

Minutes of Marston Parish Council meeting held on 14th September 2022

The meeting opened at 19:02

**Present**:

Parish Cllrs; Chair M Potts (MP), Amanda Nixon (AN), Phil Carter (PhC), Angela Johnson (AJ) and Julie Ledger (JL)

Clerk: Caroline Constable (CC)

**Apologies**:

Apologies received from Cllrs Ian Stanley (IS) and Dave Collier (DC) and Ward Cllrs Lynn Gibbon (LG) and Phil Marshall (PM)

**Declarations of interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

**Dispensations:**

There were no dispensations

**Public Forum:**

There were no public present

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the parish council meeting of 13/7/2022 were agreed and approved.

**Actions from previous meeting:**

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|  | Action | Assigned to | Actioned |
| 1 | Contact vermin control re rat problem on Vale Road | LG | √ Resident states still a problem with issues over waste left in gardens but officer did not look into gardens. Pc will monitor the situation and take further action if necessary |
| 2 | Contact Angie re change in hall hire cost/google calendar | CC | √ |
| 3 | Setup Google Calendar for hall bookings | IS | √ |
| 4 | Contact LG about higher marston play area | MP | √ |
| 5 | Apply for NP grant | CC | Waiting on consultation with CCA – 29/9/22 |
| 6 | Contact fingerpost restorer for cost of moving | IS | √ |
| 7 | Contact Freedom fibre re fingerpost | AJ | √ |
| 8 | Create risk register | CC | √ |
| 9 | Purchase hedgehog tunnells | CC | √ |
| 10 | Apply for Village Hall Improvement Grant | AJ | Waiting upon opening of applications |
| 11 | Write article for MM about hedgehog tunnels | CC | √ |
| 12 | Look into getting a defib for hall | CC | All supplies out of stock over the summer, one supplier had stock w/c 5/9, clerk to purchase if available |
| 13 | Email CW&C with concerns/mitigations for HS2 impactc | CC | √ |
| 14 | Moving traffic consultation – possibility of new applications | LG | √ |
| 15 | Complete study into internal auditing | CC | √ |
| 16 | Object to Tingdene appeal | CC | √ |
| 17 | Do report into pavement marston lane | CC | √  |

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|  | Agenda Point | Assigned to.. |
| **1** | **Parish Cllr Reports**Cllr AJ – visited overgrown byway from 20/20 club on Ollershaw Lane to Wincham industrial estate. Issue was reported to CW&C but so far nothing done. As the lane is a byway Cllr AJ will contact footpaths/bridleways officer to try and get it cleared.Cllr JL – asked whether any events were planned for Christmas. Cllr MP suggested that the popular afternoon tea carol concert be done again. All agreed a budget of £150 was adequate and date set of Sunday 11th December. Article needed for MM, to include request for raffle prizes. Cllrs will organise at separate meeting (TBA)Cllr MP – Macmillan coffee morning confirmed for 27th September. A resident will be bringing her home made cards to sell. Cllrs MP, AJ, JL & PhC agreed to help. Separate meeting tba.Cllr AN – article needed for MM about Remembrance Sunday and evergreen arch, donations for greenery will be needed.Cllr MP – advised that chain still needed for cenotaph surround | AJISALLALLISMP |
| **2** | **Ward Cllr Reports**Ward Cllr NW – problem currently at Great Budworth over planning permission for a fence around the playing field at the school. Application is for an 8ft solid fence. Ward Cllrs and many residents agree that a fence is needed for safeguarding but object to a solid fence, especially as it is within a conservation area. An email has been sent to the planning officer. As part of any work many shrubs and trees will also need to be removed.Winnington Bridge – bid been sent to central government for new bridge further along road up towards Barnton with current bridge retained for pedestrian/cycle access – awaiting resultSoot Hill – LG & NW had a meeting with the fire service as work appears to have halted. Contractor Balfour Beatty are now saying that the work will take well over 12 monthsHS2 – CW&C currently only looking at mitigating local issues, clerk asked why CW&C couldn’t look into getting plans cancelled as per Warrington’s recent success. NW asked clerk to email him and he would ask the question. | CCNW |
| **3** | **Progress Reports**1. Cenotaph Repair

Inspection now complete and work signed off. Contractor paid. Chain still needed1. Telegraph pole on triangle

Pole now removed, MP thanked cllrs AJ and IS for their efforts in talks with Freedom Fibre. Ward Cllr NW and Cllr AJ both commented on the state of the triangle with regards to signage and ruts in ground from HGV’s who mount the kerb. Clerk suggested a meeting with Andy Hammon and Steve Bentley to see what improvements could be made. Clerk to arrange.1. Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting arranged for 27/9 with consultant from Cheshire Community Action (CCA) – 10am at the church hall.1. Defibrillators

