

## MARKET WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Market Weston Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 7:30pm in Market Weston Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: D Fulcher, G Hatten, S Allen, M Martin B. Cllr Bull & C. Cllr J Spicer

1. Apologies: Cllrs R Hood, S Austin, A Hall

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

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

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

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

3 Minutes - Minutes of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 meetings agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. Meeting open to the public

21 residents attended the meeting objecting to the application for change of use at Liberty House from a single dwelling house to use as a holiday let. There were a number of concerns mainly about noise and traffic. The Parish Council listened to all the concerns and agreed that the application should really go to delegation panel and then to committee, which would enable members of the parish to go and express their concerns directly to the committee.

5. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer reported that the school transport letters have gone out and that people have been given their choice of schools. To receive school transport, you need to 'opt in' in year on the SCC website. Cllr Spicer shared the grass cutting schedule, there will be 2 cuts on the B1111 on the 6<sup>th</sup> May and 29<sup>th</sup> July. Class C roads will receive one cut, W/C 27 May. Cllr Spencer informed Cllr Spicer that the recently filled pot holes in Church Road were very badly done.

6. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

As of April 1<sup>st</sup> St Edmundsbury, Borough Council will become West Suffolk District Council and in May there are the respective Council elections. The most recent Council meeting was one of recognition to long serving members of the Council, past and present. There will be on Major for the time being.

7. Report from Police:

None received.

8.1 Chairman's report.

No report this month.

### 8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 County Lines, information following film.

The Clerk attended a screening of Henry Blake's film about the growing national crisis of '**County Lines**',

The film was primarily for partners working with children, young people, families and communities in West Suffolk, Babergh and Mid Suffolk and highlights the serious threat 'County Lines' poses to Britain's children. The Clerk was asked for her input as someone not directly involved with working with children.

Henry Blake is a filmmaker who is passionate about realism. His work is heavily research-based, character- lead drama that is often raw and uncompromising.

The film director has made a hard-hitting short film, 22 mins long, which focuses on 14-year-old Tyler Hughes who is sent from London to a small coastal town to sell Class A drugs. Alone and unprotected, he finds himself trapped in a series of complex and high-risk situations with some of the UK's most dangerous adults.

Then followed information about the organisations, official and voluntary, involved in trying to plan ways to assist victims, prevent young people becoming victims and the networks being set up.

Issues raised:

- The main points are that nothing is easy, there are no easy solutions.
- The Home Office has seen the film. The debate now is how to go forward, although Brexit is overshadowing all other issues at the moment.
- How can parents and schools be made aware? Henry Blake invited 100 parents of children at a PRU (Pupil Referral Unit) only 5 invited turn up to a session, but 5 is better than none.
- School exclusions raise the safeguarding risk to a child. What else can schools do?
- Referral Units do what they can, but it is difficult. In a National PRU Report. Excluded pupils are easy targets.
- How can youth workers be protected when dealing with those involved in County Lines?
- Youth Justice – the dilemma is that victims are also perpetrators, so of interest to the police
- KEY is Management of what is done and Family.

#### Useful Charities

Fearless (help for young people)

Growing Against Violence

St Giles' Trust (offering training in West Suffolk in May and June)

The Children's Society

County Lines Co-ordination Centre

Safe all

Multi-agency panels – forming in different localities

#### 8.2.2 Elections 2019

The four-year term of office, for all Parish Councillors, is coming to an end. Anyone wishing to stand again needs to be nominated and consent to their nomination. The nomination papers need to be hand delivered to the Returning Officer at St Edmundsbury Borough Council. It is recommended that an appointment is sought with the Returning Officer, or their deputy to ensure the papers have been filled in correctly. The clerk will collect and deliver the papers for anyone who wishes to stand.

**Action All**

#### 8.2.3 Play inspection agreement

On 1 April Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Borough Council will be abolished and a new, district level Council for West Suffolk will be formed. The approach to playground inspection services will be aligned. A standardised playground inspection will be offered, without charge for financial years 2019/20 & 2020/21. This will include a monthly inspection by a Council parks officer and an annual inspection by an external organisation. We need opt in to this new agreement. The Clerk has done this on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### 8.2.4 The Green, ongoing upkeep.

