

Marton Parish Council Meeting

Chair: Cllr Heath

Minutes Taken by: Rob Lummis - Parish Councillor

Minutes of Marton Parish Council (MPC) held on Tuesday, 12th September 2023 at 7:30pm Marton Memorial Hall.

1. ATTENDANCE
Cllr Sarah Heath, Cllr Faye Chambers, Cllr David Fry, Cllr Mike Taylor. Invitee Dale Keeling, RBC (part).
2. APOLOGIES
Clerk Sarah Robson
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July. approved with one amendment: Chair: Cllr Fry
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Following recent incidents in local communities concern was raised regarding the potential for Travellers to use the Playing Fields. Consultation with WCC and Police indicates Marton as low risk. Agreed Police Hub signage to be reinstated at Pavilion. Has been done. Request for electric feed from street light for Christmas lights, not feasible. Cllr Chambers to discuss possible use of LED lighting (battery powered). Community Transport: Cllrs Chambers/Fry/Lummis to support early discussions. Kick off meeting 27/09. Sustrans Project old railway line: Funding will allow work to continue which will include demolition of old bridge at end of Field Farm Lane and the erecting of the new bridge over the A432. The movement of heavy equipment on the path will necessitate its closure until the end of the year because of health and safety concerns. New Houses: Concerns raised regarding the sewers being able to cope with the addition of new dwellings. Agreed to monitor.
5. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Cllr Fry - 8.1 Storage
6. POLICE ISSUES
6.1 Crime Report-No reports. 6.2 Community Speedwatch: Checks are continuing with dates in September and October agreed. New CSW Road Safety Officer, Gary Strain has met Adam Hewitt and accepted request for further training. Budget of £216 still available for purchase of lighter signage. Action: Cllr Lummis.
7. PLANNING MATTERS
7.1 R23/0484 at 40, Birdingbury Road, Marton, Rugby, CV23 9RZ. Closed. 7.2 R23/0260 at Rug18714 5G Mast Site. Closed. 7.3 R23/0757 at Heath Barn, Elms Farm, Oxford Road, Marton, Rugby CV23 9RQ. Closed

8. VILLAGE ISSUES

8.1 Storage. New storage area early complete. Request for racking has been made. Action: Cllr Fry.

8.2 Village Survey. Article in Newsletter. Closed.

8.3 Flooding. Sand bags/signage etc to be moved to storage area.

8.4 Tall trees on Marton Parish Council land close to properties. fees to commission an e arborist's condition report and monitoring training for councillors voted on and agreed. Some concern regarding Dutch Elm disease on a number of trees adjacent to Playing Fields.

8.5 Grass Cutting. General concern regarding poor communication. Andy Webster who has asked that single point of contact should be Parish Clerk. Whilst she is away contact needs to be made to arrange overdue cutting, bailing and hedge trimming. action: Cllr Chambers.

9. VILLAGE UPDATES AND MAINTENANCE

9.1 Marton Community Network. Continues to operate offering support as needed. Covid will return as a topic with roll out of latest vaccination programme. Action: Cllr Lummis.

9.2 Neighbourhood Watch Update. No report.

9.3 Marton Playing Fields Association. Latest updated plans for Pavilion refurbishment presented. Architect doing more detailed plans before grant applications. Action Cllr Fry.

9.4 Defibrillators. No update.

9.5 Roads and Footpaths. Village drains have been jetted. Noisy drain covers on main road. WCC have repaired one, the other which is opposite The Elms is outstanding. Continuation of pavement on main road to Long Itchington. Agreed to make a separate agenda item. Action: Parish Clerk.

9.5 a Dog Bins. Quote received from RBC, some discussion on suitability of using general bins as an alternative. Agreed to purchase dog bin for Birdingbury Road. Action: Cllr Fry.

9.6 Marton Practical Ecology Group (MPEG). Thanks to volunteers who gathered hay from wildflower areas. There have been two visits over the last two months, a Biodiversity expert and the Woodland Trust. Both very happy with the progress. Costs of scythe hire for wildflower cutting voted on and agreed.

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9.7 Streetlights. No update this meeting. Still awaiting information from WCC on outstanding invoice.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Financial transactions from 1st July - 31st August 2023.

Date	Item	Value
17/07	N.POWER	309.62
18/07	WATER PLUS	30.82
21/07	E.ON NEXT	74.78
24/07	WATER PLUS	17.22
27/07	BHIB (Insurance)	896.65
28/07	PAYROLL	402.56
17/08	WATER PLUS	31.84
22/08	E.ON NEXT	57.31
22/08	WATER PLUS	17.69
28/08	PAYROLL	402.56

11. CHAIR ELECTION

Cllr Taylor. Proposed by Cllr Chambers, seconded by Cllr Heath.

12. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Tuesday 14th November 2023.