Clerk costed over the summer however all suppliers out of stock until w/c 5/9. Did not buy as needed agreement by cllrs and payment beforehand. All agreed to purchase model as suggested by clerk (£1449 + vat). Clerk will get a quote from Miles for electrical work once cabinet delivered.1. Higher Marston Play Area

Ward Cllr LG has been instrumental in trying to get improvements made to the play area. She has attended the site twice with officers looking at problems. Cllr MP also attended the site pointing out issues; some repairs have been done to the boundary fence and a swing seat has been replaced and some weeds have been strimmed back, but equipment damaged in the process. The slide has been condemned and will need replacing but CW&C claim that funding is not available and officers do not seem interested. Local fundraising will be necessary.A survey was sent out to residents around the play area asking for their opinions. Out of over 100 sent out only 4 residents replied. Consensus was that more is needed for under 5s, more activity play areas and a slide that is accessible to younger children, bench that was removed also needs replacing. They are all happy to help with fundraising.Ward Cllr NW stated that we could apply for some of the local New House Bonus funds via CW&C assets and infrastructure officer. Clerk to email NW for further info.Clerk has sourced numerous activity centres that appear cheaper than the ones supplied by LG via contractor, she suggested that she email Ward Cllr LG to ascertain next steps.1. Selling Hedgehog Tunnels

Hedgehog Tunnels purchased over the summer (50 for £157.50) and article placed in MM for sales at £5 each. So far no one has shown any interest. Cllr MP suggested reducing the cost to £3. Clerk suggested an open day on Higher Marston play area when fundraising for equipment starts and they could be sold then.1. Pickmere Lake parking problems

It is proposed that double yellow lines be added on corners of Earles Lane and in other strategic places, also fencing will be erected around the lake to limit access.1. HS2

CW&C are now only looking at mitigating any problems for local areas/residents. PC sent their concerns, which will be correlated with other pc’s concerns. Refer to agenda item 2.1. Flood Resilience Plans

Please see email from Ward Cllr LG in correspondence1. Work to Church Hall

Boxing in of boiler (padlocked to stop hirers altering the boiler), new doors to kitchen and repair of the ceiling is now complete. Batons on ceiling still need painting.1. Hynet Pipeline

Public consultation put on hold following Queen’s death. | MPCCALLCCCCCC |
| **4** | **Risk Register**To be signed off – clerk forgot to bring document – add to next month’s agenda | CC |
| **5** | **Finance*****Invoices received & cheques created*:** 1. Clerks Purchases & Reimbursements - £197.67

Inclu. Norton, paper, padlock, travel/ etc… £ 197.67 chq no.1369Clerks Salary 36.33 hrs @ £15.41ph - £ 559.89 Chq no. 13701. Itseeze website/email July & August 2022 - £57 x 2
2. R Beech – repairs to cenotaph £1680 chq no 1364
3. Williams Design & Print – newsletters - £160.80 chq no. 1368
4. Stewart Property Services – work to church hall £1790 chq no 1366
5. AXS Locksmith – work to front doors £55 chq no 1367
6. Scottish Power - £152.44 to be collected on 20/9/22
7. Cleaner – 17/7 – 7/8 4 weeks £40 14/8 – 11/9 5 weeks = 9 weeks in total £90
8. Booking Agent - 17/7 – 7/8 4 weeks £40 14/8 – 11/9 5 weeks = 9 weeks in total £90

 £ 180 to Angie chq no 13711. Rent:
	* 1. £2.50 booking fee S.Gorman
		2. S Gorman 4/9 £30
		3. Penguin Group – 7/7 £20 12/7 £20 20/7 £20 26/7 £17 total £77

22/8 £25.50 30/8 £20 6/9 £20 total £65.50 £175 in totalCoffee Morning donations £57.40 |  |
| **6** | **Correspondence**1. Planning Appeal – APP/A0665/W/22/3299839 – planning application 21/03994/FUL – Land at Ollershaw Lane – demolition of existing shed and erection of one dwelling/change of use of land to domestic curtilage – objection sent
2. Email from Lynn Gibbon – Resilience Plans update – see agenda item 3(i)
3. Email from SAAA – opt out option on external auditing – clerk advised not opting out as either way an external audit would be needed and if not done under SAAA umbrella further costs would be incurred
4. Email from Hynet – latest update & consultations – see agenda item 3(k)
5. Email from Chalc – survey on Climate Emergency – all agreed not necessary to complete
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| **7** | **Any other business**No further business |  |

Confirmed date of next meeting, 12/10/2022

Meeting closed at 20:34

Abbreviations: pc (parish council), cllr (councillor), cllrs (councillors), cllrs’ (councillors’), cllr’s (councillor’s), CW&C (Cheshire West and Chester), MM (Marston Murmurs), MPC (Marston Parish Council)