

**Marston St Lawrence Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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) and one villager

- 23/01. To receive apologies for absence**  
None.
- 23/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**  
No interests were declared.
- 23/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 23/04. To note any Matters Arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**  
There were no matters arising.
- 23/05. Public participation**  
No matters were raised by the member of the public.
- 23/06. To receive an update on the idea raised to use CIL funds**  
The CIL money was received in November 2020. Two quotes have been received to put up a fence in front of the village hall to make the area more secure. A section of fence will be removable if needed. The Parish Clerk has asked WNC if the money can be spent on this as the Parish Council do not own the village hall. She is awaiting an answer.  
*Action: The Parish Clerk to ask Danny Moody at Northants CALC.*
- 23/07. To receive an update on the Marston Inn**  
Planning permission (WNS/2020/2050/FUL) has been received for 5 dwellings and extension of the existing pub with 30 detailed conditions. The business plan is included in the list of documents.  
*Action: The Chair to email James Clarke at Hook Norton Brewery to continue dialogue with them.*
- 23/08. To discuss the bench at the north end of the village**  
The bench had a rotten front rail. Cllr Scott has refixed the bracket.
- 23/09. To set a date for a litter pick**  
It was agreed to carry out a litter pick on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. To meet outside the village hall at 10am. Cllr Skermer will provide the drinks.
- 23/20. To approve the following payments:**  
The following payments were approved under statutory powers (the bank statement date is listed in brackets).  
£28.40 to Northants CALC (VAT recovery – 30.01.23)  
£20.00 to R Gale (Poppy wreath donation – 30.01.23)  
£49.14 to EON (street lighting maintenance – 30.01.23)

£9.47 to Astrop Park Farm (printing of newsletter – 30.01.23)  
£285.23 to Parish Clerk (hours – 30.01.23)  
£71.40 to HMRC (30.01.23)  
£29.50 to YU Energy (street lighting – 17.01.23)  
£103.23 to YU Energy (street lighting – 18.01.23)  
£146.15 to YU Energy (street lighting – 18.01.23)  
£218.40 to Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd (dog bin emptying – 30.01.23)  
£25.00 to Marston St Lawrence Cricket Club (use of pavilion- 30.01.23)

One payment was highlighted. Marcus Young Landscapes had emailed a wrong invoice in error and the incorrect payment is shown on the agenda. The correct payment should be £218.40.

*To approve a pay rise for the Parish Clerk*

A pay rise was agreed earlier in the year. It was agreed to increase the Clerks salary and go up one point on the scale. This will be backdated to April 2022.

*To set the precept for 2023/24*

A precept sheet was circulated. Estimated spend for 2023/24 will be £4.3K. A new electricity supplier is in place, YU Energy. They are billing the Parish Council monthly and there is no government support accounted for. It was agreed to increase the precept by 7% and set it at £4200.00.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to notify WNC.*

*To review the budget sheet and risk assessment*

The Parish Council are working to budget. The risk assessment was reviewed.

**23/11. To receive an update on planning4**

An update was given on older applications.

*WNS/2022/1395/FUL, Erection of a replacement barn, and change of use to agricultural and equestrian use (part retrospective) at The Glebe House, Thenford Road. Granted by WNC.*

*WNS/2022/1350/FUL and WNS/2022/1351/LBC, First floor extension to existing west wing at The Glebe House, Thenford Road. Granted by WNC.*

**23/12. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Goodwin noted how well the roads have been gritted over the winter.

The village fete was briefly discussed. A provisional date of 9<sup>th</sup> September was set for the event.

**22/13. To note next meeting dates, time and place**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall at 7.30pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Annual Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting finished at 8.20pm