

Minutes of Market Overton Parish Council Meeting

Held in The Village Hall 6.30pm on Tuesday 3rd March 2020

2020/24	Present	Cllr. Williamson (Chairman), Cllr. Ellis, Cllr. P England, Cllr. Boyle, Cllr. Simon, Cllr. E England, Cllr. Robins. Parish Clerk	
2020/25	Apologies	None.	
2020/26	Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensations	None.	
2020/27	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 th January 2020.	These were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
2020/28	To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 11 th February 2020	These were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
2020/29	Matters arising from the previous meeting held 14 th January 2020	• Transfer of land to Parish Councils – Gordon Brown, Rutland County Council, is dealing with and will advise further in due course. • Grant application form – Cllr. Simon will complete this for approval.	
2020/30	Correspondence	• An anonymous letter to the Chairman questioning the interest he may have in a planning application recently discussed at the meeting held on 11th February 2020 – For clarification the Clerk outlined the differences between personal and pecuniary interests and the likely scenarios in which councillors would require dispensations. It was confirmed the Chairman had no Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the planning proposal 2020/0056/MAO and therefore did not require a dispensation. The Chairman had declared a personal interest as a neighbour to the site. All business was conducted in accordance with good councillor practice. The proceedings were therefore not conducted illegally as alleged in the anonymous letter. • Letter of thanks from Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Association for £100 donation. • Correspondence from Evergreens Ltd in response to Parish Council request to all industrial estate businesses that large vehicle do not use Bowling Green Lane to access the industrial estate -	

		Evergreens Ltd confirm that they have asked their drivers and delivery vehicles to avoid Bowling Green Lane in future. Evergreens were thanked for their positive response - Letter from Cottesmore Village Players requesting a grant towards the cost of installing new stage lighting in the village hall – it was agreed that CVP would be asked to complete a grant application form and provide 2 additional quotations (as per Financial Regulations) in order that the request can be properly considered. - Monthly crime statistics for Market Overton – it was agreed that Cllr. Ellis would contact P.C. Appleton for more information. - Letter from Community Heartbeat Trust regarding a new database of defibrillators being set up by the Ambulance Service – it was agreed that there were no objections to the defibrillator being recorded on the new database.	
2020/31	Clerk's Report	The need for maintenance and repair to the white fingerpost signs at each end of Main Street has been reported to RCC. The request coincides with a countywide program to improve and maintain these signs and will be dealt with in due course.	
2020/32	Community Speed Watch	Cllr. Boyle reported on the Community Speed Watch event he attended. It was confirmed that of the 14 villages expressing an interest in participating, only 5 would take part in the scheme this year. There will be an opportunity for Market Overton to reapply next year. It was agreed that Cllr. Boyle would contact RCC Highways again to discuss traffic issues. It was also agreed that a diary to record traffic incidents/near misses/speeding would be set up and advertised on the Market Overton Facebook page. This will seek to record general, non-personal details to better inform any requests to implement traffic calming/safety measures.	
2020/33	To approve Parish Council Funding form	This item is carried forward to the next meeting.	
2020/34	Village maintenance issues – verges and parking	Cllr. Boyle presented a report reviewing Market Overton village assets. It was agreed that protecting grass verges in key locations should be addressed. Cllr. Boyle agreed to contact RCC Highways to discuss what solutions may be available and appropriate.	

2020/35	Annual Parish Meeting	It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place at 7pm Thursday 7 th May.	
2020/36	Finance report and to authorise payments of accounts.	The current finance report and bank reconciliations were circulated and approved 2020/40 below. The following payments were approved: Rutland Neighbourhood Watch £100 Clerk's salary March £202.25	
2020/37	Planning	Applications received since the last meeting: 2020/0123/CAT The Old Hall, 25 Main Street. Fell to ground level 1 no. Betula Pendula. This is a mature tree which has been subject to pollarding in the past in an attempt to lessen damage from falling branches and the tree itself. It has been planted adjacent to a wall and there are serious concerns it will topple one day. Branches are still breaking and causing hazard and remaining growth is spindly and not vigorous. It is understood that a new tree will be planted to replace this. It is a hazard and should be felled provided a replacement is planted. 2020/0161/CAT 3 Bowling Green Lane. Fell 1 no. Silver birch and 1 no. Weeping Birch. The Silver Birch is leaning and causing an obstruction. The Weeping Birch appears to be healthy but planted in an inappropriate location. There are no objections to felling provided a suitable replacement is planted.	
2020/38	To consider planning application 2020/0194/ FUL. The Old School House, 1 Berrybushes. Rear extension/infill.	No objections.	
2020/39		The meeting closed at 7.50pm Next meeting Thursday 7th May 6pm	

The financial year is divided into six two-month periods.

CURRENT PERIOD: 5		
		Year to date:
INCOME		
Precept:	8,625.00	8,625.00
Grass Cutting:	980.00	883.26
Interest:		47.88
Allotment rent		735.00
Neighbourhood Plan:		5,092.00
TOTAL:	9,605.00	15,383.14
EXPENSES:		
Clerk's Salary:	2,650.00	2,680.15
Clerk's Expenses:	250.00	
Street Lights - electricity:	650.00	
Grass cutting:	1,100.00	1,590.00
Insurance:	500.00	513.26
Training:	300.00	280.00
Asset management	500.00	74.62
Audit:	100.00	50.00
Subscriptions:	285.00	200.58
Room hire:	60.00	35.00
Donations:		255.00
MOPA	350.00	
Village hall	500.00	732.00
Misc.:	500.00	
Election costs:	420.00	135.69
Allotments:	175.00	975.00
Website maintenance:	250.00	382.50
Payroll services:	60.00	56.00
Sundries:		302.55
VAT:		357.2
Tree works:		100.00
TOTAL:	8,650.00	8,719.55
OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	955.00	

Current a/c: at 1 Apr 2019:	117.28
Savings a/c: at 1 Apr 2019:	24,062.47
Adjustments:	
2019/20 opening balance:	24,179.75
Income to date:	15,383.14
Expenditure to date:	8,719.55
Surplus/deficit to date:	6663.59
Bank balance at period end:	30843.34