

Marston St Lawrence Parish Council
Minutes of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 25th March 2020
in the Village Hall Car Park at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Richard Gale (Chairman), Mick Scott, Stephen Goodwin

20/16a. To receive apologies for absence (social distancing)

Cllr Lindop , Cllr Skermer and Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

20/16b. Delegation of authority to the Parish Clerk

Following a brief discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously.

“In response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the council after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place”

20/17. Councillors Reports

Cllr Gale said that he had received enquiries about the litter pick planned for 28th March. It was agreed that the Parish Council should not be organising anything which might encourage people to get together. However, it was suggested that people could be encouraged to collect litter if they are out exercising and deposit it at the village hall. The Parish Council will arrange disposal.

There was discussion as to whether the Parish Council should be doing more in the light of the Coronavirus crisis. The feeling was that in such a small village people and their circumstances should be well known and that there was a good community spirit to look out for each other. Cllr Gale confirmed he had put a piece in the Glimpse together with his telephone number and he was aware that other residents had already organised a help group on Facebook. However it was agreed to circulate a separate letter with the Glimpse at the start of April containing contact details for Parish Councillors who could be contacted if there were any concerns or help required.

Meeting finished at 7.45pm