

## MARKET WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Market Weston Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 7:30pm  
Via Zoom

**Present:** Cllrs: D Fulcher, J Loden, A Hall, M Martin, W.S Cllr Bull, C. Cllr J Spicer plus 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** None received

2. **Co-option of new councillor**

Cllr Jane French has decided to step down from her role as Parish Councillor.

3. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

3.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.

3.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests. None.

3.3 To grant dispensations as appropriate under Section 33 of the Localism Act. None.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 meeting were agreed and approved as a correct record

5. **Meeting open to the public**

Residents attended the meeting to discuss the outcome of the appeal made by the owners of Liberty House. The appeal was dismissed with the Inspectorate saying that condition 2 in relation to Change of Use should not be removed. As the 12 months temporary change of use, that had been granted, has come to an end the property will now revert to residential use. This means that if they want to continue to operate they would need to re-apply for change of use. If they continue to operate without change of use they will be unauthorised and this may mean if could be necessary for enforcement to be involved. It was asked if they could operate as an Air B& B or rent out on a short/long term basis. Cllr Bull will seek clarification on this. **Action Cllr Bull**

6. **Report from County Councillor:**

Cllr Spicer reported that SCC are putting in extra support for the second lockdown. Ixworth library is still open, not for browsing but for orders and internet access. The household waste sites are still open and operating a booking system. SCC has £228,000 from the Suffolk 2020 Fund to enhance its work to protect and encourage biodiversity in the county. The authority will do this through a number of new schemes, as well as building on existing work. Working with The Woodland Trust, Suffolk Tree Wardens, landowners, and county farm tenants, the funding will support the planting of around 100,000 trees, including replanting hedgerows in suitable locations across Suffolk over the next 18 months. As discussed at previous meeting the Parish Council was discussing the possibility of planting some trees in the village. Cllr Hall is happy to head up this initiative and will work with Cllr Spicer, Cllr Martin and the Clerk to discuss options and potential sites. **Action Cllr Hall/Spicer/Martin/Clerk**

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

Cllr Bull reported that the bins will still be collected and that advice would be coming out advising people of what should and should not be put in the blue bin. There has been a lot of contamination recently, especially with glass being put, incorrectly, in the blue bin. People are being asked to make comments on the West Suffolk Local Plan consultation currently taking place. Cllr Bull will provide some posters, giving information on how to take part, for the Clerk to put up. West Suffolk are working with the homeless to give them somewhere to stay over the winter. Interest has been expressed in land for sale between Hepworth and Market Weston for use as a solar farm. It is still very early in the process and if the land were suitable, a whole planning process would follow.

## **8. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had no report to make.

## **9. Clerks Report**

### 9.1 Website accessibility update.

The Clerk has done some work to ensure we are compliant with the new accessibility laws that came in to force in September.

### 9.2 Parish Forum, brief update.

The Clerk attended the recent teams Parish Forum. Ian Gallin gave a report on the work West Suffolk has been doing to support business and communities during the pandemic. Home but not alone has been re-activated since going in to the latest lockdown. There was a discussion about how the tax base has been impacted by Covid 19. West Suffolk have seen an increase in people asking for a council tax discount and a loss of revenue from people going bankrupt and entering into IVA's. A presentation on the local Health and Wellbeing picture across our communities was given. They reported that by 2028 there would be an increase of 504, over 65 year old patients for each GP practice. Concerns were expressed about the fact that there is only one manufacture of the pneumonia vaccine and that many practices do not receive the amount of vaccine they order. Louise Carsen, Census Engagement Manager gave a brief overview of Census 2021 preparations.

### 9.3 Update on planning training.

The Clerk has now had four session on planning and has taken away something from each session. She is attending, a free, webinar on West Suffolk's local plan tomorrow. Market Weston are not directly affected by the sites allocations and options consultation. Market Weston is allocated as a type B village; this is the old infill or secondary village category. The definition being: One or more sustainability indicators. These settlements have a very limited range of or no services and poor accessibility to public transport. It is likely that residents will rely on the private car to travel to meet their day-to-day needs. The village will have a settlement boundary to allow limited infill development, but no sites will be allocated through the local plan.

