MARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Marton Parish Council 'Annual Village Meeting' Tuesday 9 April 2019, held at Marton Village War Memorial Hall

1. ATTENDANCE

 Cllr Chambers (Chair), Selina Turner (Clerk), Cllr Fry, Cllr Hitchman, Cllr Lummis, Joe Walsh, Jenny Walsh, Alan Naylor, Miranda Aston, Andy Bolam

2. APOLOGIES

Mike Johnson, Dinyar Baria

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

 The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2018 were agreed and signed as an accurate record

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF MARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clir Faye Chambers

Having picked up the reigns as chair relatively recently, it's a privilege to present this report, which reflects the work done by my predecessor Michael Koch and the whole parish council team. The year in summary is as follows:

Personnel

- Michael Koch resigned from the council in December and Cllr Chambers took on the role of chair in January.
- The council hopes to return to a body of five after the forthcoming elections.

Crime

- Marton has seen a slight increase in the last 12 months but incidents are still lower than surrounding area.
- Miranda Aston to be thanked for taking on the Neighbourhood Watch role.
- PCSO David Banks now visits the village monthly for an informal drop-in opportunity.

Traffic/road issues

- Community speed watch lead has come forward Adam Hewitt. He's currently in touch with police to hopefully get the scheme underway this year. There are 11 volunteers willing to be trained and to go on a rota.
- The new VAS has just been installed, after more than 12 months of negotiating.
 Thanks to the councillors involved for their persistence and to Cllr Roberts for part-funding the unit and installation.

Village maintenance

- A new large and green grit bin has been installed at the bottom of The Orchard. The old bin has been moved to the top of The Orchard (by the garages).
- An additional grit bin was installed at Chapel End (funded by residents and supported by the parish council).

- Two streetlights and posts have been replaced this year (following the programme of replacing the oldest lamps with low-energy improvements).
- After grass cutting issues on the playing field a new contractor was found (thanks due to Cllr Hitchman).
- The broken kissing gate was replaced with metal barriers at the start of the year.
- Road repairs, hedge cutting and drain clearing have been dealt with efficiently.

Campaigning

 The parish council wrote to WCC to voice disagreement with the decision to remove chaperones from the school bus (a situation still being monitored).

Finance

- Anticipated balance at he end of the years £11,424,76, however this there are 3
 Streetlamps (1 x 2017/18 and 2 x 2018/2019) and the vas system that had been allocated funds but not yet invoiced.
- Actual carry over should have been closer to £7,077.90.

Huge thanks are due to the many residents who work hard and bring great enthusiasm and public spirit to the events and community services that make Marton a pleasant place to live.

Thanks also to fellow parish councillors for their support and hard work, particularly to Roy Hitchman who has been a key member of the council for an astonishing 32 years. Thanks in addition are to be extended to Selina Turner, who has been a great support as the clerk for 14 years. It is with regret that we've just accepted her resignation and are seeking a replacement. Good luck to both on their future endeavours.

5. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Marton Playing Fields Association

Financial Summary.

Closing Balance as at 24/03/2019 - £3,433.96

Savings Accounts as at 06/03/2019 - £2,379.38

Accounts are still in a very healthy state.

Events

Events held during 2018

- Easter Egg Hunt 2018 originally 34 children signed up to take part. Original date had to be cancelled due to rain. 14 children eventually took part the following week.
- Sports Day and Dog Show Another successful year with more dogs than the previous year taking part.

Future Events in 2019:

- Sports Day 6 July 2019
- Race Night Date TBC (October)

Other

- New finance policy was approved at the MPFA AGM which will allow the MPFA to use internet banking. Also outlines terms of payment ready for any future development.
- Large outdoor storage box has been installed at the Pavilion containing sports equipment for use throughout the year even when the Pavilion is closed.
- A number of large garden games have been purchased for use within the village and to hire by others within the village.
- Sam Woodfield has stepped down from Chair of the committee due to family commitments. Dinyar Baria was elected as replacement at the AGM held in March 2019. Bernie Bayliss and John Buchanan also joined the committee at this meeting, with Helen Preston re-joining earlier in the year.
- Karen Cresswell has stepped down from the committee after many years. The MPFA would like to formally acknowledge and thank Karen for all her help and commitment to the committee for the many years she has been involved.
- Building Improvement s have been scaled back to 3 separate priorities,
 - 1. updating the electrics to make then safe
 - 2. Correcting the veranda structural defect
 - 3. Having disabled faciltes

