

MARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Marton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at Marton Village Hall

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- Since the last Parish Council meeting Cllr Koch (Chairman) has decided to stand down.
- Cllr Fry nominated Cllr Chambers as new Chair
- This nomination was seconded by Cllr Lummis
- Cllr Chambers accepted the role as Chair.
- As a general election is due to take place in less than six months an election for an additional parish councillor is not necessary.
- It was agreed that Marton Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Koch for his help, support and dedication over the last four years

2. OPEN FORUM

- Concern was raised following the Railway Bridge being hit on the main road by a lorry. This could mean yet another closure becomes necessary. Also questions were raised over how the closure would be managed following the disruption it caused last time. Please see item 10b on the agenda.
- Marton Parish Council had been asked to consider installing an additional bus stop on the main road. Highways have been contacted but it raises a number of issues that are likely to be difficult to resolve. To be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

3. ATTENDANCE

- Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Fry, Cllr Hitchman, Cllr Lummis, Cllr Roberts and Selina Turner (Clerk)

4. APOLOGIES

- Cllr Crane

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL

- The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- Cllr Fry declared an interest in item 10f on the agenda.

7. POLICE ISSUES

- a. Crime Report – had been circulated.
- b. Any other police issue – Cllr Roberts shared that there is a police commissioning survey with regards to the direction of funds.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR ISSUES

- Cllr Roberts shared that there is new funding available for repairs to roads and pavements – this is the first time that pavements have been included. The parish

council were asked to give consideration to any pavements that were a cause for concern.

- Warwickshire Fire and Rescue received a 'Good' rating at their last inspection. Having specialist equipment for animal rescue was a positive feature.
- Brexit preparations are taking place. Cllr Roberts will be able to report back on the WCC Budget at the next meeting – however he suspects that Council Tax Rates will go up in April.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. R18/1358** – The Stables, Shepherd Street – Installation of dormer window to the rear of the property – circulated. No issues raised.

10. VILLAGE ISSUES

- a. Marton Emergency/Flood Plan** – Cllr Fry

- Cllr Fry has chased for feedback with regards to the plan he submitted. The local Resilience Officer assessing it is happy to have a site meeting with the parish Council to explore the response we should expect to receive in the event of a flood.

- b. Traffic Issues**

- A423 any additional developments – the bridge along the main A423 was hit by a lorry on the 04/04/19, the accident was witnessed by a resident, damage has been caused. The incident has been reported and an assessment is to take place. The company of the lorry that hit the bridge is being pursued by Railway Paths. Conversations have already taken place over the issues experienced by the village when the road was last closed and what actions can be taken to prevent a recurrence. Cllr Roberts happy to offer any support that he can.
- Community Speed Watch Programme – Cllr Chambers has taken on the issue following the resignation of Cllr Koch. Cllr Chambers will email Miranda Aston
- Update on VAS system – The councillors recognised the need to move this issue along. Updated quotes have been requested along with a site meeting. Cllr Roberts confirmed that he has some funds ring fenced for the project and will happily attend the meeting.

- c. Dog Fouling Issues** – different colour spray paint has been purchased, areas of concern will continue to be highlighted.

d. Neighbourhood Watch - Miranda Aston has continued to circulate items of interest/relevance.

e. Grit Bins - all in place and ready for any inclement weather.

f. School Transport Cuts – Children with an EHCP will continue to have a chaperone. Other changes are due to take place in September 2019 – changes will be reviewed. Cllr Roberts highlighted that no other authority provides this service. Cllr Roberts will send other information that he has with regards the decision that was made.

g. Proposed changes to number 64 bus route - we are unable to have any impact on the decision made to cut services as Stagecoach is a private company. The head of Stagecoach is due to appear before WCC Scrutiny at Shire Hall next week.

11. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a. Progress on state of A423** – Cllr Hitchman

- Surface – the reported depression on the main road had now been repaired. No new issues. Remove from the agenda.

- Concerns about gutter cleaning raised. If we know when the street cleaners are coming in advance, we can try and ask residents to move their cars via warning in the Newsletter.
 - Gully on Main Road – no new issues. The grate outside the old pub has been repaired.
 - Drains – No issues
 - Hedges – most have now been cut back. Cllr Hitchman happy that the rest will be cut back in the near future.
- b. Village Grass Cutting – Cllr Hitchman**
- Review new contractors – remove as all is going well.
 - Barrie Mitchell will be keeping the same prices for next year. Frank Mann Farmers will be adding £1.00 per cut – this was agreed.
- c. Playing Field Committee issues - Cllr Hitchman reported that there has been no meeting since the last Parish Council Meeting**
- General issues – no update
 - Pavilion renovation update and grant application – no update
 - Pavilion repairs - no update
 - Play Inspection Report – remove from agenda
- d. Kissing Gate Post/New Barriers Opposite the Elms – complete, remove from the agenda.**
- e. Street Lighting – Cllr Hitchman has reported the faulty light on Louisa Ward Close.**
- f. Replacement Lamp – Cllr Hitchman reported that the two final lamps for Louisa Ward Close have been ordered. We are still yet to be billed for the last lamp post.**
- g. Marton Museum**
- Maintenance issues – Cllr Fry shared the new quotes. These are a little more than the original quotes but we have been unable to get the previous contactors to commit to a date for the work. With the winter months coming, the work is needed ASAP for the integrity of the building. Agreed aluminium would be the preferred option for gutters as they would be more robust to cricket balls.

12. WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (RUGBY AREA)

- No date set

13. DUNCHURCH DIVISION COMMUNITY FORUM

- No date set

14. FINANCE

As of Bank statement dated 15 October 2018

Current Account	£14,995.17
Deposit Account	£0.00
Total	£14,995.17

Includes precept of £4,875.00 for the second half of the financial year and a streetlamp not yet invoiced for at £1880.22

To ratify that the following bills were paid between meetings:

25/11/18	1284	Frank Mann Farmers	£246.00
25/11/18	1285	Barrie Mitchell	£75.00
30/11/18	1286	Clerk Nov 18	£122.54
30/11/18	1287	Hm Rev & Customs Nov 18	£30.60
02/01/19	1288	Frank Mann Farmers	£72.00
02/01/19	1289	Water Plus Payments	£33.77
02/01/19	1290	Clerk Dec 18	£122.54
02/01/19	1291	Hm Reb & Customs Dec 18	£30.60

To pay

Any bills that arrive between now and the meeting

- A new online Bank Account Application has been completed, outstanding paperwork/signatories to be completed. Had been put on hold due to Cllr Koch standing down. Agreed that all Parish Councillors should be able to approve payments.
- Application form to be resent to Unity Bank.
- Online banking policy has been pre-approved.

15. AUDIT 2018

- Update on any feedback received – after much chasing it has been confirmed that under this year's new system they will not make contact to confirm receipt. Once sent councils should consider the matter closed – to be removed from the agenda.

16. STANDING ORDERS REVIEW

- Review current standing orders – agreed as current and still fit for purpose

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12 March 2019
9 April 2019 – Village Meeting
14 May 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting (Elections)
9 July 2019
10 September 2019
12 November 2019