

## MARKET WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Market Weston Parish Extraordinary Council meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 7.00pm in Market Weston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Cllr D Fulcher, J Loden, A Hall, M Martin, P Freeman.

### 1. **Apologies for absence** W.S Cllr Bull & C. Cllr J Spicer

### 2. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

2.3 To grant dispensations as appropriate under Section 33 of the Localism Act.

### 3. **Meeting open to the public**

Concerns were raised over the apparent change of use from a private dwelling to a business. As this this matter was not on the agenda the Parish Council would be, legally, unable to make any decisions about the situation. It was explained, the issues surrounding the covenant in residents deeds is not a planning matter but is a civil matter, and that it would not be appropriate for the Parish Council to be involved in this. The matter surrounding potential change of use though is potentially a matter for the Parish Council. However, the Parish Council would not be able to make any formal response until they have received an application via West Suffolk Council, who are the Planning Authority. In line with advice from Cllr Bull, the Parish Council recommended that concerns be reported, to enforcement to investigate, via the customer service e-mail contact on the West Suffolk Council web site.

### 4. **Planning**

4.1 DC/21/1793/FUL Planning application - change of use of part of dwelling (C3) to indoor swimming pool (F2(d)) Alkira House New Common Road Market Weston IP22 2PG

Market Weston Parish Council support the above application in principle, and recognise that there is support from a number of members of the parish. However, there are a number of concerns that need broader consideration:

1) Concerns are raised over the increase in traffic the operation brings to Common Road. This is a single-track 60 mph road, with no footpath or passing places. Walkers, horse riders and cyclist regularly use this road. Are there any measures that can be taken to reduce the risk to all road users?

3.) The documentation submitted is unclear. On page 18 of the planning statement it states '16 parking spaces are to be generated by the proposed development' on the accompanying plan only 10 spaces are shown. The Parish Council would like clarification of how many spaces are actually being proposed and subsequently provided.

3.) The neighbour has reported that the proposal has had an adverse impact on their amenity, lifestyle, mental health & well-being and enjoyment of their own property, The noise from vehicle movements across the gravel entrance, engine noise, car entertainment system noise, car doors noise (this could amount to 600 events per week) and vocal conversations of the users has been considerable. Could anything be done to mitigate the impact the proposal has on the neighbours? The latest plan has shown parking along the boundary hedge. Would it be possible to look again at the first proposal that shows parking away from the hedge and the neighbour's property to behind the pool building? Could the gravel entrance be replaced with a less noisy surface? Are there any other steps that could be taken to lessen the negative impact on the neighbours?

4.) The proposed operating hours of Waterlilies were not considered excessive. However, the Parish Council would like to see a condition put on that limits the operating hours to those shown on the application and a guarantee that these would not increase.

**5. Tree Wardens. To nominate a tree warden for the village.**

Following an appeal after the September meeting, Chris Hipkin has volunteered to be a Tree Warden for Market Weston.

**6. Date of next meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

7.1 Personnel Issues. None.

7.2 Legal Issues. None.