



Signed as a true representation of the minutes taken at PC meeting

Chair: Marion Potts

Signed:

Date:

## Minutes of Marston Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Meeting opened 18:50 pm

### **Attendees:**

Parish Councillors; Marion Potts (MP), Phil Carter (PhC), Angela Johnson (AJ), Dave Collier (DC), Amanda Nixon (AN), Ward Cllr Lynn Gibbon (LG)

Clerk: Gary Hedges (GH)

### **Apologies:**

None received

### **Declarations of interest:**

**AN** historically worked for an interested party in relation to Planning Consultation 24/00458/LDC and therefore may not comment on discussions on the consultation.

### **Dispensations:**

None

### **Public Forum:**

No public present

### **Approval of minutes from parish council meeting on 15 February 2024**

Approved

### **Actions from meeting 15 February 2024:**

	Action	Owner	Comments/Update
1	Feedback from request for survey of bridge by highways dept.	CC	No response received from highways - OUTSTANDING
2	Playground fly tipping and pigeon deterrents	MP	Fly tipping ongoing. Action may be taken against offending individuals through regulatory services if this continues. Re. Pigeon deterrents; <b>LG</b> to enquire with CW&C council over use of cable ties. OUTSTANDING
3	Airport fund chairs (10 x bariatric chairs awarded)	AN	OUTSTANDING Cheque made out to Rosehill Furnishings yet to be cashed and the chairs remain undelivered. <b>AN</b> to chase up.
4	Gutters on hall (filled with leaves / joints coming apart)	CC	OUTSTANDING

			<b>MP</b> to request quote required from local handyman to clear gutters and repairs joints.
5	BHF grant for Defib	AN	OUTSTANDING
6	Footpath 7 Clearance	AJ	OUTSTANDING <b>AJ</b> met Liz Holmes (CWAC footpath officer) on 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. Liz Holmes is going to ask the CWAC contractors to run a chain harrow through to pull up the brambles. <b>AJ</b> to provide update to residents in MM.
7	Sewage issues at Flashes	AJ	OUTSTANDING <b>AJ</b> to reapply to United Utilities for information on when sewerage is pumped in. No response received from initial request. <b>LG</b> to ask Andy Hammond to come on site visit.
8	Gt. Budworth School banner	MP	COMPLETED Banner on gates was agreed. To be installed on 19 <sup>th</sup> March.
9	Repairs to hall storeroom wall	AJ	OUTSTANDING <b>AJ</b> to request quotes from tradespersons for stabilising metal and pointing the area.
10	Motorhome crossing play area and ingress into council land for parking.	PhC	OUTSTANDING <b>GH</b> to provide photos of area to <b>LG</b> <b>LG</b> to ask Mark Brazil (CWAC Head of Environmental Services) to have it investigated.

		OWNER
1	<p><b>Parish Cllr Reports:</b></p> <p><u>Wi-Fi grant</u> - MPC is eligible for a grant of up to £2000 through the UKSPF Digital Project for Wi-Fi to be installed in community buildings. The installation cost is c.£1200 and the remaining £800 can be spent on data usage with the broadband provider. All cllrs in favour of making an application. <b>AN</b> to proceed with grant application.</p> <p><u>D-Day 80th Anniversary – Thursday 6th June –</u></p> <p>Proposal to put lanterns in the village hall / churchyard (2 x red hurricane LED lamp). All agreed. Lighting up is 9.15 on Thurs 6th June. <b>AN</b> to purchase lamps.</p> <p>Proposal to have afternoon tea event – cakes, biscuits etc. on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm. All agreed. <b>MP</b> to make enquiry over possible re-enactment performance for afternoon tea event.</p>	<p>AN</p> <p>MP</p>

