

Marston St Lawrence Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 26th February 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Richard Gale (Chairman), Daniella Carletti, Stephen Goodwin, Mick Scott, Chris Skermer and Matthew Tims

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

19/01. To receive apologies for absence

None

19/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

There were no interests to declare.

19/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2018

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

19/04. To note any Matters Arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Movement of bottom speed sign – There has been no response from Northants Highways. The Parish Clerk is to email them.

Village Hall – A grant of £32,914.00 from South Northamptonshire Council Community Capital Grant has been received.

The grit bin in the village has been removed.

19/05. To approve the following payments:

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £49.14 to EON (maintenance charge)
- £245.60 to EON (electricity)
- £94.50 to The Glimpse (newsletter contribution)
- £187.20 to Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd (dog bin emptying)
- £155.44 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- £7.20 to HMRC

An additional two invoices were approved which were received after the meeting.

£60.00 to MSL village Hall (use of hall for meetings)

£25.00 to MSL Cricket Club (use of pavilion for 2019 and 2020). The Chair to write and query the charge.

The invoice for £444.00 for mh-p internet was not approved. The website was discussed and the high level of costs charged for a council who meet five times a year. There was no concession given when the website was set up for a smaller council with a smaller budget. The website does not come up very easily on a google search which has been raised already with the company. It was agreed to cancel the Live News at a cost of £70.00 per year.

Action: The Chair to draft a letter.

To review the budget sheet

The budget sheet was reviewed.

To review the risk assessment

The risk assessment sheet was reviewed.

19/06. To receive an update on the Marston Inn

The Marston Inn has now been registered as an Asset of Community Value with SNC for a further five years.

A meeting was held with Hook Norton Brewery and Fisher German on Friday 22nd February 2019. Drawings became available after the agenda had been published. This will be discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

19/07. To discuss street lighting/electricity charges

A letter was received from EON as they are increasing their prices again from 21st January 2019. The Chair has looked to change suppliers. The decision to change supplier was delayed pending the result of lighting investigation as this may affect the tariff available. The Parish Clerk is enquiring with a contractor to look at the options to change the light bulbs. To be discussed at the next meeting.

19/08. To discuss a litter pick

A request has been received to hold a litter pick similar to last year which was very successful. It was agreed to hold the litter pick on Saturday 6th April at 10.30am.

Action: The Chair to put a note in the Glimpse.

19/09. To receive an update on planning

There was no update.

19/10. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

- Marcus Young, Dog Waste bin emptying – price increase
- Greatworth Parish Council, HS2, The Slow Train to Old Oak Common
- SNC/CDC, ACV Decision – The Marston Inn
- SNC, South Northants Wellbeing Activity Map
- Northants CALC, Street Lighting workshop and exhibition
- Office of Northants Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Consultation
- CAB, Donation letter

Two items of correspondence were highlighted:

- Marcus Young, Dog Waste bin emptying. The costs to empty the bin will increase from £3.00 to £3.20 effective from 1st April 2019.
Action: The Parish Clerk to reply and ask for earlier notification next time so it can be considered when setting the budget.
- Greatworth Parish Council, HS2, The Slow Train to Old Oak Common. Greatworth Parish Council have written to neighbouring parishes to ask for support in signing this letter. It was agreed not to support the letter.
Action: The Parish Clerk to respond.
- Northants CALC, Street Lighting workshop and exhibition. Councillors were unable to attend due to the timing.
Action: The Parish Clerk to ask for any information to be forwarded.

19/11. Councillors Reports

A letter from Highways detailing the work on the Cockley Road was circulated amongst Councillors.

Work (relating to HS2) is happening at the Greatworth junction and the hedge is being removed.

Cllr Carletti complained about the state of the work opposite her house. This followed the repair to the water leak.

Action: Cllr Carletti and Cllr Scott to draft a letter with photos.

19/12. Date, time and place of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting) at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Parish Clerk to ask a Highways rep to attend.

Meeting finished at 9.05pm