

MARTON & GATE BURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2024

PRESENT: Cllr S. Spence (Chairman)
Cllr M. Allen
Cllr N Cody
Cllr C. Durning
Cllr J. Ridley

Also Present: Cllr R Pilgrim (WLDC) and S Moody

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. J Patrick, L Musgrave, V White and G Worrell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.PUBLIC FORUM.

Cllr Pilgrim reported that WLDC Enforcement Officers are looking into issues with the Marton Meadows development, particularly the provision of the crossing on Stow Park Road and the Swale and the car park for the school. As reported previously, the “car park works” must commence after the occupation of the 10th dwelling on the open market is occupied. The properties already occupied are social housing so do not come into that category. The lack of available parking is leading to cars being parked on or near the brow of the hill.

There has been flooding to part of The Elms site at Torksey, which could be as a result of the Swale on the Marton Meadow site.

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

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

5. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

Cllr Spence has spoken with the Headteacher of the school about having a defibrillator on the outside of the school building and he has no objections

6. PROPOSED SOLAR PARKS.

The decision about the Gate Burton proposal should be made soon.

7. PLANNING

None.

8. FINANCE

The £30 rent for the Parish field is always paid in cash, but now that there is no longer a branch of HSBC in Gainsborough, it was agreed that the clerk should keep the cash and make the equivalent deposit into the bank

AMOUNT IN BANK at end of March	£4,933.14
EXPENDITURE	
HMRC	£37.60
G MARTIN	£151.12
CEMETERY RATES	£455.31
INCOME	

RENT FOR FIELD	£30.00
PRECEPT	£14,000.00
TOTAL IN BANK(BOTH ACCOUNTS)	£18,513.18

Cllr Spence has obtained a strong box for the storage of old documents. Cllr Durning will laminate labels to identify box and contents as Parish Council property.

9. CORONATION WOOD.

The weeds are growing again, but it has been too wet to apply weedkiller or even go on the land. Steve Porter reported seeing transit vans possibly trying to get on to the land. A pole has been put in to prevent vehicular access.

Steve Porter needs his equipment replacing. A breakdown of what he has spent is required. More hedging may be required, October/ November would be the best time of year. Extra trees could be obtained through The Wildlife Trust.

10. SINKHOLES

About 30 to 40 tons of sandy soil has been washed away on farmland between Marton and Gate Burton, causing huge holes. The washed away soil may clog up drainage dykes further on. It is felt that action should be taken now rather than wait until flooding occurs. Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board is to be contacted to ask if they have any knowledge of the drainage pipes that have been broken causing the problem. A site meeting is to be arranged with interested parties.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Lincolnshire Archives has agreed to store the Land Registry documents relating to the cemetery even though they are so recent.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS.

The Annual Parish Meeting, The Annual Meeting of The Parish Council and the ordinary monthly meeting will be held on 8 May 2024 one after another with the first beginning at 7:00pm.

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.

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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.