

Marston St Lawrence Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7.30pm
In the Village Hall

Councillors Present: Richard Gale (Chairman), Stephen Goodwin, Wayne Lindop, Violet Moller, Lianne Piper-Elsey, Mick Scott and Chris Skermer

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

- 22/01. To receive apologies for absence**
None
- 22/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**
No interests were declared.
- 22/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2021**
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 22/04. To note any Matters Arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**
Play equipment to enhance the children's play area was discussed at the last meeting. The Parish Clerk has obtained a couple of quotes and one wooden swing will cost over £1K.
- 22/05. Public participation**
There were no members of the public present.
- 22/06. To discuss allotments**
One person has expressed an interest in an allotment plot.
Action: The Chair to write a note for the next Glimpse to gauge further interest.
- 22/07. To discuss a litter pick**
It was agreed to hold a village litter pick on 19th March. Teas will be provided afterwards in the village hall.
- 22/08. To receive an update on the Marston Inn**
The business plan was revised and sent to Hook Norton Brewery before Christmas. Two concerns were noted (size of Managers Accommodation and the parking outside). Once comments are received back, this will be presented to the Steering Group.
- 22/09. To discuss projects for use of the CIL funds**
There is no further update.
- 22/10. To receive an update on the village fete**
A proposed date of 6th August has been suggested. It will be a traditional fete with teas and simple games such as tug of war etc. There may be parking and access issues.
Action: Cllr Piper-Elsey to make contact and get further detail.
- 22/11. To approve the following payments:**
The following payments were approved under statutory powers (the bank statement date is listed in brackets).
£0.05 to Lady Richard Wellesleys 1987 (rent for childrens play area 02.02.22)
£36.48 to Opus Energy (dd – electricity 02.12.21)

£41.72 to Opus Energy (dd – electricity 02.01.22)
£42.66 to Opus Energy (dd – electricity 02.02.22)
£126.52 to Parish Clerk (hours 01.02.22)
£31.60 To HMRC (01.02.22)
£14.40 to Parish Clerk (expenses 01.02.22)
£17.72 to Parish Clerk (mileage 01.02.22)
£36.00 to MSL Village Hall (hire of hall 03.02.22)
£20.00 to MSL Cricket Club (hire of pavilion 03.02.22)
£205.92 to Marcus Young Environmental Services Ltd (dog bin emptying 01.02.22)
£49.14 to EON (street lighting maintenance 01.02.22)

To review the budget sheet

The budget sheet was reviewed.

To set the precept for 2022/23

A draft budget sheet had been circulated. Estimated expenditure for 2022/23 is £3083.00. In view of the uncertainty over inflation and the likely need to add something to the CIL funds to achieve a sensible sum, it was agreed to set the precept at £3900.00 (the same as the previous year). Six councillors voted in favour, one abstained.

Action: The Parish Clerk to notify WNC.

To review the risk assessment

The risk assessment was reviewed.

22/12. To receive an update on planning

To receive an update on the 'Sheep Barn'.

It has been believed there has been a breach in planning and the matter has been passed to West Northants Council.

22/13. To receive the following correspondence

- Queens Green Canopy, Co-ordinated response from WNC
- Farthinghoe Recycling Centre Information Update. The centre is temporarily closed from 28th January to early March 2022 for refurbishment and a new contractor. The information will be put in the Glimpse.

22/14. Councillors Reports

The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June were briefly discussed. A road closure from Field View to Kielsen Close will be applied for on 3rd June 2022 from 3-7pm. Permission will be needed from the VHC to borrow tables from the Village Hall. Villagers will be asked to bring their own chairs. Greatworth are advertising their functions in the April Glimpse as a separate sheet. Marston St Lawrence can do the same. Some events can be linked like the Open Gardens. The idea of a junior cricket game was suggested. Cllr Scott will co-ordinate a history display in the church. The Parish Council will take the lead on the street party and the Cricket Club will sort out the cricket event.

Action: Cllr Piper-Elsey to draft a letter to the residents about the road closure. The Chair to look at timings for the events.

Cllr Skermer is reporting potholes. The road sweeper has not been to the village.

The British Legion have offered the village a free Tommy Silhouette. It was agreed to accept the offer. It will be placed in the village for 4 weeks in November.

Cllr Moller has reported a broken footpath sign on the Squirridge Hill footpath.

21/15.

Date and Time of next meetings

Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 7.30pm (Extraordinary PC Meeting)

Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 7.30pm (Annual Parish Meeting)

Meeting finished at 9.10pm