

Minutes of Market Overton Annual Parish Meeting

7.30pm on Thursday 5th May 2022

Market Overton Village Hall

APM1	Present & apologies	Cllr. Williamson (Chairman), Cllr. Ellis, Cllr. Simon, Cllr. Boyle, Cllr. England, Cllr. Lukacs-Winn, Cllr. Robins, Parish Clerk. 21 members of the public including speakers. Apologies: Alan & Lynn Lane, Dot Alexander, Laura Alcock	
APM2	To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 7 th May 2019	The minutes were summarised by the Chairman and approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Simon Seconded Cllr. Robins Matters arising: The Chairman commented that the idea to create a time capsule may be revisited to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year.	
APM3	Chairman's Annual Report 2019 - 2022	The Chairman referred to the annual report, as circulated to all households with the meeting agenda and invitation.	
APM4	Village shop	Bob Alcock reported that the village shop is struggling financially. The shop, though not for profit, must be profitable to be sustainable. Pre-Covid business levels were steady, and a significant upturn was seen during the Pandemic. Levels have now dropped significantly and although the shop holds a financial reserve this will only sustain the business until December. Ideas to increase business are being considered re-merchandising, advertising boards. Patrons of the shop were thanked for their custom and it was asked that residents please try and use the shop more and encourage others to do so, to ensure that this valuable community resource remains open.	

APM5	Proposed building development in Market Overton	The Chairman gave an overview of 2 potential planning applications for housing – Plot A Land North of Main Street, adjoining The Finches and The Limes for 30 houses and Plot Land between The Lodge Trust and Plot A for 8 houses (5 x 2 bedroom bungalow and 3 x 2 storey, 3- or 4-bedroom house). The latter application is expected in June 2022. The line of trees separating the two plots is protected by Tree Preservation Orders. The Market Overton Neighbourhood Plan outlines preferred house types and build materials. The proposed applications appear to meet these criteria. Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – the NP documents have been lodged with Rutland County Council, who confirm that they are complete, and no further alterations are required. The NP will be heard by the RCC Cabinet on 14th June and then progress to a six-week consultation. The NP will then pass to an inspector to ensure compliance with national regulations and then to a village referendum before coming into force.	
APM6	Community Policing	PC Laurie Appleton is seconded to Leicester in a recruitment role, PC Ben Orton is the new beat officer for Rutland. The Chairman read a brief crime statistics report. PC Orton hopes to visit Market Overton to introduce himself soon.	
APM7	Climate Change	Cllr. England reported that in 2021 Rutland County Council declared a Climate Crisis. This led to the formation of the Rutland Climate Action Network who have held regular meetings. On 7th April the first meeting for Market Overton took place with 30 attendees sharing ideas. A Facebook page Marko Eco, has been created to share ideas. A village litter pick will take place on Sunday 22nd May from 10am.	

APM8	AOB	• Mr & Mrs Lane requested that the derelict brick substation on the verge at the village boundary between The Lodge and the new poultry shed be removed. The Parish Council will enquire with RCC about this. • Platinum Jubilee Weekend – many events have been arranged and a timetable published. A church service will be held on 5th June. • Community Speed Watch – this is scheduled to take place 15th – 26th August at 6 locations. Volunteers to participate in the Speed Watch are required, training will take place on 10th August. • Allotments – it is not yet known whether the building of a new house on Silverwood Farms land will affect the allotments, but it is very much hoped that they will remain. It is believed that the location of a water supply to the allotments can be found, this will be investigated further. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.	
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