Marton Museum

There was a feeling amongst the volunteers that the last year marked an important step forward in the museum's development. For some while we have been making progress with the improvement in the presentation of the displays whilst keeping as close to George Tims original vision. However, by the very nature of the task all the work in tidying and editing the displays has not been especially obvious to the casual visitor. What was obvious was the unmounted name board, the rather tired wooden railings around the external artefacts, the broken drain pipes and the uninspiring entrance area.

Now the name board has been mounted with the help of Andrew Cooke (who organised its original replacement) and Steve Taylor; a new hurdle-style fence around the agricultural machinery, with the help of Mainline Timber; thanks to the parish council the broken plastic drainage pipes have been replaced with metal ones robust enough to deal with any deviant ball games; finally, replacement flush mounted double-glazed entrance doors. With all these issues addressed the village can be proud of a more presentable building.

Internally the new entrance doors have helped create a larger entrance area which together with a lick of floor paint and a reconfiguration of the displays has made a more welcoming space which can easily accommodate wheelchairs. The plan is to define the visitor circulation area with more floor paint which keeps down the concrete dust and brightens up the interior.

The museum has continued to develop its profile to attract a regular flow of visitors. We are maintaining a programme of external talks to groups which has helped take our message to all parts of the county, as well as generating income and bookings for group visits. Loans to various organisations have also helped to publicise our presence, notably to Rugby, Daventry and Southam Museums as well as local schools.

The museum was again open over the summer months up to Heritage Open Days in mid-September. The Heritage Weekend was blessed by good weather and our variety of stalls and demonstrations (not to mention the excellent Pavilion Café), hosted a large number of appreciative visitors. This is an approach we will be building on for this September's Heritage Weekend, all co-ordinated by a busy Biddy Allen.

The museum continues to generate income that more than covered costs, though such a situation is only possible thanks to the generous work of the unpaid museum volunteers (A special mention here to Wiz Shayler and Ann Gregory who have put in an amazing amount of work in sorting out and maintaining the collection and displays – with some additional practical expertise from Arthur Gibson). We are always on the look-out for any villagers who could offer one or two Sunday afternoon sessions to the museum' summer rota to spread the load!

David Fry April 2019

St Espirit Church

Administrative Information:

The parish has one place of worship; The Church of St Esprit, North Street, Marton CV23 9RJ. The parish is part of the Deanery of Southam in the Anglican Diocese of Coventry.

Membership

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2018, unless otherwise stated are:

Incumbent Rev Jane Everitt (installed 08/01/2018)

Clergy Revd Rob Rogers ex-officio

Churchwardens Dr Jenny Walsh MBE (Parish Treasurer)

Mrs Janet Paget (PCC Secretary)

Representative on

Deanery Synod Mr David Doggett ex-officio

Elected Members Karen Cresswell (Lay chair)

Joe Walsh re-election 2019

Gina Malin elected at APCM re-election 2020
Barry Smith elected at APCM re –election

2020

Two vacancies

Safeguarding Officer Mrs Sarah Trundley ex-officio (from February 2018)

Structure, Governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Deanery Synod representative reports back to the PCC. Churchwardens meet jointly with the Long Itchington wardens. The Treasurer meets with other treasurers from the Southam Deanery.

Objectives and activities

St Esprit Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievements and Performance

Church Membership

There were 15 members of the Church Electoral Roll of whom two were not resident in the parish.

The Electoral Roll has been renewed as of April 2019 and now stands at 17 of whom 4 are not resident in the parish. The Electoral Roll will be revised in 2020 and renewed in 2025.

Service Pattern

We are very pleased that since Revd Jane's arrival we now have services every Sunday in Marton with something to appeal to most worshippers.