	<p><u>Spring litter pick</u> – to take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Meet at the Church Hall. <b>MP</b> to register event with the Keep Britain Tidy ‘big litter pick’ and write a piece for MM.</p> <p><u>Willow Pond Farm</u> – A recently created earth mound at the property has reported to CWAC council (complaint number EN591521547). There is no planning permission for a change of land use.</p> <p><u>Earles Lanes hedges</u> - Complaint of hedges outside whale bone farm restricting access for buses and cars to pass simultaneously and blocking streetlights. Reported to CWAC council (complaint number TR579808445). Cllrs agreed a letter should be sent to Whalebone Farm asking for hedges on the property causing problems to be cut back. <b>GH</b> to draft letter to Whalebone Farm.</p> <p><u>Street light outside church hall</u> – AN has reported street light not working. Lamppost 17. Ref. HW593568399.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AN</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Ward Cllr Reports (LG)</b></p> <p>[additional information added below following 15/3/2024 email update]</p> <p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Council – 4.99% CWaC / Fire 1.99% and Police 4.99%</li> <li>• CEO Session – good feedback thought it was worth doing.</li> <li>• Parish Plans requested – on projects which we could proactively support for members budgets 24/25.</li> <li>• Members Budgets/ Grants - balances rolled over – new applications from April.</li> <li>• Working with MP for Investment in Marbury related to Network North and funding from HS2 (Winnington Bridge options) £185m allocated for roads and infrastructure projects. Need to ensure this is ring fenced.</li> <li>• Spacehive / Crowd Funding – now open for applications need to increase numbers from Marbury – up to 70% of funding could be allocated. Supported successful motion for increased funding and retained in the Budget.</li> <li>• Road condition and flooding continue to blight the ward. CWaC do not have the money available to fix the deteriorating condition of our assets.</li> </ul> <p><u>Crime</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation Park Safe – members of the public can report poor parking and pavement parking.</li> <li>• Work with PCC on Pickmere and wider issues continues – now looking at a consistent message with signage and at the borough wide PSO of no drinking in public spaces.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with PCC to raise the issue of general safety of women and girls across CE, CW &amp; Warrington. PM sitting on VYGW Commission.</li> </ul> <p><u>Consultations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate Now – ongoing for Residents and PCs register online.</li> <li>Planning Policy linked to Local Plan – national changes end 17th March</li> <li>Housing Strategy Engagement – ends 1st April</li> <li>Museums and Libraries – affects everyone - ends 2nd April</li> <li>Sexual Health Services – ends 2nd April</li> <li>Future of Day Services – ends 8th May</li> <li>Adult Social Care - takes 70% of the budget worth doing – ends 19th May</li> </ul> <p><u>Proposals for Thought</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighbourhood Plans - design /housing/planning / changes to the National Planning Framework making it simpler</li> <li>Resilience Plans – on any kind of risk including flooding in preparation– warm hubs/ equipment although sandbags are no longer free</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>Progress Reports</b></p> <p><b>A. Neighbourhood Plan</b> No progress made. <b>GH</b> to digitalise and collate neighbourhood plan suggestions, including from online survey.</p> <p><b>B. Defibrillators</b> No progress made. The DHSC Community Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Fund scheme remains open to applications. <b>MP</b> to apply for grant <b>GH</b> to enquire over previously made donation offer.</p> <p><b>C. Planning issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning Consultation 24/00399/CAT - Lion Salt Works. No objections</li> <li>Planning Consultation 24/00458/LDC - Crystal Cottage. Cllrs to study application post meeting and report comments to <b>MP</b>. [<b>AN</b> not involved due to interest]</li> <li>Planning Consultation 24/00037/FUL - Land at Dark Lane. No objections.</li> </ul> <p><b>D. Wildflower seeds and bird boxes</b> A packet of personalised wildflower seeds was posted to every resident with the March edition of MM. There was a discussion over how to distribute the recently acquired 12 bird boxes and feeders, and 1 bat box. The bat box will be installed in a sheltered position on the Church Hall. <b>GH</b> to seek advise on the most appropriate positioning. It was agreed that most of the bird boxes and feeders will be offered to residents via a form in MM.</p>	<p>AJ</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>MP/ AN</p>

	<p>Where more applications are received than boxes available, successful applicants will be drawn from a hat.</p> <p><b>E. Marston Murmurs</b>  <b>MP</b> is putting together and editing the April issue. Deadline for inclusion of articles is 20<sup>th</sup> March. <b>GH</b> to provide note introducing himself, including an image. <b>AN</b> and <b>AJ</b> also sending through articles.</p> <p><b>F. Pickmere meeting</b>  <b>AJ</b> and <b>LG</b> attended a meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Discussed in previous agenda item. See Ward Cllr Reports.</p> <p><b>G. Hall hire</b>  Giff Gaff phone contract no longer required by Angie (AK). Hall hire poster needs to be updated to include AK current phone number, <b>AJ</b> added and font changed. <b>GH</b> to update hall poster. Possibility to making bookings available online to be added as an agenda item for the next MPC meeting.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>LG/ AJ</p> <p>AJ</p>																																								
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AJ reimbursement – coffee morning supplies	34.27	
Income		
A) Rent		
Hirer	Hire dates	Rent received
Lynda Birtles	15/2, 20/2, 22/2, 27/2, 29/2, 5/3	£90
Ant Hill Mob Group	19/2, 11/3	£30
Fin Riley	22/2	£20
Scarlett Revolution	25/2, 3/3, 10/3	£60
Leah Barrow	20/2	£20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£220</b>
B) Coffee mornings		
Description	Amount (£)	
Donations	89.92	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Correspondence List</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email 14/2 Highways – Dark Lane, Marston – Temporary Road closure</li> <li>2. Email 15/2 Chalc - Local Nature Recovery Strategy – consultation open</li> <li>3. Email 15/2 Chalc – Supporting Our Communities conference (6<sup>th</sup> March)</li> <li>4. Email 19/2 Lynn Gibbon – Marbury PCs questions submitted to Delyth Curtis</li> <li>5. Email 22/2 Lynn Gibbon – Operation Park roll out</li> <li>6. Email 22/2 DHSC Defib Grant Scheme – final stages</li> <li>7. Email 23/2 Planning Consultation 24/00399/CAT - Lion Salt Works - re-coppice previously coppiced trees in order to manage the area of trees as a screen and to prevent excessive growth of trees.</li> <li>8. Email 23/2 Andrew Jones (Traffic Management Officer) – Marston Lane speed survey results</li> <li>9. Email 23/2 Andrew Jones (Traffic Management Officer) – Ollershaw Lane speed survey results</li> <li>10. Email 27/2 chalc - Measles poster for community buildings</li> <li>11. Email 03/03 PCSO Wiggins – PC report Feb/March 2024</li> <li>12. Email 06/3 Ceri Gratton Berry – Great Budworth Primary School Banner</li> <li>13. Email 08/03 Ann and James Wilson – Ollershaw Lane traffic issue</li> </ol>	

	<p>14. Email 10/03 Lynn Gibbon – Parish Council Question responses</p> <p>15. Email 08/03 CW&amp;C - Local Plan Evidence Base Consultation 2024 – update</p> <p>16. Email 12/03 Planning Consultation 24/00458/LDC - Crystal Cottage- Lawful Development Certificate to establish existing use for fabrication, storage, distribution, maintenance and workshop, all in connection with a general building contractor and plant hire business (sui generis)</p> <p>17. Email 13/03 Planning Consultation 24/00037/FUL - Land at Dark Lane - Erection of barn to store hay and machinery.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b> No further business</p>	

Next Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 6:45pm

Meeting closed at 9:55 pm

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)