Following Cllrs Hatten's decision not to stand again as Councillor the ongoing upkeep will need to be discussed. This will be put on a future agenda for further discussion.

**Action Clerk**

#### 8.2.8 Digital Map and Neighbourhood Design training

The Clerk attended some digital map training, this was very helpful, and the purchase of some software could have many applications, not least with the development of the Neighbourhood plan. Tree management, Cemetery mapping, asset mapping, land ownership.

The Neighbourhood design training was more of a fact-finding exercise for the hosts, however the portal they are developing could be of great value both for routine planning, future development and the Neighbourhood plan.

### 8.2.6 Bench for Shortgrove lane

Hopton Parish Council are looking at the possibility of placing a bench, where the caravan was, on Shortgrove Lane. And asked if we would we support this. The Councillors thought this was a good idea and are happy to support this idea.

**Action Clerk**

## **9. Finance.**

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

9.1.1 Office expenses £564.77

9.2 **End** of year accounts

Cllr Austin will check the accounts prior to them being approved at the next meeting

## **10. Planning Matters**

10.1 DC/19/0344/FUL Planning Application - Change of use from single dwelling house (use Class C3 to a single dwelling house (Use Class C3) / use as a holiday let (Use Class C1) Location Liberty House Hepworth Road Market Weston Suffolk IP22 2PF Applicant Mrs Juliet Hargrave, JJ Leisure Holdings Ltd. The Parish Council submitted the following comments:

Market Weston Parish Council object to the above application. We had 21 residents of Market Weston attend our Parish Council meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, objecting to this application. This number does not include other objectors who were unable to attend but conveyed their concerns through a Councillor. In a parish with only 202 Electors this represents, as a conservative estimate, over 10% of the village.

Noise coming from Liberty House has caused considerable disturbance to near neighbours and indeed as indicated by the turn out at our meeting, to the rest of the village.

We have been aware of issues regarding noise for some time and hoped that, following reassurance from the applicant, these were being addressed through a noise policy. It would appear the opposite of this is true and that the strength of feelings has increased with many more residents coming forward to complain about, not just the noise but also the increase in traffic using the inadequate access.

Taken in isolation these noise issues may seem insignificant but, when looked at as a whole, it is clear that there is a Significant problem with noise from this property. A few examples being loud music, noise from people using the 8-person hot tub and fireworks being set off, raising considerable concerns over disturbance to all farm livestock/pets in the village as well as the potential for fires considering the nature of the surrounding farmland and buildings.

The nature of the hires is such, that it would be impossible to address any noise or disturbances, especially on weekends. The increase in traffic is not just the holidaymakers coming to the property but also is the chefs, cleaners, food deliveries etc. that are needed to operate such a large enterprise.

Although it is appreciated that the people who come to the holiday home want to have fun, it is strongly felt that the scale of the operation is completely out of proportion to the location in which it sits. This has a direct, negative, impact on the local amenity and on those who live there.

10.2 Parish Council newsletter, paperless planning & training.

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 hard copies of planning applications will no longer be sent out. As mentioned earlier the Clerk will investigate having Wi-Fi at hall.

**Action Clerk**

## **11 Play area report**

11.1 Service level agreement, for information

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11.2 Play area report  
Circulated.

## **12 Village Hall report**

No report this month.

## **13. Defibrillator**

13.1 Update on project.

It was agreed that the annual service agreement was the most cost-effective way to proceed so the Clerk sent off the cheque to the Community Heartbeat Trust and is now awaiting delivery of the device.

## **14 Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

None received.

## **15. Correspondence for information**

15.1 Proposals from Friends of Ixworth Library to 'User Villages' Noted

15.2 The Keeper's Daughter Theatre Company, Christmas 2019, sent on to Village Hall Committee.

**16. Date of next meeting:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Annual Parish meeting. 7.30pm Annual Parish Council meeting.

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

17.1 Personnel Issues. 17.2 Legal Issues. None