

Minutes of Market Overton Annual Parish Meeting

7.30pm on Thursday 29th May 2025

Market Overton Village Hall

APM1	Present & apologies	Cllr. Williamson (Chairman), Cllr. Birchall, Cllr. Ellis, Cllr. England, Cllr. Lukacs-Winn, Cllr. Robins, Parish Clerk. members of the public. Apologies: Laura Alcock, Allan Boyle.	
APM2	To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 9 th May 2024	The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Lukacs-Winn Seconded Cllr. Ellis	
APM3	Chairman's Annual Report 2024/25	The Chairman referred to the annual Parish Council report and accounts – attached below appendix 1 & 2.	
APM4	AOB	Market Overton Store provided a written report appendix 3 The meeting closed at 7.35 pm	

Appendix 1.

Parish Council Report 2025

The Local Plan

The Rutland Plan continues to rumble its way to fruition. Just recently there has been another call for site so possibly other sites may be put forward and accepted above those already approved. Of course, there is the ongoing possibility or probability that Rutland, as a county, may cease to exist in the near future and its overall operation be absorbed into either Leicestershire or South Kesteven. Still some way to go on this subject but it looks likely to happen.

The planning applications to build on the two fields situated north of Main Street are ongoing. The larger field sitting behind Walker Close has been submitted to the Government Inspector, the application being for 27 dwellings including affordable homes. The Government Inspector is scheduled to visit this site at the beginning of June 2025 after which he will consider his decision. This is expected to be given sometime in July/August. Rutland County Council have withdrawn their objection so it will be up to the Inspector to decide whether to accept the outline planning put forward or not. Once outline planning has been approved the number of dwellings may not be increased.

The second field which was rejected for development of 8 dwellings, we understand may be re-submitted with the number of dwellings reduced to five.

The Village Store

The village shop continues to struggle but huge attempts are being made to reduce overheads and maintain supplies; very difficult tasks in this current climate. A letter from the shop committee is attached which will give you more details. The generosity of donations to the Go Fund Me campaign have enabled the shop to have a lifeline in an emergency, and they have only had to dip in to this reserve once. It is also proposed to slightly reduce the opening hours to 8am-5pm from the existing 7.30am to 5.30pm.

Traffic Issues

Bowling Green Lane continues to be an area of concern for traffic and following advice from RCC Highways, the road was marked with white lines which are supposed to give the appearance of a narrower road, therefore reducing traffic speed. The value of this is somewhat open to question as there is no effective way to monitor it. Parking has also been reported as a problem on Main Street on the bend approaching Bowling Green Lane as well as at Ironstone Lane when flooding occurs and when large events are held at the Cricket Club. We have discussed these issues with the various responsible bodies and they are aware of the potential hazard and agreed to mitigate issues whenever possible.

Grass Cutting

We were advised that our previous grass cutting contractor would be withdrawing their services effective April 2024. After getting quotations from several contractors the contract was awarded to Glendale who, after a late start, managed to get the verges and green areas back into shape. We have continued with their services for 2025/26. Glendale also cut back the hedgerow surrounding the Pinfold area and we have added some planters and a waste bin to enable its continued enjoyment. At the beginning of the current cutting season there were a few areas which we considered had not been cut to a satisfactory standard and the contractor has taken note and corrected them.

Village tidiness

We installed a bin on Ironstone Lane, to enable dog walkers to deposit their waste, and a further bin at the Pinfold entrance.

The Parish Council also donated money to the restoration of the lychgate War memorial at the village Church. We have also approved a grant towards the renewal of parts of the Church roof to prevent further leaks.

Feast Weekend

Feast Weekend planning is well underway; details can be found in the current publication of Outreach magazine. The scarecrow trail will be featured again this year with additional events at the various clubs, church and The Black Bull.

Parish Council Finances

Attached is a summary of finances for the past year. We continue to maintain our reserve and also to help various local services as necessary. We have received monies from the building of new houses within the

village. All new buildings are subject to the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy), but we can only use it for certain village infrastructure.

Finally, I would like to extend my grateful thanks to my fellow councillors, our hard-working Parish Clerk and our two County Council representatives who have worked hard towards helping your Parish Council to keep our village an attractive and a good place to live.

Andy Williamson
Chair – Market Overton Parish Council

Appendix 2.