On the evening of the first Sunday of the month St Esprit hosts the Deanery Service "In the Spirit" which is led by the worship group / band "e:praise". There is a different lay speaker every month and the service attracts an ecumenical congregation from across the deanery.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month led by either Red. Jane or Revd Rob Rogers who continues to lead services at St Esprit twice a month. All Age Family Worship, a more informal service, happens on the third Sunday of the month led by both Jane and Rob.

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month, the two congregations join together for a joint benefice celebration of Holy Communion.

Church Attendance

The average weekly attendance counted in October 2018 was 15

Festival services attract larger congregations from the community.

There were 23 communicants on Easter Day 2017 (congregation 37) and 25 communicants on Christmas Eve (congregation 40). The Carols and Nativity Service was well supported with a congregation of 27 children and 80 adults.

During the year there were two baptisms, one wedding, and one burial following a funeral in a neighbouring parish.

PCC Meetings

The full PCC met on 6 occasions in the year with an average attendance of 83%.

There were two vacancies for elected members.

Review of the year

- The benefice of Holy Trinity, Long Itchington and St Esprit, Marton welcomed Revd Jane Everitt as priest –in-charge at her installation by the Bishop of Coventry on 8th January 2018
- The priest-in charge, the churchwardens and the PCC would like to express thanks
 to everyone who contributes to the smooth running of the church including:Rob for continuing to support us after Jane's installation
 Joy and David for playing the organ and Joe for leading worship with his guitar and
 band

Joe and Jenny for leading "In the Spirit" Janet for regularly leading intercessions

Everyone who provides refreshments at our services, coffee mornings and celebrations

The church cleaners

The flower arrangers

The members of the churchyard working parties who help with essential maintenance Arthur for locking and unlocking the church every day

Joe for his work obtaining funds for essential maintenance and conservation work Joe and Jenny for organising the Progressive Dinner

Karen and Sarah for organising the Nativity play

Kyrone for all his work as Foundation Governor at Knightlow School David for serving as our Deanery Synod Representative

- The PCC tithes church income for mission giving. Regular donations are made to Compassion (sponsoring Jasirys, a little girl in Nicaragua) and CMS (supporting two missionaries Dan and Philippa Munday in Nepal). We have also made donations to Carriers of Hope, Coventry, The Royal British Legion, The Children's Society, Cord, The Well, Leamington Spa and Christians against Poverty, Leamington Spa. The Church has also made collections of food, toiletries, clothing, furniture and baby equipment on behalf of Southam Foodbank and Carriers of Hope (Coventry).
- Coffee Mornings, now held on the 4th Thursday of the month in church, are reasonably well supported by the local community.
- The major annual fund raising event, the Progressive Dinner continues to be well supported by the village. It makes a major contribution to Church funds which is used for the maintenance and repair of our beautiful historic building.

Buildings and Churchyard Report

- The Quinquennial Review undertaken in October 2016 concluded that the building is in reasonable repair and well maintained.
- Quinquennial Review highlighted replacement of rainwater goods as an urgent priority and this was achieved by October 2018. As well as replacing cast iron rainwater goods it was necessary to replace all wooden face plates and to clear out and rebuild drains and soakaways to ensure that the building stays dry. This incurred extra costs of £7,000, necessitating fundraising appeals to the village.
- Metal work A conservation report for our historic zinc plaques was commissioned and Joe Walsh has successfully pursued sources of funding. The work will be undertaken from April 2019.

 Volunteer working parties have met to tend graves and prune shrubs and trees as this is work is not covered by the grass cutting contract.

Financial Considerations

There is an going insurance claim following a falling tree falling on a shelter in a neighbouring field. The insurance will not cover the cost of clearing the incident. Costs of running continue to be difficult/prohibitive. The electrics are due to be assessed in the future.

Neighbourhood Watch

Miranda expressed that the role was busier than she thought it would be when she agreed to take it on.

An overview was given crimes that had taken place.

Miaranda shares with the village any information received that is relevant.

Miranda shared work that had been carried out to try and prevent burglaries being possible from the back of Birdingbury Road. And gave thanks to neighbours potentially affected for helping to fund the costs of the project.

Miranda is exploring the options around CCTV but advised that we are still seen as low level crime area.

