

Marston St Lawrence Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's Richard Gale, Daniela Carletti, Stephen Goodwin, Mick Scott, Chris Skermer, Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and one villager

16/48. Elections

16/48a. *Election of Chairperson*

Cllr Gale was elected to be Chair. Proposed by Cllr Skermer and seconded by Cllr Goodwin.

16/48b. *Signing of Chairpersons Declaration of Acceptance of office form*

The form was signed by Cllr Gale.

16/48c. *Election of Vice-Chairperson*

Cllr Goodwin was elected to be Vice-Chair. Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Skermer.

16/49. Apologies

Cllr Matthew Tims and Cllr Blu Talbot

16/50. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests to declare.

16/51. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held on 8th March 2016

Both minutes were approved and signed.

16/52. Matters arising from previous minutes (for information only)

Village leaflet – Ongoing.

New white line outside Long Cottage – The work has been done.

16/53. Open Forum

Mr Barber was unable to attend the meeting but had asked for a matter to be considered. The grass verge at the entrance to the south of the village was recently mown by Northants County Council. It is also regularly mowed and strimmed by other people. The result is that wild flowers and wildlife have little chance of flourishing. Concern was expressed some years ago and a note put in the Glimpse but with little effect. There are many verges that are cut by villagers and the Parish Council do not want to discourage this as it helps with the appearance of the village. The Chair to draft a reply.

16/54. To receive an update on The Marston Inn

The Chair has sent various emails. A report was meant to be given to Hook Norton Brewery last week. The last meeting was positive but it has gone very quiet. It was noted that two inspections have taken place recently. Details have been passed of people who may want to buy it.

16/55. To discuss the Queens 90th birthday celebrations

Several ideas were discussed such as a pig roast which would cost £690.00 or a barbecue. There is less work with a pig roast but it would be more expensive. The idea is to use the cricket field on Sunday 12th June starting at 3pm and food at 4pm. Cllr Goodwin agreed to provide a marquee and has a BBQ that can be used. Councillors were more favoured to have a BBQ and villagers would be encouraged to bring their own picnic. It was agreed not to charge for the event.

Cllr Scott spoke about the Church event on 4th June which he is hoping will be supported by the village as they are trying to raise funds.

Action: The Chair to send out a note to ask for helpers although some people have come forward already.

16/56. Planning

S/2016/0212, Demolish side and rear outbuildings, single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and porch alterations at 11 Merestone Houses.

Approved by SNC.

16/57. Finance

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:-

- £49.14 to EON (electricity)
- £42.00 to Marston St Lawrence Village Hall (use of hall for meetings)
- £25.00 to Marston St Lawrence Cricket Club (use of hall for a meeting)
- £168.28 to EON (electricity)
- £85.00 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- £17.00 to SLCC (Clerks membership)

Proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Goodwin.

To approve and sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return 2015/16

Councillors discussed the effectiveness of its internal control system. All payments are supported by invoices. Cheques are signed by two of three signatories. Payments are approved in between meetings by email notification and then formally approved at the following meeting. Therefore the internal control system was deemed to be very effective. The Annual Return was then presented to the Council and Sections 1 and 2 were approved and signed.

16/58. Correspondence

From

- South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2A Options Consultation Document
- NCC Highways, Road closure on Marston Hill 27th May
- Northants CALC, Updated Financial Guidance
- NCC, Update on moving of 30mph sign

One item of correspondence was highlighted.

- NCC, Update on moving of 30mph sign. Northants Highways have confirmed that the matter was discussed at last speed limit group. It has been agreed that the 30mph sign will be relocated just prior to bend on the approach to the village. This will be passed to their engineers to progress the scheme through the legal process required and carry out signage changes on site.

16/59. Date, time and place of next meeting, Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 23rd August 2016, in the Cricket Pavilion at 7.30pm.

Meeting finished at 8.25pm

