

Marston St Lawrence Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 19th November 2019
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and one villager

19/55. To receive apologies for absence

None.

19/56. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

There were no interests to declare.

19/57. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th August 2019

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

19/58. To note any Matters Arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

SNC Electronic Planning Consultation – A laptop has been ordered via SNC.

VE Day – Something will happen and this is on the village hall agenda. There will be an official opening of the village hall.

19/59. To discuss the Draft Footpath Strategy

This item is to be carried forward to the February meeting.

19/60. 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.

19/61. To consider the need to promote candidacy at the May 2020 elections

Local elections will be held on 7th May 2020 for a five year term. Normally 20-25% of Councillors retire at each election but this time it could be as high as 40-50%. Councillors are to consider if they will stand again next May.

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

19/62. To receive an update on the Marston Inn and discuss the lime trees

The last update was that Hook Norton Brewery (HNB) were talking to Highways and submitting a pre-application. The Chair has chased again recently. HNB are talking to technical consultants and the plans are changing. They have agreed to contact the Parish Council and have a meeting after the pre-application has been submitted. They are hoping to submit one to SNC within 2-3 weeks.

The lime trees were discussed at the last meeting and whether a TPO should be put on them to protect them. The Chair had contacted the Tree Officer at SNC to ask about the process and cost. The lime trees are not in the Conservation Area and a TPO will only protect them slightly. A detailed tree survey was submitted with the planning application submitted in 2015. Councillors voted whether to proceed with the TPO process. Three councillors voted to proceed with the process, one voted against and there were two abstentions.

Action: The Chairman to email the Tree Officer at SNC to apply for a TPO.

19/63. To receive an update on the street lighting

Cllr Lindop has sent emails and finally made contact with the lighting contractor. They have re-discussed the whole quote. It is hoped a trial light can be placed in the village.

19/64. To receive an update on the village website

The Parish Clerk had received a quote for a new website to be set up and managed by the village. The village website was set up and paid for by a grant which no longer exists. It will take a few years to recoup any savings that can be made if the website is managed by a local person.

Action: The Parish Clerk to email a list of the documents which have to be published on the website to Cllr Goodwin.

19/65. To approve the following payments:

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£59.96 to Opus Energy (dd - street lighting electricity Sept)

£60.43 to Opus Energy (dd – street lighting electricity Oct)

£68.36 to Opus Energy (dd- street lighting electricity Nov)

£49.14 to EON (street lighting maintenance)

£127.18 to mh-p internet (100601 - website hosting and domain renewal)

£49.14 to EON (100602 - street lighting maintenance)

£0.05 to Lady Richard Wellesleys 1987 Childrens (100603 - rent for play area)

£107.97 to Parish Clerk (100604 – hours)

£26.80 to HMRC (100605)

£17.00 to the Poppy Appeal (100606)

To review the budget sheet

The budget sheet was reviewed.

To review the risk assessment

The risk assessment sheet was reviewed.

To set the budget for 2020/21

A draft budget sheet had been prepared. Expenditure is forecast at £3.7K this year and the last precept was set at £3.5K. Money should be saved on the electricity costs as the supplier has changed. The PWL for the street lighting poles is nearly finished. For 2020/21 proposed expenditure is £3938.00. There will be election costs to cover and there are charges for both contested and uncontested elections. The last contested election was 12 years ago. It was agreed to set the precept at £3900.00 for 2020/21.

Action: The Parish Clerk to notify SNC.

19/66. To receive an update on planning

One application had been received since the last meeting:

S/2019/1917/FUL, Variation of condition 2 to revise air source heat pumps at MSL Village Hall. No objections.

19/67. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

- Northants Highways – Proposed 30mph speed limit extension, Cockley Road
- SNC - Review of South Northants Polling Districts and Polling Places – Second Consultation

19/68. Councillors Reports

HS2 have taken possession of land in the village and there is a lot of work going on locally.

Cllr Tims noted this would be his last meeting. The Chair thanked him for his work and support especially with the Marston Inn.

19/69. **Date, time and place of next meeting**
25th February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Cricket Pavilion

Meeting finished at 8.15pm