### 9.4 Government White paper on the future of planning

The Clerk submitted a response to the above consultation. The Parish Council do not support the proposal for a change to planning zones in its current form and would not support the suggestion to remove and or alter S106 agreements as this could have a detrimental effect on facilities, including affordable housing, that can be gained through development. A copy of the full submission is available on request from the Clerk.

### 9.5 Antisocial behaviour webinar report

The Clerk attended SALC Virtual event with guests from Suffolk Constabulary. There was some interesting information shared about First Principle, which gives advice on different crime prevention. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

## **10. Finance**

### 10.1 To consider payments. To include:

Admin		£605.52
Disssigns	The Green	£68.40
Royal British Legion	S137	£50.00
ICO	subscription	£40.00

### 10.2 Bank reconciliation

The Clerk provided the Councillors with an up to date bank reconciliation

### 10.3 Budget 2021/22

The budget for next year was discussed. The Councillors agreed that they would need more information on the impact a rise in the precept would have on the parish before a decision could be made. The Clerk will provide this information so an informed decision can be made.

**Action Clerk/All**

## 11. Planning Matters

11.1 Liberty House, appeal outcome.

See report under item 5

11.2 DC/20/1895/HH 1 Hepworth Road Market Weston, Householder planning application - a. front porch b. two storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage and flat roof extension) c. single storey rear extension d. detached double garage e. new vehicular access and driveway. **No objections raised.**

11.3 DC/20/1752/FUL Proposed Conversion Of Units 1 And 2 Dovecote Farm, Hepworth Road Thelnetham. Conversion of agricultural buildings to 1no. dwelling with interconnecting hall (Class C3) and associated works. The Parish Council did not consider this to be in their area but would **raise no objections.** Cllr Bull will check to see that this was sent to the correct parish.

**Action Cllr Bull**

11.4 DC/20/1654/HH | Householder planning application - Shed and office building (following demolition of existing outbuilding) | Post Office Yard, The Old Post Office Church Road Market Weston IP22 2NX **No objections raised**

11.5 DC/20/1309/HH Single storey side extension. Applegate Ponds End Lane Market Weston. Permission **granted** by West Suffolk Council.

## 12. Play area report

12.1 To confirm erection of permanent signage

Cllr Fulcher has put up the permanent Covid information signs at both entrances to the play area.

12.1 To discuss repairs required to the Millstone.

Concerns have been raised about the safety of the bands around the Millstone.

Arrangements to remove the stainless steel bands as soon as possible have been made. They will be cleaned up and replaced.

Guy Hatten has been in touch to say that due to recent events he has not been able to do much work on the Green and that he will not be help as much as usual at the moment. The nest boxes need to be taken down for cleaning and winter protection. Mr Hatten would be happy to show us how the boxes are attached to the trees; otherwise as the trees grow they will force the boxes off so they fall onto the ground. Cllrs Hall and Fulcher will help with jobs on the Green. Cllr Fulcher will contact Mr Hatten to make arrangements.

**Action Cllrs Hall/Fulcher**

A new monthly rota will be drawn up.

**Action Clerk**

## 13. SCC tree planting initiative.

See under item 6.

## **14. Councillors Roles**

14.1 The Councillors agreed the following roles within the Parish Council

Chair: Cllr Fulcher

Vice chair: Cllr Martin

Social media: Cllr Loden

Footpaths: Cllr Fulcher

Trees: Cllr Hall

Roads, potholes etc.: Cllr Fulcher

Defibrillator: Cllr Fulcher

Village Hall: Cllr Martin

Community assets: Cllr Fulcher

The Green: Cllr Fulcher & Cllr Hall

Community and safety: Cllr Hall

Play area: All

## **15 Review of policies and documents**

The Clerk has prepared some updated standing and financial standing orders for consideration and adoption. These will be considered and if agreed adopted at the next meeting. **Action All**

## **16. Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

There are a number of low hanging branches with fruits and berries on, coming down almost to the ground, on The Green. There are concerns that these should not be eaten and may a temptation to young children. Cllr Hall and Cllr Fulcher will look at this when the visit The Green.

**Action Cllrs Hall/Fulcher**

## **17. Correspondence for information**

None received

**18. Date of next meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

## **19. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:**

19.1 Personnel Issues. None

19.2 Legal Issues. None