

Marston St Lawrence Parish Council
Minutes of a remote Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Richard Gale (Chairman), Stephen Goodwin, Wayne Lindop, Violet Moller, Lianne Piper-Elsey and Chris Skermer (late due to connection problems)

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

- 21/01. To receive apologies for absence**
None.
- 21/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**
No interests were declared.
- 21/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17 November 2020 and 21st December 2020**
The minutes were both approved and signed as a true record of the meetings.
- 21/04. To note any Matters Arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**
New website – The Chair has checked the website. The details of Cllr Moller to be added to the website. There is a query with the Code of Conduct which will be addressed at the next meeting.

Electricity – The Chair has made contact with Opus Energy and the correct price is being charged now.

Street Lighting – Western Power have updated the inventory list. The light bulbs are 34W and not 80W. Any overpayment will be backdated 18 months. If the bulbs are changed to LED type, savings will not be as much as first thought.

Cllr Training course – Three new Councillors attended this online training course in early February.

Farthinghoe Bypass – The Chair attended an online consultation which did not provide any additional information.

Footpath to the church – This was cleared by a group of villagers.
- 21/05. 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 members of the public present.
- 21/06. To receive an update on the Marston Inn**
An email was received from James Clarke of Hook Norton Brewery. The Chair has spoken to SNC Planning and they would like to see better justification for knocking down the existing building (e.g. a comparable cost for building the replacement) but are not keen on this idea. It is currently listed as an ACV but it is unclear if the ACV could stay in place. Highways have submitted a further response. A final decision is expected by 9th March.
- 21/07. To approve the following payments:**
The following payments were approved under statutory powers (the bank statement date is listed in brackets).

£87.05 to Opus Energy (electricity – dd 04.01.21)
£14.00 to R Gale (copying – Online 22.01.21)
£17.43 to Astrop Park Farm (copying for pub planning - Online 22.01.21)
£28.16 to EON (repair of light outside village hall – Online 22.01.21)
£49.14 to EON (maintenance contract – Online 22.01.21)
£90.01 to Opus Energy (electricity – dd 02.02.21)
£152.05 to Parish Clerk (hours – Online 22.02.21)
£38.00 to HMRC (online 22.02.21)
£94.50 to the Greatworth Newsletter Fund (newsletter- Online 22.02.21)
£14.39 to C Coles (zoom subscription – Online 22.02.21)
£199.68 to Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd (dog bin emptying – Online 22.02.21)

To review the budget sheet

The budget sheet was reviewed. The Clerks salary is higher than expected as an extra meeting took place in December to discuss the pub and more hours were worked.

To review the risk assessment

The risk assessment was reviewed.

Action: The Parish Clerk to circulate before the next meeting.

21/08. To receive an update on the timetable for the elections in May 2021

There is an online candidate briefing on Wednesday 3rd March 2020 at 5.30pm which anyone can attend. Nomination papers will be available when the election is called (sometime between 24 and 29 March). The deadline for nominations is 4pm on Thursday 8th April 2021 (Easter falls between 2nd and 5th April). One person is to hand deliver all papers before the deadline. The Election Officer may be able to check nomination papers remotely (by sending in advance by email).

Action: The Parish Clerk to attend the online briefing and ask if hard copies of nomination papers will be posted out.

21/09. To discuss a litter pick

There is a lot of litter about but walkers are already picking up litter whilst they are out. Cllr Scott offered to collect bags of rubbish if they are left by the side of the road.

Action: The Chair to write a piece for the Glimpse.

21/10. To receive an update on planning

One new application had been received since the last meeting:

- S/2021/0024/SCR, Screening opinion in respect of the formation of temporary new access roads for construction of HS2 on land north of B4525 Greatworth. No comments.

The Chair spoke to SNC planning to ask if the Parish Council would be notified of changes in an application. SNC confirmed that once a planning application is submitted, changes can be made without consultees being informed. It is unclear at what point they would be told of a change.

21/11. Councillors Reports

Cllr Skermer is continuing to monitor potholes. She has received complaints about flooding on the Squirridge Road and the ditch requires digging out.

Action: Cllr Goodwin to speak to the farmer.

HS2 work is continuing in the area and a lot of work is being carried out at the Magpie. There is a continuous stream of lorries using Welsh Lane which will only get busier once everyone is back working.

21/12.

Date and Time of Next meetings

Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7.30pm (provisional date for Annual Parish Meeting)

Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.30pm (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Meeting finished at 8.15pm