Parish Council Finance Summary 2024/25

Receipts: **£15,347.67**

Precept	£10,628.00
Grass cutting grant from RCC	£998.28
Interest	£292.28
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	£2,891.82
VAT refund	£537.29

Expenditure (exc. VAT): **£19,422.40**

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Employment costs	£5,666.00
Grass cutting (inc. Pinfold)	£3,873.00
Street lighting	£1,202.00
Insurance	£798.00
Administration - room hire, stationery, audit, subscriptions, bank charges, training	£1,162.00
Website & IT	£416.00
Defibrillator	£127.00
Donations: (£4,085)	
War memorial restoration	£2,000.00
Outlook – feast week	£85.00
PCC roof repairs	£1,000.00
Cricket Club defibrillator	£400.00
Prickleback Urchin Rescue	£300.00
Feast Weekend	£300.00
CIL:	
bins - Ironstone Lane & The Pinfold	£924.00
Road safety signs	£59.95
VAT (to be reclaimed)	£1,109.00

Closing balance **£9,406.63**



For The Community By the Community for 15 Years.

We wanted to keep you all updated on our progress and how we are trying to ensure our continued presence to be here for you.

We'd like to start by thanking all of our fabulous regular customers, your continued support to our village shop remains vital.

We set up our Go Fund me page just over a year ago now and we remain humbled by how much support we received. The shop performed well in the last few months of 2024, which provided some breathing space during the very quiet month of January, meaning we had at that point, NOT used the fund but we very much appreciated it being there as our safety net.

The running costs of the shop and lower sales than in previous years means we are still facing significant financial challenges. February, whilst usually quiet, was very slow this year and to ensure we met our running expenses on time the committee has had to use some of the funds to help protect the shop's cash flow. This is exactly what the fund was set up for to help in difficult times. Thank you once again.

Some of our equipment needs to be replaced as much of it is of course now 15 years old!. This will make the shop more energy efficient and cost effective. We are looking at grants and sponsorship to enable us to do this. If you can help or have any ideas, please let us know.

What an AMAZING village hall committee we have? They have supported us from day one. More recently, their ever-popular events have continued to raise much needed funds for us. They continue to donate very generously.

The shop could not run without its wonderful volunteers to whom we of course remain grateful for. There is always a great need for more help. Would you like to join the team? Could you spare a couple of hours one day per week? If you are interested, please contact the shop direct, pop in or email us.

We would also very much welcome anyone interested in joining the shop committee, no experience is required, just a few spare hours, a bit of energy and enthusiasm to help.

Our Service to The Community

Part of the service we have always provided is newspapers, lottery tickets, stamps and cigarettes! Did you know these purchases only provide a very small contribution to the running of the shop? Whilst we of course, fully intend to continue supplying these items, they do not allow the shop to meet its financial commitments on their own. Next time you are in maybe you could pop an additional item or two into your basket.

Ask about our weekly special offers or discounts. Keep an eye on our social media and the chalk board.

We are trying to offer an ordering service. This would provide easy access to our key supplier's range! Far more than we can stock with the space limitation we have. We will update you soon, but for now, we are hoping to be able to offer an ordering service from the below suppliers. Delivery days are shown, orders would need to be placed 48 hrs in advance:

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| • Hambleton Bakery | Wednesday's & Saturday's |
| • Bloomsbury Bakery | Tuesday to Saturday |
| • Farmer Lou | Wednesday's |
| • Grasmere | Tuesday's & Thursday's |

We have new lines in the shop from Kumar Curries and Clarkes of Queniborough (Award winning ready meals), along with regular local favourite's Grasmere, Farmer Lou, Rutland Honey, Ferneley's ice cream, Grainstore Brewery, Whissendine Flour, to name a few.

Did you know, if you live in the village and are unable to get to the shop, we would like to help! Please call us to place an order and we will deliver it to you.

Feast weekend –27th to 29th June

The shop will be open all-day **Saturday 28th**, where we will be offering an extensive plant sale, drinks and ice creams. Pop and see us and say hello!

Sunday 29th – Sally and Andy Stewart are opening their beautiful garden to visitors in the afternoon. Cakes and soft drinks will be available. All funds raised will go towards shop improvements.

General Information

The Market Store, Main Street, Market Overton, Rutland, LE15 7PL

Opening Hours

Mon-Fri 7.30am – 5.30pm*

Sat: 8.00am -1.00pm

Sun and Bank Holidays: 9.00am – 12 noon

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***We are currently considering altering our opening hours Monday to Friday 8am – 5pm. Should you feel, this would cause you inconvenience please could you inform us. This decision is based on an analysis of our sales made at these times, which**