

MARKET WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Market Weston Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17th March at 7.00pm in Market Weston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Martin, A Hall, C Snelling, C.Cllr J Spicer & W.S Cllr C Bull.

Cllr Martin chaired the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllrs J Loden, P Freeman & D Fulcher

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. **Co-option of new Parish Councillor.**

4. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Thursday 20th January 2022 meeting was agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. **Meeting open to the public** no members of public present

A resident has asked, via a Councillor, about the, potential continued, use of the swimming pool in Common Road. The Parish Council brought this to the attention of Cllr Bull. Also the same resident reported that horses are still using the footpath, off New Common Road. We will check that the notice, that was put up there, is still in place.

Action Clerk

6. **Report from County Councillor:** Joanna Spicer

Unfortunately, due to the need for her to attend another meeting, Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting.

7. **Report from West Suffolk Councillor: C Bull**

The Parish Council Thanked Cllr Bull for the financial contribution towards the new fence at The Green. Cllr Bull has provided a link for those who wanted to support those effected by the current war in the Ukraine. A Council Tax rebate will be made this year to offset some of the increase people are seeing in their household bills. The Christmas event will be back this year in bury St Edmunds. Rather than a fayre there will be separate events happening over five nights.

8.1 **Chairman's Report**

8.1.1 To discuss completed works to millstone

Cllr Fulcher was unable to attend the meeting.

8.2 **Clerks Report**

8.2.1 Emergency Plan, update on progress.

This matter is still in hand.

8.2.1 Parish Council questionnaire, to discuss contents and distribution

A discussion was had and a number of suggestions were made to improve the document. The Clerk will work on this before circulating for approval prior to printing. The clerk will circulate some dates for delivery/collection to the Councillors for agreement.

Action Clerk

8.2.3 Recycling options for the village.

Following a request at the last meeting the Clerk looked at recycling options for the village. Unfortunately the options for recycling in the village are a bit limited. Proposed changes for waste collection would potentially lead away from glass banks. Regardless of this having a bottle bank in Market Weston would not be viable as Hopton is so near by and they have glass recycling banks there already. The same would apply for textiles, which is the main other recycling option. With the expense of the banks and servicing them it does mean that they have to be in locations where they are going to get regular use to make them viable.

9. Finance.

9.1 To consider payments. To include:

West Suffolk	Fence donation	£560.00
Various	Admin	£632.33

9.2 Bank reconciliation, schedule of payments and budget report

The Clerk provided an up to date bank reconciliation, a schedule of payments and a budget report.

9.3 To discuss arrangements for End of Year Accounts and internal review and audit.

The clerk has made arrangements to take the accounts to the internal auditor in April. Cllr Hall will carry out the internal Parish Council review.

10. Planning Matters to include any applications/decisions received since the agenda was posted.

The following was noted: Village Farm The Street Market Weston. Application to discharge conditions three (archaeological investigation) four (great crested newts licence) five (hedge protection access) and six (contamination site investigation) of DC/18/1683/FUL. Conditions Discharged

SCC Archaeology have confirmed that they have received and approved the historic building report. The condition can therefore be discharged.

The Landscape officer has confirmed that the submissions including further details submitted on request are acceptable to discharge the condition.

The Environment Team have reviewed the revised Phase 2 - Ground Investigation, reference 5768,GI/GROUND,JG,TP/25-01-22/V3 dated 25 January 2022 undertaken by Geosphere Environmental Ltd. The report addresses the previous comments of the Environment Team, and the recommendations now directly relate to the application area. There are no recommendations for specific remediation measures related to the application site, however, limited further testing in proposed garden areas is recommended in future garden areas following the demolition of existing buildings. A discovery strategy is also recommended.

11. The Green/Play area report

11.1 Continuing maintenance of The Green

The current arrangements for the upkeep of The Green seem to be working well. The Green has been rolled and some wildflowers are being sown.

11.2 New fencing and repairs to kissing gate, The Green, update.

This work is nearing completion. It was agreed that the bill would be paid, following agreement with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, if it were received before the next meeting.

11.3 To discuss memorial ideas for the late Guy Hatten.

The idea of a tree bench is still under discussion, we really need a full complement of Councillors before a decision can be made. It would be nice if the memorial is in place to be unveiled at the Jubilee event.

Action Clerk

12. VAS project.

Cllr Loden was unable to attend the meeting.

13. Queens Jubilee Event

To receive update for plans to celebrate the Queens Jubilee event.

The Village Hall are keen to arrange a 'bring your own picnic' event to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. They are having a meeting on the 29th March to discuss plans. They are potentially looking at having some fun events, with prizes. Cllr Hall will see if Tony Hood could provide some live music for the event. The Parish Council could make a financial contribution if required. The Clerk will check with Cllr Bull to see if funding is still available from West Suffolk. The possibility of planting a tree for the Queens Jubilee was discussed. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Sicon- a local charity who can provide and plant trees- to look for a suitable location on The Green. There is going to be a Festival of Suffolk torch relay around Suffolk for the Jubilee. They are coming through Market Weston on Monday 16th May. We can nominate someone to carry it through the village, this will be included in the Newsletter along with further details about the event.

14. Tree Warden report.

To receive an update from the Tree Warden.

There was no report this meeting.

15. Councillors reports and items for future agenda To include

15.1 Tree planting project, update from Cllr Hall

There was no report for this meeting. Cllr Hall asked that this matter remains as an agenda item.

15.2 Flooding issues, to receive update from Cllr Hall

Cllr Hall asked that this matter remains as an agenda meeting as it is something that needs to be part of a wider East Anglia plan.

16. Correspondence for information

None received.

17. Date of next meeting: 19th May 2022 Annual Parish meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting

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

18.1 Personnel Issues. None.

18.2 Legal Issues. None.