

Marlon Parish Council
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at
7.30pm Tuesday 19th September 2023

1) Attendance:

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

2) Conflicts of Interest

- a) There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3) Minutes of Meeting 18th July 2023:

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

4) Matters Arising:

- a) *The Council reviewed the action points from the last meeting. LW will format action points for the next meeting so that it is clear which items will be discussed on the agenda.*
- b) 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
An update was provided by JR. The details have been posted on the website. JR will contact the farmers. LW to send a reminder e-mail regarding the event.

5) Footpaths Report:

- a) Update on current state.
Congleton Ramblers is still awaiting the report from the Congleton Ramblers commenting on the footpath from the A34. JR will chase this report.

6) PCSO Report:

- a) To receive an update from PCSO, Chloe Shore, if present.
No report was received from PCSO Chloe Shore. LW and LS shared that PCSO Shore has now left her position and a new PCSO should start shortly (David Connor). LW will extend David an invitation to the coffee mornings once he is in post. LS will share details once she knows them. LW will try and get details for the local police meetings to try and get an update.

7) Planning Applications

- a) Marton Meadows Golf Club
 - i) [21/6443](#) - Extension Including landfill
Approved with conditions – it has been recognised at a landfill site, but accepted that there would be a need for this locally. Work has commenced.
 - 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) Barlows
 - i) Enforcement notice issued?
LS, DM and JR had a meeting with the Head of Planning on the 30th of August and the Head of Enforcement at Cheshire East. Cheshire East have committed to review this within the next few weeks.
- c) Cherry Barrow Farm
 - i) tipped soil and debris - update
As above – Cheshire East will investigate this further.
 - ii) [22/4221M](#) - Construction of a new stable block - update
Still undecided.
- d) Brookside Cottage [22/4146M](#)
Still undecided.
- e) Sandpit Farm [23/1363M](#)
Still undecided.
- f) Brick Yard Farm 23/2596M
Undecided.
- g) AOB – LS to share a list of enforcement notices. A paper copy was passed to JR, but a copy will be circulated to the clerk.

8) Marton Environmental Plan:

- a) Update including Wildflower Scheme
A report has been received from John Percival. JR to share with the Parish Council. John Percival feels that the rewilding has been a success and has started cutting back some of the grass. JR has arranged someone to visit on Thursday and the work should be completed in October. PC advised that the debris must be removed to avoid any issues.
DM asked for another copy of the Environmental Plan to be circulated. LW to ask John Percival for this. JR to arrange a face-to-face meeting with John Percival and any interested councillors to discuss schemes further. PC advised the council that any purchased mix should have Yellow Rattle included to suppress grass growth to ensure best wildflower growth.
Hodge Hill Lane and Davenport Lane and the Village Green fruit trees are producing fruit – LW to mention to the village via e-mail.
JR extended thanks to John Percival for his effort.

9) Marton School Liaison:

- a) Update
JR has consulted with the Headteacher – she is happy with Parish Council involvement. The Parish Council have a new key to the school – this is a long-term

loan, rather than a permanent issue. The Vicar should have returned to a member of the PC – LW to consult with Carrie on whether this has been received.

10) Village Maintenance:

- a) Planter damage
A working party is planned for Saturday 30th September 10am to empty the planters after the summer. BN will purchase some wallflowers to be planted on the same day.
- b) Oak Lane / Oak View Hedges
Reports have submitted to the Council by LN following the last meeting. No work has been completed yet.
- c) Village Green
PC is doing a site visit with Rankin Civils on Thursday 21st September. Pricing will follow the meeting.
- d) Wildflowers
See update above – to remain on the agenda.
- e) Litter pick
LW to thank villagers who just pick up the litter in the area. A 'full pick' will be planned for April next year. Thanks was extended to LN.
- f) Litter signs
The signs have been installed. Thanks was extended to DM.
- g) Dog mess
There was no update.
- h) The Spinney Waste Bin
Thanks for Sue to her efforts in identifying this. The working group will look at this on Saturday 30th September.
- i) Trees near to the Spinney
Andrew will advise the council if this is an issue. The council noted this to monitor over the winter. LW to try and get a copy of the lease to check the process. LW to ask John Percival to complete a visual assessment. LW to schedule an e-mail to Andrew each year.

11) Village Matters:

- a) Coffee Morning and Davenport Arms
Dates proposed 18th October 22nd November, 20th December, 17th January, 21st February. All Wednesdays – 11am – 12pm.

12) Highway and road safety matters:

- a) Update
No report on speeding matters received.
- b) Speeding Sign
The Parish Council expressed the view that speeding in the village was a clear concern and that the proposed sign meets the requirement of the issues raised in the Neighbourhood Plan (page 38). AG to confirm prices, confirm technical specification (will this get sufficient sunlight for the solar panel to work?) and instruct the signs to commence Production. Invoice and expenditure to be signed off at next meeting once invoice confirmed. LS to apply for the Highways budget to support this sign installation.

- c) Speed Guns

This was discussed. This will be raised with the PCSO when they are in post.

13) Parish Council Website

- a) Update

JR thanked LN for her ongoing endeavours.

14) 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

There was no update from JR. JR and LW will discuss after the meeting in more detail.

- d) Budget for 2024/25

A draft budget was supplied to all Councillors.

Date	Description	Chq. No.	Amount
19/09/2023	Zurich	797	£214.00
19/09/2023	David McGowan (posts for litter bins)	798	£12.60
	Spoiled cheque	799	
19/09/2023	John Rylands (community engagement – thank you meal for previous clerk)	800	£289.35

15) Chair's remarks and reports from members attending external meetings.

- a) Updates

LS provided an update on the meeting at the Sand Quarry. LS's experience is that, at least for Eaton, there is minimum disruption to residents. Common issues are lighting and impact on the wildlife.

JR will attend the local Parish Council forum on the 16th of October.

There is a service to install the new Mayor for Cheshire East. Councillors to confirm if they can attend.

The Parish Council will confirm D-Day celebrations (if any are to be held) at the Village Meeting in 2024.

16) Correspondence

- a) No correspondence received since the previous meeting.

17) Any other matters for discussion:

- a) Update from Lesley Smetham

Car park consultation (closing 18th October) and FlexiLink consultation (closing end September) are both open. Any villagers interested should complete the consultations online. LW to share details with LN for the website.

Local Enterprise Arrangements are being reviewed. Ongoing consultation with drainage is still in process.

18) Confirmed dates 2023/24 meetings:

The below dates were confirmed:

- Tuesday 5th December 2023
- Tuesday 6th February 2024
- Tuesday 12th March 2024 (Village Meeting)
- Tuesday 14th May 2024 (includes AGM)
- Tuesday 16th July 2024
- Tuesday 17th September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd December 2024