

MARTON & GATE BURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2024

PRESENT: Cllr S. Spence (Chairman)
Cllr M. Allen
Cllr N Cody
Cllr C. Durning
Cllr L Musgrave
Cllr J Patrick
Cllr J. Ridley
Cllr V. White
Cllr G Worrell

Also Present: Cllr R Pilgrim (WLDC)

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.PUBLIC FORUM.

Cllr Pilgrim has been contacted by a resident at Stow Park who has told him that the Swale from the new housing development ,Marton Meadows, is overflowing. He has water in his garage and laundry. The neighbouring house has also been affected. Possible causes could be that the swale is not being managed or maintained properly. Cllr Pilgrim has contacted WLDC Planning Enforcement Officer. Some of the new properties on Marton Meadows are already occupied, it is thought that these are social housing. It was believed that the crossing and school car park would be completed before any residents moved in. Cllr Pilgrim will find out from WLDC. The crossing is the responsibility of LCC Highways Department.

4.NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 January 2024 TO BE APPROVED AS MINUTES

After corrections were made as to who was in attendance,

Cllr Cody proposed and Cllr Musgrave seconded that the notes be approved as a true record of the meeting.

5.REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The faulty street lights have been reported

6 PROPOSED SOLAR PARKS

Cllrs Spence, Durning and White attended the West Burton hearing on 24 January. Cllr Spence spoke at the hearing. A copy of his comments is to be sent to the inspector and can also be found on the Parish Council website. Many good points against this project were also made by others who were present. Flooding, compulsory purchase, and the loss of power before it reaches the end user were some of the valid points raised. This project would be for 300,000 panels. The Applicant's solicitor spoke on their behalf.

7 PLANNING

None

8 FINANCE

a) Cheques were signed for goods and services received.

BALANCE AT END OF January 2024 (both accounts)	£5465.73
INCOME	
WLDC (WIFI)	184.2
EXPENDITURE	
HMRC	37.6
G MARTIN (salary plus ink)	171.1
LALC	253.54
AMOUNT LEFT IN BANK	£5,187.69

b) Internet Banking.

It has not been possible to complete the form online as it automatically puts the clerk's name as a signatory. Cllr Durning and the clerk will arrange to visit the HSBC branch in Retford

c) The precept form was signed. The previous copy of the form had printed with no space for signatures. The cheque raised last month for Marton Methodist Chapel should have been made out to Gainsborough Methodist Church

9. CORONATION WOOD.

Members are pleased with the work done by Springwood Trees

Steve Porter is still working in the woodland, keeping down the weeds etc.

Old black wood has been cleared away and bulbs are starting to grow.

Local residents have asked if they can walk around the woodland. The logs at the entrance have now been moved, allowing access. Notices are to be put on the notice boards and website inviting people to use the woodland.

Some people have asked if they can donate trees. This may be better in the Autumn so that they have a better chance of survival

The fence at 2 Harpham Road is down, this has been reported to Sanctuary Housing.

There has also been fly tipping in the area and is attracting antisocial behaviour. Cllr Pilgrim will contact WLDC enforcement

10.GROUNDS MAINTENANCE.

The tenders for Grounds maintenance were considered. Cllr Cody proposed, Cllr Patrick seconded, and it was agreed that Continental Landscapes be engaged for the coming year, with the request that there is some means of checking that all the work has been completed satisfactorily before invoices are paid, such as before and after photos and /or notice of when the work will be done

The woodland entrance may have to be added to the contract, but it was decided to leave it for this year because there are concrete blocks there.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

none

12..DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 March 2024 at 7:00PM

Meeting closed at 8:20PM.