

Minutes of Marston Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2019

The meeting opened at 18:55

**Present**:

Parish Cllrs; Chairman M Potts (MP), Phil Carter (PhC), Amanda Nixon (AN), Dave Collier (DC), Warren Davies (WD) and Chris Anthwal (CA)

Ward Cllrs; Norman Wright (NW), Phil Marshall (PM)

Clerk; Caroline Constable (CC)

**Apologies**:

Apologies were received from Parish Cllr; and Iain Stead (IS) and Ward Cllr; Lynn Gibbon (LG),

Apologies were accepted

**Declarations of interest:**

Cllr AN expressed an interest in the Planning Application 19/03965/FUL as she has done work for the applicant and will potentially work for him again. She will abstain from any discussions.

**Dispensations:**

There were no dispensations

**Public Forum:**

There were no members of the public present.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the parish council meeting of 09/10/19 were agreed and approved.

**Actions from previous meeting:**

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| Action | Assigned to | Actioned |
| Cash Monies/Send Cheques | CC | √ |
| Investigate importing pc emails into gmail | CC | Will do next month |
| Write notice for MM re Keep fit in hall & contact PT | WD | To be done |
| Ask Vicar about the Church Hall Key | WD | To be done |
| Clerk to sign up to SLCC membership | CC | Will do next month |
| Look into funds for bridge (Urban Village) & contact cw&c regards establishing a public right of way (forebrook bridge) | LG | LG not at meeting |
| Contact cw&c regarding Hall Drive, Bus stop opposite Hall Drive, Hedges/steps between Fernlea Road and Mere Road | LG/NW/PM | PM stated that LG has contacted someone about the bus shelter but no further info. PM to chase |
| Winnington bridge – update on funding | LG | LG not at meeting |
| Advertise Christmas Singing Evening 13/12/19 in MM | WD | √ date to be changed to 15/12 as hall now booked out. Afternoon tea will also be provided |
| Contact farmer re positioning of LPG tank in car park | CC | √ letter sent and CC & CA visited and left plans, no further word from farmer. CC to write again stating that if we haven’t heard within 2 weeks we will assume he is happy for us to continue |
| Research and Objection to planning application 19/03509/LDC | CA/CC | √ objection sent |
| Add MM to next month’s Agenda | CC | Separate meeting to be had to discuss in detail – yet to be arranged |
| Repair of Cenotaph | CC | 2 contractors contacted but no responses. See notes in 3.h |
| Contact Royal British Legion regarding Remembrance Sunday service | CC | √ CC had a telephone conversation with Tony Vickers after PC made plans. He has complained to NW. MP to write to apologise & explain circumstances |
| Article for MM for Remembrance Sunday service | WD/CC | √ |
| Arrange a meeting with MaRCH | CC | √ |
| Chase up Wincham PC re Neighbourhood Plan | CC | √ next meeting 27/11 – public to be invited |
| Contact companies/trades people to progress central heating | CC | On going |
| Financial Standing Orders document for sign off | CC | √ |
| Post Enforcement Policy Consultation document | CC | √ |