Marton War Memorial Hall

The Village Hall has had another very busy twelve months hosting a considerable number and variety of excellent social events. In addition, we have of course, continued to provide a venue for other organisations, both within and outside of Marton, as well as opening our doors for private parties.

In April we held the Beer Festival, organised by Ian de Courcy and Colin Tinker. This regular event in the calendar continues to rely on the generous sponsors who provide the real ales and cider. Thirsty Villagers and their friends were treated to five different beers, the majority of which were local, along with two ciders. Thanks to other members of the Committee and friends hungry attendees were also able to enjoy gourmet burgers.

A major highlight of the year was the running of the fourth Village Produce Show in September. Special thanks are due to Sarah Coe, Cate Cooke and Helen Hemmings who once again were the inspiration behind this event which is always enjoyed by everyone who takes part. One of the great things about the show is that villagers of all ages participate with all categories being hotly contested. Sadly, Cate and Sarah are standing down this year, so we are seeking the support of other villagers to work with Helen to ensure that this year's planned show does take place.

Marton Night Out continues as a major winter event again attracting performers of all ages to the stage, and, as always, the shows were great fun for participants and audience and very well received. If ever an event deserves the 8 to 80 label this is it. With the 2019 date already in the diary we are hoping for another good year. It is never too early to start thinking about an act and beginning to rehearse!

Thanks to Faye Chambers and Helen Hemmings who organised the Christmas party for younger villagers. Again, a very popular event, with this year's numbers breaking all records! It's great to see this event going from strength to strength with new families moving to the village as well as a number of Marton new arrivals.

As always the New Year got off to a great start with the Hall being the venue for a bring and share supper following the annual pilgrimage to the Pig Field for the Christmas tree burning. This was followed by the Village Hall Quiz later in the month. Another packed Hall, with twenty two teams hotly competing against each other! In fact we were so tight for space one Team had to operate from the Bar. Thanks once again to Clare Callaghan for another excellent guiz, and, yes Clare has the 2020 date already in her diary!

Over the year we continued with a number of regular events. The Committee has opened the Hall up so that Villagers and their visitors are able to watch major sporting events like the World Cup and Six Nations Rugby. Along with the fantastic summer weather, Marton residents were able to witness some great England performances in the football along with some suitably chilled refreshment. Unfortunately we saw England failing to progress to the final and this disappointment was sadly repeated on the last Saturday of the recent Six Nations Rugby tournament. We are looking forward to screening some off this year's Rugby World Cup – time zones permitting!

Marton Cinema continues to be an attractive way to spend a pleasant evening once a month during autumn, winter and spring. Marton residents and friends from neighbouring villages have been treated to a number of excellent films including the Oscar winning 3 Bill Boards, Swimming with Men, Bohemian Rhapsody and Stan and Ollie. Whilst the jury is still out we have recently "experimented" with Friday night shows rather than Sundays.

We have continued to run a Friday night open bar evening on a quarterly basis serving food such as pizza or pies and making games like pool and table hockey available so the whole family can come to the Hall and unwind after a busy week. In the summer we repeated a "cook it yourself" barbecue which again was very successful. We also ran a very successful "Open Mic" evening which gave potential Marton Night acts the opportunity to get in some early practice.

The Hall was also able to present an act provided by Live and Local in May when we were treated to a performance from clog dancer and singer, Hanah Jones, who performs as Jigdoll. Whilst we were unfortunate to have only one offering from Live and Local we have started to get some interest from performers who have seen the Hall on our website and like what they see. During last summer we had a performance from Me, Thee and Eve an extremely talented folk duo from the North of England who discovered us on the web and are keen to revisit.

The Committee continues to be pleased that our Hall is regularly hired by the Brownies, (who two weekends ago enjoyed a Village Hall sleepover) and the Parish Council, as well as being utilised as a Polling Station. The Marton History Group also meet here on a regular basis. Various classes have been held, including keep fit, T'ai Chi, flower arranging and dancing. The Retiree Teas, still led by Mary Harrison and Karen Cresswell with the support of a number of villagers, continues to be popular. During an autumn tea Brookside surgery again attended in order to provide flu jabs to their Marton patients. Brookside have also put on Healthy Living events and the Parish Council have run Village meetings supported by the Police, looking at crime prevention.

