

**Marston St Lawrence Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm**  
**In the Village Hall**

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

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

- 23/43. To receive apologies for absence**  
Cllr Goodwin (work) and Cllr Skermer (personal)
- 23/44. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**  
No interests were declared.
- 23/45. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
The minutes were both approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 23/46. To note any Matters Arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**  
The long grass reported at the last meeting was cut shortly afterwards.
- A note was put in the Glimpse asking villagers to trim vegetation if overhanging a footpath.
- 23/47. Public participation**  
No members of the public were present.
- 23/48. To receive an update on the Marston Inn**  
Hook Norton Brewery (HNB) are giving the matter a lot of thought. They are struggling to make the project stack up with the changes in the economy and significantly increased building costs. They are reviewing the options. Cllr Scott spoke about the Plunkett Foundation who have helped and supported pubs in the past but they have still failed.
- A slate had come off the pub roof recently. A photo was sent to HNB.
- 23/49. To discuss the arrangements for the village fete**  
Cllr Moller had recently attended the fete at Eydon which was good. She has received prices of marquees to hire for a fete but the Parish Council are unsure who will fund the hiring costs. There was a group of people involved in trying to arrange an event before. There is no objection from the Cricket Club but they are entering a different league in 2024 which will run from the first weekend in May to the first weekend in September.  
*Action: Cllr Piper-Elsey to email Dave Scott about using the Cricket Ground. Cllr Piper-Elsey to arrange a meeting with volunteers which the Chair will attend if he can. A proposal to be put together and brought to the January meeting for consideration.*
- 23/50. Financial Report**  
**Bank Balances**  
Current Account £2844.34  
Savings Account £5426.42

**To approve the following payments:**

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

£163.55 to YU Energy (04.05.23)  
£35.53 to YU Energy (04.05.23)  
£117.99 to YU Energy (10.05.23)  
£15.58 to YU Energy (10.05.23)  
£109.42 to YU Energy (08.06.23)  
£15.81 to YU Energy (08.06.23)  
£98.41 to YU Energy (10.07.23)  
£15.51 to YU Energy (10.07.23)  
£100.41 to YU Energy (08.08.23)  
£15.89 to YU Energy (08.08.23)  
£98.71 to YU Energy (09.09.23)  
£15.89 to YU Energy (09.09.23)  
£100.43 to YU Energy (09.10.23)  
£15.51 to YU Energy (09.10.23)  
£135.22 To Parish Clerk (hours – 16.10.23)  
£33.80 To HMRC (16.10.23)  
£14.40 to Parish Clerk (mileage- 16.10.23)  
£85.80 to EON (street lighting maintenance – 16.10.23)

The meeting confirmed approval of the transfer which had taken place of £5K to the savings account as interest rates are now higher.

*To discuss the invoice payable to Geosphere Ltd (Digital Mapping)*

Since the assets were mapped the Parish Council have not used the service. The payment to be deferred until more information is known.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to ask Parish Online about the benefits and how the service can be used more.*

*To review the budget sheet and risk assessment*

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

**23/51. To receive an update on planning**

One tree application had been received.

- 2023/6823/TCA, Work to 1 x cedar in the Conservation area at Annexe 1 The Glebe House, Thenford Road. For information only.

**23/52. Councillors Reports**

Access to the footpath was discussed from Field View to Marston Hill as the stile is awkward to step over.

*Action: Cllr Moller to report on Fix My Street.*

Skips in gardens were discussed and concern about hygiene. The necessary steps will be taken to report them.

**23/53. To note next meeting date**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm in the village hall

Meeting finished at 8.20pm