

**Marston St Lawrence Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**in the Cricket Pavilion at 7.30pm**

**Councillors Present:** Richard Gale (Chairman), Wayne Lindop, Mick Scott, three villagers and Martin Sirot-Smith

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

- 20/01. To receive apologies for absence**  
Cllr Goodwin (holiday), Cllr Skermer (operation) and Greatworth Parish Council
- 20/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**  
There were no interests to declare.
- 20/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th November 2019**  
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 20/04. To note any Matters Arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**  
*SNC Electronic Planning Consultation* – The laptop will be ready for collection soon.
- Lime Trees/Marston Inn* - A request had been made to SNC about the lime trees and a TPO. The Chair is to chase them for a response.
- 20/05. To receive a presentation from Greatworth Parish Council of their Draft Footpath Strategy**  
Greatworth Parish Council had sent their apologies.
- 20/06. Public participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of fifteen minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes)**  
There were no matters to discuss.
- 20/07. To receive an update on the street lighting**  
Street lighting costs are a large part of the Parish Council's expenditure. A new lighting contractor has come forward and Cllr Lindop will continue to explore changing to LED lightbulbs. The street light on Field View does belong to the Parish Council.
- 20/08. To receive an update on the Marston Inn**  
A public consultation was held in the summer but the Parish Council had not seen any plans beforehand. There were 80 responses to the consultation.  
52.8% would support the pub, 27.8% were against and 14.9% did not respond.
- 83.6% said they would use the community facility. The four most popular uses were as a pub, restaurant, cafe and local shop.
- There was no further news until three weeks ago. There has been a change of staff at Fisher German. A new pre-application has been submitted to SNC for comment. HNB have consulted with highways, an ecological survey has been done and a heritage assessment is being prepared. The next steps are to look at operation arrangements and whether the village can support the pub. The Parish Council are to write a business plan which will support the planning application.

The pre-planning application includes 6 x 3 bedroom houses (facing Lane End Farm) and 2 x 2 bedroom houses (facing Merestone). Access arrangements have been approved by highways. SNC may give permission for the houses and not for the pub. Previous permission was refused as the village was not sustainable. Carports have been moved back against the fence and there is a turning circle for lorries. With regard to the pub there is a delivery area which is not needed. This would enable the parking to be moved to that area and the garden made larger. The internal layout was discussed. There is a function room and 1 bedroom flat. A function room is not needed and this could mean there could be another flat which might be used as an Air B&B to increase income or it could be an independent fit.

From the floor, Mr D Scott noted that some of the lime trees and the stone wall have an ecological value. High level windows with obscure glass at the rear elevation could be considered to give more sunlight.

**20/09. To discuss arrangements for VE day to include the funding of a commemorative tree at the Village Hall**

There will be a church service in the morning with bell ringing. The village hall opening will happen between 3-5pm and there will be a band/barn dance in the evening at 7.30pm.

The idea to plant a commemorative tree (flowering cherry 2.5-3 meters tall) outside has been agreed. A parishioner has agreed to give a donation for the purchase of the tree.

**20/10. To confirm arrangements for a litter pick on Saturday 7th March 2020**

Everyone is to meet outside the village hall at 10am. There are further details in the Glimpse.

**20/11. To approve the following payments:**

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£362.01 to Zurich (Insurance (100607)

£77.24 to Opus Energy (electricity dd)

£49.14 to EON (street lighting maintenance 100608)

£199.68 to Marcus Young Landscapes (dog bin emptying 100609)

£85.49 to Opus Energy (electricity dd)

£444.00 to mh-p internet ltd (website 100610)

£148.08 to Parish Clerk (hours 100611)

£36.80 to HMRC(100612)

£13.50 to Parish Clerk (mileage 100613)

£26.84 to Parish Clerk (expenses 100614)

£51.00 to Village Hall (use of hall for meetings 100615)

*To review the budget sheet*

The budget sheet was reviewed.

*To review the risk assessment*

The risk assessment sheet was reviewed.

**20/12. To receive an update on planning**

One application had been received since the last meeting:

*S/2020/0143/FUL, For new building to be used as a cat hotel comprising 7 individual suites to accommodate a small number of cats on a short term basis at Orchard Ley, The Green.* Following discussion of the planning statement it was agreed to say no objections.

**20/13. Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

- Caryl Billingham, New Brackley Community Hospital. Caryl will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting in April.
- SNC, Information on Parish Council Elections 7th May 2020.

**20/14. Councillors Reports**  
There were no reports.

**20/15. To confirm meeting dates for 2020**  
April 14th, May 19th, August 18th and November 17th

Meeting finished at 8.45pm