

Marston St Lawrence Parish Council
Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and two villagers

18/01. To receive apologies for absence

None.

18/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

There were no interests to declare.

18/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th November 2017

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

18/04. To note any Matters Arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

There were no matters arising to discuss.

18/05. Public participation session

Mr D Scott of MSL Cricket Club thanked the Parish Council for their support recently in their New Homes Bonus grant application. It was successful and the bowling machine was delivered this week.

18/06. To consider and discuss making an application with the Village Hall Committee to the HS2 Community and Environment Fund for a major upgrade to the village hall

There are two funds available to local communities to help with the disruption that will be caused by the construction of Phase one of HS2 between London and the West Midlands; the Community and Environment Fund and the Business and Local Economy Fund.

The CEF fund has been created to add benefit over and above committed mitigation and statutory compensation to communities along the route that are demonstrably disrupted by the construction of Phase One of HS2 from London to West Midlands.

There are two types of CEF funding:

CEF Local will focus on quality of life and environment in individual communities.

CEF Strategic will focus on large projects across several communities and address strategic rather than purely local concerns. Wherever possible, the CEF fund aims to leave a sustainable legacy.

Primarily this funding programme is targeted at the voluntary/community sector. Other organisations may be eligible to apply for funding too eg if they have been formally established for public benefit and are not for profit.

Details of the first round of funding to projects along the Phase 1 route totalling £245,000 have been announced. £75K has been given to Wormleighton to update the Church which acts as a Community Hub, £5442 to Helmdon Acres Preschool to improve the outside play area surface and £12K to Steeple Claydon Methodist Church to update existing facilities.

From the floor, Mr D Scott suggested that MSL Village Hall Committee would fit the criteria. It would be a long term enhancement to the building and the Parish Council as the legal representative body would be the ideal group to partner with. The additional support in the community is far bigger than this village as Greatworth use the hall. The Parish Council agreed they would be supportive of the scheme and the two groups could work together.

Action: Mr D Scott to carry out the eligibility quiz. The Chair and Mr Scott to look at the HS2 website and forms in more detail. The item to be put on the agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

18/07. To discuss a future litter pick

Two villagers had approached the Chair about a litter pick. The Great British Spring Clean runs over the weekend of 2nd - 4th March. The Chair suggested that a litter pick is arranged for Saturday 2nd March at 10am (weather dependant).

Action: The Chair to publicise the event, Cllr Scott to arrange the sacks and gloves, Cllr Skermer to arrange the refreshments.

18/08. To receive an update on the New Homes Bonus Applications submitted by the Parish Council and Cricket Club

The Parish Council were successful in their application. They received £1299.00 for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator and cabinet. Marston St Lawrence Cricket Club were successful in their application and received £1750.00. The Parish Clerk advised that there is £1031.00 is left in the New Homes Bonus Fund, excluding £432.00 for 2018/19 which has not been ratified. Councillors to consider at a later date whether this money could be added to the existing play fund.

18/09. To approve the following payments:

- ✓ £94.50 to Greatworth Newsletter Fund (The Glimpse)
- ✓ £49.14 to EON (electricity)
- ✓ £444.00 to mh-p internet ltd (website)
- ✓ £216.09 to EON (electricity)
- ✓ £187.20 to Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd (emptying of dog bins)
- ✓ £402.00 to Pawle & Co Ltd (purchase of cabinet for defibrillator)
- ✓ £169.60 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- ✓ £10.40 to HMRC
- ✓ £53.96 to Parish Clerk (expenses)
- ✓ £27.00 to Parish Clerk (mileage)

The annual costs of the website were discussed as they are extremely high. The invoice has been paid for this year but the subject will be discussed again at the May meeting. The Parish Clerk to update the budget sheet and re-circulate.

Holiday Pay - The Parish Clerk should be paid holiday pay. It was agreed to pay the Parish Clerk holiday pay at 12.07% and backdate to 2015.

Action: The Parish Clerk and Chair to sort out the pay.

18/10. To receive an update on planning

The following update was given on older applications:

- ✓ S/2017/2578/LBC, Listed building consent to rebuild gable end wall of Dovecote (part retrospective) at Marston Hill Farm. Approved.
- ✓ S/2017/2560/FUL, Part two storey, part single storey front and side extension, single storey rear extension at 7 Merestone, The Green. Approved.

18/11. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

- ✓ Police and Crime Commissioner, Sponsoring a PCSO
- ✓ UK Debt Management Office, new DMO website (PWL)
- ✓ Northants CALC, Local Government Pay 2018-2020 and Latest News
- ✓ HS2, Announcement of the First Round of Funding – HS2 Community and Environment Fund and Business and Local Economy Fund
- ✓ SNC, 2018 Funding Fair at Towcester Racecourse on Wednesday 18 May 2018. On notice-board.

18/12. Councillors Reports

The Chair has emailed Mr Clarke's secretary at Hook Norton Brewery but has not received a reply.

Potholes are being reported on Street Doctor. Some have been filled in.

The suggestion of separate email addresses, recently highlighted in a Northants CALC update, was briefly discussed. There are benefits to a separate address and official council business should be kept separate from a personal email system. This will not be taken any further for the moment.

18/13. Date, time and place of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 17th April 2018, 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Cllr Skermer gave her apologies for the May meeting).

Meeting finished at 8.30pm