's sketch and then in front of the line of the fruit trees. It was resolved to install a grit path, rather than Indian stone. JR and PC will review the plan to consider a raised bed, possibly constructed out of some of the old flagstones. JR and PC will also proceed with grant applications. LW will share details of the recently installed benches and noticeboard from HWSB.*

- d) Wildflowers  
*No update - these will be cut back in late September, as and when the flowers fade.*
- e) Litter pick  
*No update.*
- f) Litter signs  
*No update received from John Percival. DM will source suitable posts and will install.*
- g) Dog mess  
*No update.*

### **10) Village Matters:**

- a) Coffee Morning and Davenport Arms  
*One was held approximately one week prior to the meeting. 5 attendees were present. JR proposed to arrange these mornings for November, (early) December, (late) January, February and March and to stop hosting these in summer (April - October). This was agreed by councillors.*
- b) Marton Wakes  
*Marton Wakes will take place on Saturday. BN asked for help on Friday 21st to set up (with vehicles in the afternoon and then from 7pm) and Sunday 23rd in the morning to clean up. LW will circulate an email to Marton Village.*
- c) Departure of Vicar  
*Sunday 23rd in the afternoon will be the last service for Rev. Ian Arch within the village. He will be presented with a gift from the church. Ian's last service in the parish will be 10am on the 30th July at Siddington Church.*

### **11) Highway and road safety matters:**

- a) Update  
*SW will revisit speed gun control and monitoring, which has taken place previously (pre-Covid). It was unanimously decided to purchase and install a solar powered speeding sign and to install this near to the Church, facing towards Congleton. Thanks were extended to AG for his work in sourcing this. LW will share details of a Highways contact with AG so that Highways can be notified prior to purchase and install.*

### **12) Parish Council Website**

- a) Update  
*JR thanked LN for her ongoing endeavours.*

### **13) Finance**

- a) Current Accounts  
*Accounts were supplied by LW.*
- b) Cheques for Signature  
*The below cheques were approved for signature and payment.*

- c) Online banking discussion

*It was approved unanimously that the council will transition to online banking. JR will begin this process with Natwest. LW will draft a set of written protocols to be approved at the September meeting before online banking is utilised.*

Date	Description	Chq. No.	Amount
18/07/23	Cheshire Community Action	791	£20.00
18/07/23	HMRC PAYE	792	£53.60
18/07/23	A J Simpson (Wages)	793	£38.40
18/07/23	E Worrall (Wages)	794	£176.66
18/07/23	Four Oaks Direct	795	£198.72
18/07/23	DM Payroll Services	796	£60.00

#### **14) Chair's remarks and reports from members attending external meetings**

- a) Update

*JR had attended two meetings - a police consultation and a meeting regarding fibre optic.*

#### **15) Correspondence**

- a) No correspondence received since the previous meeting.

#### **16) Any other matters for discussion:**

- a) Update from Lesley Smetham

*LS was in attendance and provided an update - there has been a housing grant processed for housing associations, Cheshire East are still 'balancing the books'. A parking review is coming up later this year. Possible charges for green bins and being discussed. There are a few consultations at the moment: rural bus services, libraries and one being run by the Police and Crime Commissioner.*

#### **17) Proposed dates 2023/24 meetings:**

- a) Tuesday 19th September 2023
- b) Tuesday 5th December 2023
- c) Tuesday 6th February 2024
- d) Tuesday 12th March 2024 (Village Meeting)
- e) Tuesday 14th May 2024 (includes AGM)
- f) Tuesday 16th July 2024
- g) Tuesday 17th September 2024
- h) Tuesday 3rd December 2024