

MARKET WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Market Weston Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2024 at 7.00pm in Market Weston Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: M Martin, P freeman, P, Barham & D Fulcher

1. Co-option of new Parish Councillor

No candidates present.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted by the councillors, from Cllr A Hall.

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 The Green

To discuss options for continued maintenance and the potential purchase of a mower for The Green.

Currently we are using a loan mower, to cut The Green, until our mower has been repaired.

Unfortunately, whilst it is on loan, only Cllr Fulcher can use it. However, if we purchase the loan mower other members of the team can also use it, this will mean the workload can again be shared. The option of employing a contractor to carry out the grass cutting was discussed. However, this would potentially cost in the region of £4,000 per year and it was felt that as we currently have a willing team of volunteers that it would be more cost effective to continue cutting the grass ourselves at this time. Following discussion, it was agreed to purchase the loan mower at a cost of £1,250. We will continue to press to have our mower repaired as soon as possible. Once we have our mower returned, we can then either sell the purchased loan mower or consider having two machines. It was agreed that we need to continue to increase funds in The Green budget for either a new replacement mower in the future or to fund the hire of a contractor, we also need to ensure that we include a budget for associated costs, such a fuel. These factors will be taken into account when we are discussing the budget later in the year.

5. Date of next meeting: Thursday 18th July 2024 7pm

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

6.1 Personnel Issues. None.

6.2 Legal Issues. None.