

MARKET WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Market Weston Parish Council Annual meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2017 7:30pm in Market Weston Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: S Austin, G Hatten, D Fulcher, M Martin, R Hood & B. Cllr Bull

Apologies: Cllrs S Allen & C. Cllr J Spicer

In the absence of Cllr Allen Cllr Fulcher chaired the meeting.

1. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

1.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None

1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests. None

1.3 To grant dispensations as appropriate under Section 33 of the Localism Act. None

2 Minutes - Minutes of the 20th July 2017 meetings agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Meeting open to the public

4. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

My big issue for discussion is school transport changes - I have sent Vicki and Spencer details from a report to SCC cabinet.

Essentially there is a proposal to go out to consultation on a proposal for SCC to provide school transport only to the nearest school. For families in Market Weston this would be transportation only to Ixworth Free School and not to Thurston Community College. It is also going to be proposed to remove the current subsidy for Post 16 school travel.

All this would not happen, if it does, until 2019

It goes without saying I hope that you realise I am very unhappy with this proposal which hits my division far more extensively than any other. I do accept the need to make savings in many areas but this is not the way to do it. I have already met with the Head teachers at Ixworth Free School and Thurston CC and hope we can agree some options to submit to the council. This item will go on the agenda for discussion at the November meeting. **Action Clerk**

Highways is still in a state of confusion - although Guy Smith has been appointed to cover all of west Suffolk there is no engineer to cover my area. I will be ensuring that MW potholes are in the in box when he/she is appointed

5. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull reported that the West Suffolk Waste Hub went before planning and has been approved. The next step towards Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury becoming one council, likely to be called West Suffolk Council, will take place next month. This will be the merging of the cabinets. Once this has been achieved an application will be made to the Secretary of State to approve the new council. Cllr Bull has agreed to contribute £500 towards the cost of the defibrillator.

6. Report from Police

The latest newsletter on website is dated July.

Meeting reconvened

8.. Progress reports. For information, from:

8.1 Chairman

8.1.1 Broadband update

The latest broadband information is that we are due to get the fibre cabinet in MW by March 31st 2018.

8.2 Clerk:

8.2. 1 Highway matters.

It was reported that following the recent visit of the street sweeper that it has become clear that, when the road was resurfaced, it was not done so up to the edge. It would appear that the road was not swept prior to the resurfacing and was therefore not resurface up to the edge. This could explain why there are so many potholes at the side of the roads. The Clerk will report this observation to Cllr Spicer.

8.2.2 War memorial.

The Clerk has been in touch with Perfitts, they have a new manager and he has promised to look in to the cleaning and repainting of the war memorial

8.2.3 Play area report.

This will be circulated to all the Councillors for consideration. The Councillors discussed the possibility of getting a rope swing for the Green.

Action Clerk

9 Finance.

9.1 Payments. The following payments were approved and signed by two signatories.

9.1.1	V Gay	Aug/Sept wages	100109	£402.88
9.1.2	V Gay	Aug/Sept expenses	100110	£70.14
9.1.3	Came & Co.	Insurance	100111	£275.00

9.2 End of year accounts

The end of year accounts have been approved. The Clerk noted the comments made and will ensure the notice of conclusion is publicized.

9.3 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk prepared a bank reconciliation for the Councillors consideration.

10. Planning Matters

None received

11. Defibrillator

Cllr Spicer has said she could possibly contribute £500 towards the cost of a defibrillator. Cheques totalling £40 and bank transfers of £35 have been received from residents in the parish.

13. Policy Review & adoption

The following documents were approved and adopted.

13.1 Standing Orders

13.2 Financial Orders

13.3 Risk Assessment and Financial Risk Assessment

13.4 Internal Financial control

14 Councillors reports and items for future agenda

None received.

15. Correspondence for information:

15.1 SALC Local Councillor. Circulated.

16. Date of next meeting: 16th November 2017

17. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:

17.1 Personnel Issues. None

17.2 Legal Issues. None.