The Committee are also delighted to support sister organisations like the MPFA by providing a bar at events such as the Village Sports Day and the Hall was again used for the Cricket Clubs AGM. It was also good to support the Church by being the venue for puddings and coffee at the Progressive Dinner.

On a sadder note this year saw the finishing of the regular Bingo sessions. Despite the valiant efforts of Ann Landsbury and members of the Hall Committee the continuing falling attendance meant that bingo ceased to remain a viable proposition. Hopefully this will turn out to be a pause rather than a full stop.

In terms of Committee Membership I am disappointed to report that Karen Cresswell has indicated that she will be stepping step down from the Committee which will leave a big hole. Karen has been a great help taking and issuing meeting minutes as well as taking on other duties and I would like to publically thank her for all of her support. Her family will be a great loss to the Village when they make their exciting move later this year – eventually we will also need to appoint a new Treasurer when James stands down too. I am pleased to say that Andy Bolam joined us during the last twelve months and has had a real impact particularly in the area of Health and Safety. As mentioned last year, we would very much like to hear from other villagers who would be interested in joining the Committee in the future.

The costs of running the Village Hall continue to increase, where ever possible we seek to limit the impact by undertaking repairs and maintenance ourselves. This is another area where we would welcome support from other villagers who would be willing to give up some time to help with the simple maintenance issues that face a busy Hall or indeed support the running of events. Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Committee. We have invested over the year to improve the Village Hall facilities; there is now Wi Fi available and a worn out fridge was replaced. We have also conducted a Fire Safety survey and are currently in the process of engaging appropriate professional support to have some work carried out.

All of our events and activities have meant a lot of hard work, and the giving up of spare time, for the Committee together with their partners and families. This is very much appreciated. We have also had considerable help from a number of others. There is not space to recognise everyone individually, but every Committee member has, as always, put a lot of work in over the last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the Committee. Thanks too to all those in the village who have supported the events we have put on. It is not easy to keep the Hall running and it is a tribute to all involved that it has been so successful over the last year. We are very proud to have a resource like the Village Hall in Marton and are delighted it gets used so widely and regularly - long may this continue.

Rob Lummis

Chair

Marton Walkers

We have had an enjoyable walking year with some new members joining during the past twelve months.

We have received enquiries from details submitted to the local

papers. We have also had newcomers to the

Village taking part.

Walks commenced from the following ,Claverdon,Bascote places -

Bubbenhall .Radford Semele ,Berkswell,Brandon and Easenhall

Our November walk from Bubbenhall had our biggest turnout ,22 walkers,which is the highest

number for many years

The Boxing Day walk, as usual, was well attended.

We held our AGM in mid late January when dates for future walks were agreed.

This was held at the White Hart Ufton and attended by approx 18 members

Marton Walkers arrange monthly walks-generally on the last Sunday of the month

Walks last approx 2 hours over 5 ish miles and start at 10.00 am from a local pub where

a meal is optional.

For further information please contact Mike Johnson at Amice High Street Telephone 01926 632960 e mail - mikeofmarton@hotmail.com
Report prepared by M JOHNSON 04/04/2019

Marton Local History Group

The Group has continued with a similar programme of local history talks as in previous years, and another "historic town walk" is planned for May.

The programme for this year at the village hall has been entirely sourced by speakers from the Group. There has been one daytime trip out to Leamington Hastings where an external speaker has given a presentation on history local to that area. Average attendance at the hall is 1/3 down on recent years' attendance, though admittedly this year's programme has not been quite as strong as previously.

The Committee have drafted a list of potential Marton focussed topics for the next season including most requiring Group members' research. The new programme will be established at the AGM in April. The current committee are willing to stand for another year, and would also welcome new members.

The committee are interested in finding local people who have already done or are prepared to do some local history research and either present it to the Group themselves, or pass the material on for someone else to do a talk.

Marton Pig Club

12 Families were involved in the last year
11 pigs raised and cared for
In July they went to be processed.
They provided the hog roast for the Sports Day
They hosted the 12th night Christmas Tree Burning

There is no plan to have any pigs this time, will review for the following year.

