

Marston St Lawrence Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 23rd August 2016 in the Cricket Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's Richard Gale (Chairman), Mick Scott, Chris Skermer, Matthew Tims, Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and two villagers

16/60. Apologies

None

16/61. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests to declare.

16/62. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2016

The minutes were approved and signed.

16/63. Matters arising from previous minutes (for information only)

The matter of the grass verge at the entrance to the south of the village being mowed is being dealt with.

16/64. Open Forum

Mr Barber spoke about a letter he has received about the Mercian Road Rally, a regular event which takes place this year on 17th /18th September 2016. The rally will be passing through the south end of the village on 18th September. Part of Mr Barber's wall got damaged last year and was repaired by the organiser. He asked if the Parish Council could write to the organiser. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent noting that the village is a Conservation Area, the 30mph sign on the Thenford side is being moved further round the bend and to be aware of the bridge which is a fragile monument and restored at great expenses previously. The Parish Council to ask to be included on the distribution list next year.

Action: The Clerk to send a letter to the organiser with these points. The Parish Council to ask Northants Highways when the 30mph sign will be moved.

16/65. To receive an update on The Marston Inn

The Chairman has chased Hook Norton Brewery but no response has been received. Photos have been taken and there are grave concerns about the surrounding overgrown area.

Action: The Chair to draft a letter.

16/66. To discuss a request from the Village Hall Committee to contribute towards the cost of a pantomime

The Village Hall Committee are proposing to hire a local company to perform a pantomime in the village hall in November or December. They have asked if the Parish Council would support the event. The cost in November would be £595 & VAT and in December £650 & VAT. The aim is to put the event on for the village and not make money from it. It is hoped that 70 tickets will be sold at £10.00 each which would cover the cost of the event. Councillors agreed that they would underwrite the event up to £150.00 if it made a loss.

16/67. Planning

S/2016/1211/FUL, Tennis court at Thorpe House, Banbury Road. No objections. Approved by SNC.

A new application was received after the agenda had been issued.

S/2016/1952/FUL, Two storey side extension, new porch to front, lantern light and stove flue to rear at 9 Merestone, The Green. Councillors had no objections but noted that the window in the new porch should be of rectangular design and not circular, to match the existing windows.

Action: The Parish Clerk to reply to SNC.

16/68. Finance

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:-

- £193.95 to Northants CALC (membership)
- £39.00 to C Upstone (Queens 90th birthday celebrations)
- £25.78 to C Johnson (Queens 90th birthday celebrations)
- £116.66 to R Goodwin (Queens 90th birthday celebrations)
- £168.28 to EON (electricity)
- £49.14 to EON (street lighting maintenance)
- £100.00 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- £94.50 to The Glimpse (donation)

A total amount of £181.44 was spent on the Queens 90th birthday party. The payments were proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Tims.

The budget sheet was reviewed and all payments are being made within the current budget.

16/69. Correspondence

From

- Northants Highways, Proposals for 30mph speed limit extension
- Cllr Ron Sawbridge, Draft notes from HS2 meeting
- Northants CALC, Notice of AGM on 8th October 2016
- Brackley Safer Community Team, Monthly update
- Cllr Ron Sawbridge, Draft letter to Chris Grayling MP (HS2)

16/70. Date, time and place of next meeting, Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 15th November 2016, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting finished at 8.25pm