

Marston St Lawrence Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30pm
In the Cricket Pavilion

Councillors Present: Richard Gale (Chairman), Stephen Goodwin, Wayne Lindop, Violet Moller and Chris Skermer

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

- 23/28. To receive apologies for absence**
Cllr Piper-Elsey (holiday) and Cllr Scott (holiday)
- 23/29. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**
No interests were declared.
- 23/30. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 26th April and 9th May 2023**
The minutes were both approved and signed as a true record of the meetings.
- 23/31. To note any Matters Arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**
There were no matters arising.
- 23/32. Public participation**
No matters were raised.
- 23/33. To receive an update on using the CIL fund for the village hall fence**
WNC have confirmed the CIL money can be used to install a fence by the village hall. The extension will have to be built first before the fence can be installed. The villager present advised that one grant application for the extension work is outstanding. If the grant is unsuccessful they will have enough money to do the work. It should take 4-6 weeks to complete.
- 23/34. To discuss the CIL guidance for neighbourhoods and parishes in WNC Daventry area**
A document called CIL, A Guidance for Neighbourhoods and parishes in WNC Daventry area had been received. It detailed the Charging Schedule, community benefits and gave information on calculating the parish portion. The rates in South Northants appear higher than those in Daventry.
- 23/35. To receive an update on the Marston Inn**
Hook Norton Brewery (HNB) have advised that CIL for the development is coming out at £148K which is much higher than they thought. This is bad news for them. They thought it would be lower as they are providing the pub facility for the community benefit. This makes the whole viability of the project questionable. It was agreed the Parish Council email HNB to see if they can make a joint representation and reduce the CIL payment.
Action: The Chair to email HNB.
- 23/36. To discuss the village fete**
There has been no village response about holding a fete this year and Greatworth have their summer fayre this coming weekend. September is a nice time of year to hold a fete but it might clash with Greatworth.

Action: Cllr Moller to find out when the Greatworh fete is in 2024. Cllr Moller to use the Whatsapp group to generate enthusiasm and liaise with the village hall committee. Cllr Moller to get prices for a marquee which might be sponsored.

23/37. To discuss the frequency of grass cutting in the village

The bench at the north end of the village is invisible as the grass is so long around it.

Action: The Parish Clerk to take a photo and report on Fix My Street.

23/38. Financial Report

Bank Balances

Current Account £1485.21

Savings Account £5409.83

To approve the following payments:

The following payments were approved under statutory powers (the bank statement date is listed in brackets).

- £225.75 To Parish Clerk -hours (10.07.23)
- £56.20 to HMRC (10.07.23)
- £28.80 to Parish Clerk - mileage (10.07.23)

To review the budget sheet

The budget sheet was reviewed.

23/39. To receive an update on planning

There were no new applications to consider.

23/40. Councillors Reports

Cllr Lindop reported the overgrown vegetation on the road to Brookside Cottage.

Action: The Chair to write a general note in the Glimpse reminding villagers to trim vegetation if overhanging a path.

23/41. To receive the following correspondence

- West Northants Council, Help to reduce contamination in household waste collections. Bin stickers have been given out to highlight the correct use of the waste and recycling bins.

23/42. To note next meeting date

Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm in the village hall

Meeting finished at 8.05pm