

Minutes of Market Overton Parish Annual Council Meeting

Via Zoom 6.30pm on Thursday 3rd September 2020

2020/76	Present	Cllr. Williamson (Chairman), Cllr. Ellis, Cllr. P England, Cllr. Boyle, Cllr. Robins, Cllr. E England, Cllr. Simon. Parish Clerk	
2020/77	Apologies	None.	
2020/78	Public participation	No members of the public present.	
2020/79	Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensations	Cllr. Williamson declared an interest in 2020/88 Local Plan due to the proximity of his property to land identified in the Local Plan.	
2020/80	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 nd July 2020.	These were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
2020/81	Matters arising from the previous meeting held 2 nd July 2020 not listed separately on the agenda	- Allotments – Cllr. Ellis confirmed that contact with Severn Trent regarding a survey to reinstate the allotment water supply is still awaited. - It was agreed that the clerk would write to Silverwood Farms to ask for them to consider a rent freeze for the allotments for this year.	LE
2020/82	Clerk's report and Correspondence	- Letter received from Coffee Connect – it was agreed that the offer to provide a coffee van to visit Market Overton, as a community building initiative, was not required. It was agreed to thank them for the offer but to decline it. - Housing Allocation Policy consultation – consultation on the amendments to this policy is now open. Cllr. Williamson agreed to review the document and make any comments as necessary.	
2020/83	Village tree-planting scheme – progress	It was agreed that Cllr. E England would liaise with the tree donor and Rutland County Council Forestry Officer for an update on progress with this scheme.	

2020/84	The Pinfold – overgrown hedges	Cllr. Williamson advised that he is due to meet with a representative from BIFFA on 4th September to discuss the grass cutting contract and to obtain a price for work to reduce the hedges in The Pinfold. It was confirmed that the RCC Forestry Officer is in agreement that the hedge around The Pinfold would benefit from being cut to a height of 4ft and the tree in the corner being retained. Cllr. E England and Cllr. Williamson agreed to discuss progress with the proposed information lectern.	AW/EE
2020/85	The Finches – removal of bushes and trees by RCC	Cllr. Williamson reported that leylandii trees have been felled and removed from The Finches by RCC. The stumps left by the trees have not been removed and RCC does not have the budget to complete this. Volunteers have agreed to remove the stumps; the cost of equipment hire will require funding. It was proposed that the Parish Council agree to fund the cost of equipment hire to complete the removal of the tree stumps, up to a maximum cost of £350 Proposed Cllr. Robins Seconded Cllr. Ellis All in favour. Cllr. Williamson will also approach BIFFA for a price to complete this work.	AW
2020/86	Grass cutting and verges	Cllr. Boyle confirmed that he is due to meet with Shaun Field, Highways Inspector RCC, on 7th September to discuss various issues (agenda previously circulated). It was agreed that Cllr. Williamson would speak with the landlord of the Black Bull regarding the area opposite the pub which is being used for storage and requires tidying up.	AW
2020/87	Neighbourhood Plan	The approval of the Local Plan is currently awaited to progress with the Neighbourhood Plan	
2020/88	Local Plan – current status	Statutory Regulation 19 Consultation on the Local Plan is now open (27 th August – 9 th October) for comment on the draft, and to consider if it meets the ‘test of soundness’.	

2020/89	Finance report and to authorise payments of account	The current finance report (2020/93) was circulated and approved. The following payments were approved: Clerk's salary July & August £202.25 x 2 Rutland Web £180.00 The Market Store £346.49 (shop camera) LRALC (training) £40.00	
2020/90	Parish Council financial reserves	The Parish Council currently holds a significant financial reserve. It was agreed that Parish Councillors would consider suitable projects on which the reserve could be spent and make proposals to the next meeting. The footpath running opposite the village hall is currently overgrown and difficult/dangerous to walk along. It was agreed that in the first instance the clerk would contact RCC Rights of Way Officer to request that improvements be made.	ALL Clerk

2020/91	Planning	Decisions received from RCC since the last meeting: 2020/0287/MAF Land to the east of Cottesmore Road. Erection of poultry building for rearing free-range hens (re-submission of 2019/0635/MAF). Granted 31/07/20 RCC 2020/0623/CAT The Hatchings, Bowling Green Lane 1 no. Red Leaf Maple - reduced in height by 3 metres and branches overhanging boundary wall to be reduced up to 2m. 2 no. Conifer Trees - reduced by 1.5 metres and branches overhanging the boundary wall to be reduced up to 1m. Granted 28/07/20 RCC 2020/0712/CAT 9 Main Street Fell 1 no. Acer tree. Granted 10/08/20 RCC 2020/0662/FUL 4 The Finches Single storey garden room extension to replace conservatory, single storey lean-to extension plus lean-to roof over existing garage, replacement and extension to porch. Granted 07/08/20 RCC 2020/0810/CAT The Hatchings, Bowling Green Lane Reduce 1 No. Silver birch by 3 metres in height & Crown reduction by 4 metres. Granted 02/09/20 RCC	
2020/92		The meeting closed at 8pm Next meeting Tuesday 3rd November 6.30pm	

Finances April 2020- March
2021

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

CURRENT PERIOD: 3			
INCOME	2020-21	Year to date:	
Precept:	8,520.00		8,520.00
Grass Cutting:	800.00		
Interest:			14.52
Allotment rent			20.00
Neighbourhood Plan:			
VAT;			358.60
TOTAL:			8,913.12
EXPENSES:			
Clerk's Salary:	3,200.00		1,162.85
Street lights - electricity:	700.00		
Grass cutting:	1,100.00		
Insurance:	525.00		531.80
Training:	300.00		160.00
Asset management	500.00		
Audit:	75.00		60.00
Subscriptions:	220.00		206.35
Room hire:	60.00		
Donations:	500.00		346.49
Village hall	500.00		
Misc.:			
Printing:	80.00		
Allotments:	200.00		
Website maintenance:	350.00		299.90
Payroll services:	60.00		
Sundries:	150		187.93
VAT:			46.58
NP:			781.91
Tree works:			
TOTAL:	8,520.00		3,783.81

OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:				-8,520.00
Current a/c: at 1 Apr 2020:	1,133.76			
Savings a/c: at 1 Apr 2020:	26,628.28			
Adjustments:	-253.19			
2020/21 opening balance:	27,508.85			
Income to date:	8,913.12			
Expenditure to date:	3,783.81			
Surplus/deficit to date:		5,129.31		
Bank balance at period end:		32,638.16	2020/93	