



Marbury and District Parish Council

Marbury Village Hall

Monday 8th July 2024 7.30pm

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

- 22. Apologies** were received from Councillors J Makin and R Perry. Apologies were also received from Reverend Veronica Green.
- 23. Declarations of interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
- 24. Public Speaking Time**
- 24.1 Ward Councillor Update** – The Ward Councillor provided an update of road Maintenance and repairs that concerned the Ward area. The Ward Councillor highlighted that he had seen a number of pothole repairs being carried out throughout the Ward.
- 24.2 Consultant Land Officer** - Mr Maddocks MRICs attended the meeting. The Consultant provided an update to Parish Councillors regarding the proposal to remove the spans of high voltage (HV) overhead line from over the playing fields and the two cottages being Sycamore and Walnut Cottage. Councillors reviewed the site again with the Consultant. The following was discussed:
- Councillors requested written confirmation that the Council would not incur any cost, liabilities and that there would be indemnity protection.

- Councillors enquired about the:
 - a) safety element of the site and the issues associated with contractors.
 - b) The responsibility of contractor equipment. Councillors would not accept any liability issues.
- Concerns were raised about the footpath and Councillors sought assurance that the footpath would not be affected.
- Councillors were informed about the Legal advice costing £150+VAT.
- Concerns were raised regarding the risk of power outages near the site. The Consultant gave assurance that the power may be off for one day between 9-4pm. Letters of notification would go out to nearby residents if this was the case.
- Concerns were raised regarding the underground cable and Councillors sought assurance that the cable would not affect any future plans of the Council should they wish to improve the play area for the Children.
- The Consultant informed the Councillors that the work would commence in Autumn but would confirm nearer the time and informed them about the statutory processes that had to be adhered to.
- A Councillor enquired about the wayleave payment and requested a better plan of the site.

The Councillors were given assurance on the above and therefore AGREED for:

- SPEN to erect a new terminal H pole with supporting stays in the corner of the playing fields and then laying an underground cable from this corner around the fields to connect into the existing cable outside School House.

Councillor M Turnbull proposed and Councillor J David Seconded the above proposals.

- 25. Minutes of previous Meeting** - The Minutes for Monday 20 May 2024 were APPROVED and AGREED by the Councillors.
- 26. Dates of next meetings** - The Councillors discussed, agreed and approved the following meeting dates:
- September 9th 2024
 - November 11th 2024
 - January 13 2025
 - March 10th 2025
 - May 12th 2025

27. Matters arising:

- 27.1 Police Update** - Councillor M Turnbull informed Councillors that the Cluster meetings have started back up and raised the continuing concern regarding the security of equipment due to recent thefts at farms e.g. recent metal gates have been stolen. The next police cluster meeting will be in September 2024.
- 27.2 Highways issues:** - Councillor John David updated Councillors regarding relevant Highway matters affecting Marbury, Norbury and Wirswall. In particular, flooding and gully jetting issues and gave assurance that they had been raised with the Senior Highways Officer - Andrea Bickerton (South).
- 27.3 Church Update** – The Clerk conveyed the Reverend's apologies and informed them that the Reverend would like to thank the committee for their kind contribution to the Parish Magazine.
- 27.4 Cemetery Update** - The Clerk will contact Whitchurch Town Council for an Update.
- 27.5 Other related Issues affecting the Parish Ward** - The Councillors considered to invite the Local MP to the next Annual General Meeting.

28. Planning

Councillors discussed the following Planning Applications:

28.1 New Planning Applications

Application No:	24/2436N
Proposal:	Prior approval for Change of Use of Dutch Barn to provide to dwellings
Location:	Marbury Farm Centre, WRENBURY ROAD, MARBURY
National Grid Ref:	Not provided

Councillors discussed the above Planning Application and AGREED that there were no objections but noted that Marbury District and Parish Council was a small village and would appreciate 8 weeks notification and not 3.5 weeks. The Clerk will respond to the Planning Department regarding this issue.

Application No:	24/2433N
Proposal:	Conversion of existing equestrian buildings to provide 5 No dwellings, including demolition of indoor arena.
Location:	Marbury Farm Equestrian Centre, Wrenbury Road, MARBURY, SY13 4LU
National Grid Ref:	357350.74 346205.67

Councillors discussed the above Planning Application and AGREED that there were no objections but noted that Marbury District and Parish Council was a small village and would appreciate 8 weeks notification and not 3.5 weeks. The Clerk will respond to the Planning Department regarding this issue.

Application No:	24/2294N
Proposal:	Cattle shed
Location:	Wirswall Farm, WIRSWALL ROAD, WIRSWALL, SY13 4LB
National Grid Ref:	354374.3266 344054.8163

Councillors discussed the above Planning Application and AGREED that there was no Comment.

28.2 Planning Decisions made: - Councillors discussed the Planning Applications that were awaiting decisions.

- 24/1592N - Townley Villa, WRENBURY ROAD, MARBURY, SY13 4LU
- 24/0329N - Holly Brow, Hollyhurst Road, Marbury SY13 4LY

28.3 Planning decisions since the last meeting - Councillors discussed the Planning Applications that had been decided since the last meeting.

22/1772N - St Michaels Church, Marbury Church Road, Marbury, Cheshire East,
SY13 4LN - Approved with conditions - 21 June 2024.

29 Correspondence and Clerk's Report - Relevant correspondence has been communicated to the Councillors prior to the meeting (e.g. notification of Planning Applications and Chalc News Letters).

30. Financial Affairs

The Councillors approved the transactions below:

Date	Reference	Payee	Detail	VAT	Amount
1/6/2024	DD	Service Charge	Bank Charges	0.00	5.00
18/06/2024	181	HMRC	June	0.00	52.00
18/06/2024	182	Avow	Payroll charges	0.00	19.50
31/05/2024	183	Miss A Dinther	Plants	0.00	30.00
18/06/2024	184	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillators	87.00	435.00
18/06/2024	185	D Foulkes	Clerks pay June	0.00	227.79

31. Income Received - No income had been received at this point.

32. Internal Auditors Report and Sign Off Sheet was approved and agreed by Councillors.

33. The Financial Statements and Sign Off sheet were approved and agreed by Councillors.

34. Any other Business

Councillors discussed the grounds maintenance for the play area. It was noted that Cheshire Council cuts the play area three times a year. It was noted that the grass required a cut and Cheshire Council has been contacted regarding this issue.

Councillors considered approaching a nearby contractor who could provide ground maintenance service at a cost of £35 per hour also.

Meeting finished at 8.36pm