

**Marston St Lawrence Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Daniella Carletti, Richard Gale, Stephen Goodwin, Chris Skermer, Matthew Timms and Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

**1. Elections**

**1a Election of Chairman**

Richard Gale was elected to be Chair. Proposed by Stephen Goodwin and seconded by Chris Skermer.

**1b. Chairmans Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office form**

Richard Gale signed the form.

**1c. Election of Vice-Chairman**

Stephen Goodwin was elected to be Vice-Chair. Proposed by Matthew Timms and seconded by Daniella Carletti.

**2. Apologies**

Cllr Mick Scott and Judith Johnson

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests to declare.

**4. To approve the minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were agreed and signed, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Chris Skermer.

**5. Matters arising from previous minutes**

- a) Bus Shelter – To monitor its condition and spring clean (standing agenda item) – There was nothing new to report.
- b) Playground Money. The Village Hall Committee have made contact with Cllr Herring and are awaiting a response.

**6. Open Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**7. To discuss the issue of standing water after rainfall on the entrance to the village (Thenford Road/Kytle Lane)**

This problem had been reported to Street Doctor by Mr and Mrs Barbour. Councillors agreed the problem has got worse. The Parish Clerk has spoken to Helen Howard, the Community Liaison Officer of Northants Highways. She has advised that as there are no gullies outside Kytle Farmhouse they are exploring other alternative drainage solutions. Helen has put the September meeting date of this council in her diary.

**8. To discuss speeding cars through the village**

This issue was raised by Judith Johnson and councillors agreed it is more noticeable at the each end of the village. Parked cars do slow vehicles down but some parking is dangerous.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to contact PCSO Colin Brookes.*

**9. To discuss the costs of setting up a new village website**

It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council should get a website set up by mh-p Internet Ltd.

*Action: The Chair to ask for more information and to try to negotiate future maintenance costs as this is a small parish compared to others.*

**10. Payments**

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

a) Northants CALC	£193.09
b) EON (electricity) dd	£110.60
c) SLCC (clerks membership)	£13.00
d) Clerks hours	£115.00

Proposed by Matthew Timms and seconded by Chris Skermer.

*To approve and sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return 2014/15*

The Parish Clerk proposed that Sections 1 and 2 be signed as they have to be approved before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The Parish Clerk and Chair signed Sections 1 and 2. All the paperwork would now be passed to Judith Johnson for her to do the internal audit. The paperwork to be returned to the external audit by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**11. Planning**

No applications had been received since the last meeting.

**12. Parish Matters**

- a) The Glimpse Newsletter (standing agenda item). The take over has happened.
- b) Highways. There are some road markings.
- c) High Speed Rail Link. Stephen Goodwin advised that surveys are still being down. An additional roundabout is being built on Welsh Lane.
- d) Marston Inn. Letters were sent to Caldecotte Consultants in Buckingham and Hook Norton Brewery about the state of the site in January and March. Caldecotte Consultants replied to say they were no longer the agent. Hook Norton Brewery replied in March and apologised for not replying to the first letter. They said that James Clarke would be visiting the site over Easter with a view to tidying up the area. Matthew Timms did complain about the wall which is falling down. It has now been confirmed that the pub has been withdrawn from sale and Hook Norton Brewery have confirmed it is subject to negotiations. Cllr Rosie Herring has offered her support in the matter.

*Action: The Chairman to speak to Cllr Herring.*

**13. Correspondence**

**From**

- Mr and Mrs Barber, Marston St Lawrence Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan – residents comments
- Caldecotte Consultants (25<sup>th</sup> March), re The Marston Inn

- Hook Norton Brewery (26<sup>th</sup> March), re The Marston Inn
- EON (March 2015), Change of deemed contract rates on 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Brackley Police Station (8<sup>th</sup> April), Update
- Northants CALC (April 2015), Two training vouchers to value of £34.00 to be used up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016
- South Northants Council (21<sup>st</sup> April), Approval of Conservation Area
- Northants ACRE (29<sup>th</sup> April), Membership request
- Northants CALC (1<sup>st</sup> May), Electricity Procurement
- Northants CALC (6<sup>th</sup> May), Procedure for filling vacancies after the election
- Cllr Ron Sawbridge (7<sup>th</sup> May), Annual Report to the Parish Council
- SNAST (South Northants Area Support Team) (7<sup>th</sup> May) Neighbourhood Watch Request for financial support
- Northants CALC (8<sup>th</sup> May), Parish election results

**To**

- Caldecotte Consultants (17<sup>th</sup> March), re The Marston Inn

Several items of correspondence were highlighted:

- Northants ACRE membership. It was agreed not to take this further.
- SNAST financial support. It was agreed not to take this further.
- EON, Change of deemed contract rates. The Parish Clerk to contact EON and ask about the best rate.
- Northants CALC, Procedure for filling a vacancy. It was agreed that the vacancy should be advertised in the Glimpse and on the notice-board.

**14. Councillors Reports**

Daniella Carletti reported that her fuel tank was drilled recently and a lot of damage done to the car. The incident was reported to the police.

A dumped car and dumped asbestos has been reported.

Chris Skermer has received scam letters and reported them to the Fraud reporting system.

**15. Date, time and place of next meetings**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 7.30pm in the cricket club

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 7.30pm in the village hall

Meeting finished at 8.30 pm

