

MARKET WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Market Weston Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 20th January 2022 7.00pm in Market Weston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Martin, P Freeman, C Snelling, C.Cllr J Spicer & W.S Cllr C Bull.

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllrs J Loden, A Hall & D Fulcher

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

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

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

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

3. **Co-option of new Parish Councillor.**

4. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Thursday 18th November and Tuesday 29th November 2021 meetings were agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. **Meeting open to the public** None present

6. **Report from County Councillor:** Joanna Spicer

Cllr Spicer is happy to have a meeting in the village to discuss any issues with flooding. We are aware that Cllr Hall has this matter in hand and will wait for him to organise this if he feels it is appropriate. It was noted that a speed counter has gone down in New Common Road. Cllr Spicer was unaware of this and did not think it was a Suffolk County Council initiative, she will investigate this with officers at SCC. **Action Cllr Spicer**

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

Cllr Bull is happy to make a financial contribution toward the new fence at The Green. The Clerk will provide Cllr Bull with further information to process the request. **Action Clerk**

There are going to be some changes to waste collection in the future with weekly kitchen food waste and kerbside glass collections due to start. The glass collection will potentially have a negative effect on those organisations who currently benefit from having bottle banks on the land.

8.1 **Chairman's Report**

8.1.1 To discuss completed works to millstone
Cllr Fulcher was unable to attend the meeting.

8.2 **Clerks Report**

8.2.1 To discuss arrangements for notification of meetings

Regretfully it is not possible to invite, personally, everyone who may have an interest in items on the agenda for discussion at Parish Council meetings. The agenda is posted on both the noticeboard and the Parish Council website well in advance of the meeting. The onus is on those who may have a matter to discuss to keep abreast of meeting times. A schedule of meetings has been put on the noticeboard and is available on the website. However, residents need to be aware that, due to the reduced number of Councillors the Parish Council currently has, it is sometimes not possible to be quorate and meetings dates may need to change at short notice. This information will however always be available on the website or by direct contact with the Clerk. It was proposed to include information, in a newsletter, about how to contact the parish council and to make it clear that all residents are welcome to attend meetings, even if they have no matters to raise. Attending a Parish Council meeting is a good way to find out what is going on in the village and the Parish Council would like everyone to know that they are always welcome to attend. **Action Clerk**

8.2.2 Emergency Plan, update on progress.

This matter is still in hand.

8.2.3 Parish Council questionnaire/newsletter. See item 8.2 this matter is still in hand.

Action Clerk

9. Finance.

9.1 To consider payments.

The following accounts were approved for payment

Countryside supplies ltd	The Green	£1,031.26
Various	Office	£573.16
community heartbeat trust	Defibrillator	£151.20

9.2 Bank reconciliation, schedule of payments and budget report

The clerk provided an up to date bank reconciliation, a schedule of payments and a budget report.

10. Planning Matters to include any applications/decisions received since the agenda was posted.

10.1 To include any update DC/21/1793/Ful Alkira Swimming pool, New Common Road.

West Suffolk council has refused the application on the following grounds: The access to this site is located off a single-track road (with no footpath) with a 60mph speed limit. Sufficient visibility has not been evidenced given the intensification of the use of the access that would occur as a result of the proposal. The proposal has failed to evidence that a safe access for all users can be secured and therefore the proposal fails to maintain or enhance the safety of the highway network, contrary to policy DM2 and DM5 of the Joint Development Management Policies Document 2015 and para 111 of the NPPF.

11. The Green/Play area report

11.1 Continuing maintenance of The Green. Work on The Green has slowed down over the colder months.

11.2 New fencing and repairs to kissing gate, The Green, update.

Items to carry out the repairs/replacement fence for The Green has been purchased. There is some confusion over the labour costs of the work. The Clerk will look in to this. **Action Clerk**

11.3 To discuss memorial ideas for the late Guy Hatten.

This item will be included for discussion at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

12. VAS project. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Queens Jubilee Event

To discuss ideas to celebrate the Queen Jubilee in 2022

We have been informed of the need to notify West Suffolk if roads need to be closed to facilitate a Queens Jubilee event. It was felt unlikely that this would be the case in Market Weston. Cllr Martin will speak to the Village Hall committee about any arrangements they are making to mark the jubilee and make them aware of the deadline for road closure applications if one is required.

Action Clerk

14. Tree Warden Report.

To receive an update from the Tree Warden

The tree warden reported that there is not much activity on the tree front at the moment. At the time of writing there are still some trees available, which can safely be planted up to mid-March, provided the ground conditions are suitable. The planting period can of course be delayed indefinitely if the trees are planted in pots or containers, but adequate watering is paramount. At the outset, the warden stated that the trees are growing in 'plugs' and that the plants are relatively small, particularly the wild cherry but this is not to their detriment, as the roots are all important. As we are aware that this is Jubilee Year and therefore provides an opportunity for those planting trees this year to have them registered on-line for the 'Queens Green Canopy'. Further trees are likely to be available next autumn.

15. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

To include

15.1 Tree planting project, update from Cllr Hall. Postponed.

15.2 Flooding issues, to receive update from Cllr Hall. Postponed

15.3 Cllr Snelling asked that we investigate options for recycling in the village. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

15.4 Cllr Freeman raised concerns about the condition of the Old Bury Road, byway, particularly the deep ruts. The Clerk will report these concerns to the Rights of Way Officer. **Action Clerk**

15.5 The Clerk is going to be offered a subscription to Parishonline at a reduced rate. This is a helpful mapping app. On receipt of the offer, the Clerk will share this with the Councillors, and if it is felt cost effective, we will sign up for the service. **Action Clerk**

16. Correspondence for information

16.1 interim review of community governance arrangements for parish and town councils, West Suffolk Council. Noted.

16.2 Letter of thanks from Market Weston Village Hall for the Parish Council donation. Noted.

16.3 West Suffolk Forum information, circulated.

16.4 West Suffolk Omnicom grant information. Circulated.

17. Date of next meeting: 17th March 2022

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

18.1 Personnel Issues. None.

18.2 Legal Issues. None.