



Marbury and District Parish Council

Marbury Village Hall

Monday 13th November 2023 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Joe Briggs (Chair), Councillor John David, Councillor T Leese, Councillor J Makin, Councillor P Shakeshaft, Councillor M Turnbull and Councillor F Wilson (Vice Chair).

1. **Apologies - The following Councillors were absent:** Ward Councillor J Pearson and Councillor R Perry.

Reverend Veronica Green submitted her apologies.

2. **Declarations of interest.** Agenda Item 8 - New Planning Applications - Councillor F Wilson declared a personal interest regarding Planning Application 22/0785N - Land at Bradeley Green, Wirswall. The Councillor was the land owner and left the meeting whilst the Planning Application was being discussed.
3. **Dates of next meetings** - The Councillors discussed, agreed and approved the following meeting dates:
 - Monday 8th January 2024
 - Monday 20th May 2024

Councillors proposed to change the proposed March meeting date to Monday 18th March 2024.

4. **Minutes of previous Meeting** - The Minutes for Monday 11th September 2023 were APPROVED and AGREED by Councillors.

5. **Public Speaking Time** – There were no public speakers.

6. **Matters arising**

- **Ward Councillor Update** – No update provided at this time.
- **Police Update** - No update provided at this time.
- **Church Update** – Councillors were informed that the Tommy Statue had arrived and had been placed by the Church. Councillors discussed how to secure the statue safely during times of adverse weather.
- **Cemetery Update**
 - a) The Clerk informed Councillors that Whitchurch Cemetery would not be charging any fees to Marbury District Parish Council at this time because they were in profit.
 - b) The Chair informed Councillors that a Consultation Group had been set up and that he would attend it accordingly.
- **Matters relating to the highways/Roads as follows: -**
 - a) **Lights at the Swan** - Concerns were raised again regarding the lighting at the Swan. **Action:** Clerk to write to the Swan regarding the lighting issues.
 - b) **Archway Road Treatment** - Councillor John David updated the Councillors regarding highways work that took place on the Marbury to Wrenbury stretch.
 - c) **Drainage issues** - Drainage issues had been reported to Cheshire East Highways Department regarding School Lane and residents were encouraged to report relevant drainage issues on the fix my street app.
 - d) **Effluent Waste** - The Clerk read out the response received from the Environmental Agency regarding the recent Freedom of information request submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - e) **20's Plenty** - The 20's Plenty stickers had been delivered to the Chair and Councillors discussed:
 - How the stickers would be effectively distributed and communicated throughout Marbury and District P
 - How to use some of the stickers to create signage to promote safe driving and reduction of speed within the Marbury and District Parish Community.

- Made reference to a previous meeting where Ward Councillor J Pearson advised residents to contact him with evidence of speeding in the area because it would enable him to request speed calming measures in the Parish. Councillors discussed how this issue could be coordinated effectively.
- f) **Play Area** - Councillors discussed the play area facilities for the older teenagers in the Parish. As follows:
- The procurement of a 5 a side goal post was considered.
 - A resident informed the Councillors regarding the availability of a 5 a side goal post that was currently available at Wrenbury. The Councillors Agreed to look into it.
 - Councillor T Leese updated Members regarding her plans to bring football matches to the Parish and her intention to start up a Sports and Recreation Club with the help of Cheshire East regarding funding streams.
- g) **Notice Board** - Councillors discussed bringing value to the Parish's' notice board within the Community.
- h) **Parking** - Concerns were raised again regarding the illegal parking on the pavement located by the corner of the junction by Wirswall road and Wrenbury Road adjacent to the Swan.

7. Planning

Councillors discussed the following Planning Applications (The Councillor's declaration of interest in relating to this item are set out in Minute 2 above): -

a) **New applications (since the previous meeting) as at 05/11/2023**

<p>APPLICATION NUMBER:</p> <p>23/3616N</p>	<p>Proposal: Installation of a new sewage treatment plant Location: CROSS HILL FARM, WIRSWALL ROAD, MARBURY, SY13 4LQ</p> <p>Views to be considered Cheshire East need to be received by 25-Oct-2023. Link :- planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=23/3616N</p> <p>Councillors discussed the Planning Application and AGREED that there was no comment.</p>
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<p>APPLICATION NUMBER: 23/3390N</p>	<p>Proposal: Extension of a garage/domestic outbuilding</p> <p>Location: The Grange Farmhouse, WIRSWALL ROAD, WIRSWALL, SY13 4LA</p> <p>Views to be considered Cheshire East need to receive them by 11-Oct-2023</p> <p>Link: - planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=23/3390N</p> <p>Councillors discussed the Planning Application and AGREED that there was no comment.</p>
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- b) **Planning Decisions made:** - Councillors discussed the Planning Applications that were awaiting decisions.
- c) **Planning decisions since the last meeting** - Councillors discussed the Planning Applications that had been decided since the last meeting.
- d) **Planning Applications received after the Agenda had been published (5/11/2023):**

At this point Councillor F Wilson left the room and returned after the Planning Application below had been discussed.

<p>APPLICATION NUMBER: 22/0785N</p>	<p>Proposal: Proposed Golf Driving Range and Junior Golf Academy Centre - involving the change of use of land from agricultural to leisure, the re-grading of the site and associated landscaping works, the construction of a reception/office and driving range building, car park and site access, and the installation of associated flood lighting.</p> <p>Location: Land At, BRADELEY GREEN LANE, WIRSWALL</p> <p>The deadline for comments to Cheshire East Council is 21st November noon.</p>
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	<p>Link:- planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=22/0785N&query=0343479a-1543-417c-bf19-882bcaabbe22</p> <p>Councillors discussed the Planning Application and AGREED that there would again be no Comment but highlighted the A49 road safety concerns associated with the site.</p> <p>The Clerk also read out correspondence regarding flood issues in the area.</p>
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8. **Correspondence and Clerk's Report** - The Clerk informed Councillors regarding the Correspondence received prior to the Council meeting.

9. **Financial Affairs**

The Councillors approved the transactions below:

2023/24 transactions

Invoice Date	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Total
01/09/2023	DD	service charges	Bank	5.00
15/09/2023	312	Martin tree care	Tree cutting	360.00
	313	cancelled		0.00
28/09/2023	314	Avow charges	Payroll Services	19.50
28/09/2023	315	D Foulkes	Pay - sept	207.11
28/09/2023	316	hmrc	Tax	49.20
09/10/2023	317	hmrc oct	Tax	49.20
09/10/2023	318	D Foulkes	Pay October	207.11
09/10/2023	319	20's plenty	Stickers	180.00

a) **Income Received** - No income had been received at this point.

b) **Precept** - Councillors Agreed a £9000 Precept for 2024/25.

- c) **NALC Pay rate increase** - Councillors agreed the increased pay rate of £15.21 per hour for the Clerk (Scale point 18).
- d) **Village Hall** - Councillors Agreed to award £1500 grant towards heating and lighting for the Village Hall so that it could maintain and continue with its community services and Parish Council Meetings.

10. Any other Business

- **Tree Planting** - Councillors discussed the donation and planting of some trees within the Parish Council to commemorate the recent royal events.
- **Community Resilience Plan** - The Clerk informed Councilors regarding the Community Resilience Plan and will work with Councillors regarding the completion of it in the new year.

Meeting finished at: **9.09pm**