Marton Cricket Club

MVCC Marton Village Cricket Club - "The place to play and players to play" (Club Details can be found on www.martonvcc.com)

2018 Season results summary : 24 matches played, 13 matches won, 11 matches lost

The end of season awards ceremony and AGM held in the Marton War Memorial Hall was well attended and heralded in a new committee for 2019 led again, for the second year, by Kyrone Dodd as Chairman. Other committee members are:

Vice Chairman and Grounds - Alan Naylor , Treasurer - Dan Liddle, Secretary - Neil Lawson, Captain - Loz Truslove, Webmaster - Sean Povey, Social Secretary - Gareth Evans, Committee member - Jay Singh

Trophies/Awards were presented to:
Batsman of the Season - Jay Singh
Bowler of the Season - Loz Truslove
Player of the Season - Ruban Remoshan
Most improved player of the Season - Sean Povey
Newcomer of the Season - Karis (surname to be provided later)
Team Person of the Season - Dan Liddle

Team spirit is excellent. We received five new members last season and many members give their time to assist Alan with grounds preparation, grass cutting, pitch rolling, maintenance and the autumn cricket square repairs.

The club is grateful to its sponsors including Topgrass and Mainline Timber without whom we would no doubt struggle. The Club is also grateful for the support we receive from the village, the Village Parish Council (in particular, Roy Hitchman for his diligence in organising and managing the sports field mowing) and from other village organisations.

The club has a full list of home and away fixtures for 2019. All we need is a period of sunshine so that the wicket can be prepared and rolled for our first home game on 21 April 2019

Visitors/supporters are always made very welcome so if you are around, do come and watch some of the home games!

Finally, if anyone wishes to join the club as a player or in any other capacity, please contact me or our Chairman Kyrone Dodd

Yours on behalf of your Marton Village Cricket Club Kyrone Dodd and Alan Naylor, 01926633229 Attached was the fixtures list for 2019:

Marton Brownies

As always we have had a varied year. We have worked on our advanced cook badge and set up Marton Pizzeria to make our meal.

Family were treated to individually prepared mini pizzas with a variety of Toppings followed by fresh strawberries and ice cream.

Some of the Brownies attended a Physics Day at Warwick University. We made slime, learnt a bit about forces through dance and action but our favourite was programming a little robot to follow a pathway. We were one of the most successful groups at this.

Our latest adventure and again a cooking theme is the County cooking competition. We recently won our district heat with our own salad and completely original salad dressing. We will be taking part in the Rugby Division heat soon.

As always new Brownies are welcome. Contact Elizabeth Murray. 01926815466.

Marton Bingo

Bingo group had sadly ceased, no report give.

Marton Newsletter

In February this year the Marton Newsletter celebrated its ninth birthday in its new magazine format. In that time it has been entirely funded by its valued advertisers so that a print run of 235 copies is delivered each month to every household in the village (and a few beyond). This involves contributions by team of regular writers together with guest contributions which are then compiled and edited by a small group together with an advertising manager. The printed copies are then delivered by yet another team of regulars. Clearly there are too many volunteers to individually credit here, but many thanks to them all. Along with the village website the Newsletter continues to have a valuable role in keeping villagers informed and helping to promote a sense of community.

For a while now the Newsletter in its current form has been rather uncertain. Printing costs have always been remarkably low thanks to an arrangement with my old employer's reprographics department that has produced the Newsletter at near cost (Depending on the number of pages costs fluctuate between £55 - £65 per edition). This arrangement has continued for the last year and we should be able to squeeze one more out of them.

Currently the Newsletter is available as a free PDF, downloaded from the village website. This is manageable for most villagers, but not all. Even those who are computer literate may prefer reading a hard copy. Ideally we would like to continue producing a hard copy. Does anyone have access to printing facilities that could produce a monthly copy for £60ish?

The village questionnaire suggested that the Newsletter is valued by the village as a whole. A number of possibilities for the future of the Newsletter continue to be explored, but any additional thoughts from the community would be appreciated.

David Fry April 2019

Marton Defibrillator

MPC to cover service costs Marton Village Hall to oversee checks Remove from the agenda