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|  | Agenda Point | Assigned to.. |
| **1** | **Parish Cllr Reports**Cllr DC – looked into using Community Service organisation to help with jobs around the hall (painting etc). Free service. Clerk to contact for informationEnquired about the planting of the bulbs donated by CW&C. It was agreed to plant the bulbs within the church yard after coffee morning of 26/11Cllr WD – requested that an items be added to next agenda – Marston Industrial Estate, Traffic SurveyCllr MP – raised the issue of Eaton Farm (corner Dark Lane and Marston Lane) dangerous brick wall and barns. Clerk advised that she has now sent 2 emails to building control at CW&C but has had no response. Ward Cllr PM to look intoCllr CA – asked Ward Cllrs whether the industrialisation of any area needs any special planning application or re-zoning (with reference to the recent planning application for commercial units by Northwich Metals). Clerk advised that areas for industrialisation/commercialisation needed to be rezoned. This had been added to the objection that MPC submitted. Ward Cllrs confirmed that rezoning would be required but they were certain that such rezoning would not be permitted within the conservation area.Clerk also queried with Ward Cllrs as to why the PC were not informed of every planning application within the village. They stated that we should be informed. Advised to contact Fiona Hore. Clerk to contactCllr CA – also advised of number of HGV’s using Ollershaw Lane, item will be added to next agenda. Article will be added to MM asking residents to continue monitoring | CCALLCCPMCCCCWD |
| **2** | **Ward Cllr Reports**Ward Cllr NW – congratulated everyone on outcome of Tour&Store application – temporary use granted for 12 months, all conditions that were requested were added to approval – hours of use, none use of The Avenue, lighting and noise. They also have to provide a foul sewerage report before they can continue operation. Clerk questioned when the 12 months will end and how it would be monitored. Ward Cllr PM advised Enforcement will monitor and that approval will only start once the foul sewerage survey has been provided. Clerk questioned this as the time frame could then exceed 12 months from now. Advised that that was just how the system worked.Ward Cllr NW also advised that PC had been awarded £1000 towards the cost of central heating for the hall. Cllr’s expressed gratitude. Work will commence once farmer approves use of land for storage tank.Ward Cllr NW also advised that planning application for change of use of land at Crystal Cottage and 4 commercial units at Northwich Metals had been called in to committee.Ward Cllr PM advised that the 2020-2024 Council Plan was still available for comment.Ward Cllr’s left the meeting at 19:53 |  |
| **3** | **Progress Reports**1. Ceiling/Roof in Hall

Clerk to contact Great Budworth Heating1. Lobbying of Canal & River Trust re allotments

No update on this matter - to be removed from agenda1. Printer Cupboard

the joiner now has the materials and plans. Cllr WD to purchase printer for Jan 20201. Alteration of Noticeboard for LSW

noticeboard in process of being adjusted. Cllr DC contacted LSW but no one accepts responsibility of agreeing to siting of the noticeboard. Clerk is to contact Kate Harland1. Central Heating

Clerk and Cllr CA visited farmer and talked to his sister, leaving plans for agreement. No further contact. Clerk will contact farmer again1. Neighbourhood Plan

First meeting 15/10 attended by 4 from MPC and 2 from Wincham PC, business plan and questionnaire being worked on. Next meeting arranged for 27/11. Public to be invited. Article to be placed in MM asking for volunteers, without whom the progression of the plan will be slow1. Forgebrook Bridge

No further information. To be removed from agenda1. Cenotaph Repair

Clerk unable to get any contractor to facilitate repair. Visitors to hall on Remembrance Sunday who have a relative buried here expressed an interest in helping out. They expressed opinion that due to the fact that 2 soldiers who perished in WWI are buried in the Church Yard the cenotaph has specific special importance. They asked for confirmation to do the following:* Apply to war graves commission for a sign
* Apply for memorial protection – so that the site remains safe and intact
* Contact the imperial war museum to facilitate repairs

Cllr’s welcomed their involvement and accepted their kind offers of help. Cllr MP to contact1. Bus Stop at Higher Marston

More residents have complained about the state of the bus stop. Cllr MP visited and noted that the majority of users were elderly. Water collects along the gutters and splashed onto the pavement when vehicles went past, this often drenches the people waiting. Panels on the shelter are being pushed out by the overgrown hedgerow and weeds. Residents report that the bus (from Warrington) is often late by as much as 45 minutes.Whilst Ward Cllr PM is looking into how far Ward Cllr LG got with this issue Clerk is to make another complaint and ask for a new bus shelter with seats so that users can at least sit down whilst waiting. Clerk will also contact the bus service about why it is so often late. | CCCCWDCCCCWDCCMPCCCC |
| **4** | **Finance**1. To sign off changes to financial regulations – agreed and signed
2. Budget discussed – clerk advised reducing the precept due to current bank balance.

Current projects for repair/maintenance discussed and their potential cost:* 1. Store cupboard – in need of a new roof, tying in of walls, pointing and insulating, cost estimated at £5000
	2. Car Park – last quote for tarmacking the front of the hall and placing a disabled parking space at around £2700
	3. Roof – unsure of cost of repair but could easily be in excess of £10000.

It was therefore agreed to keep the precept at £12000 so that some if not all of these repairs could be done before the end of 2020Clerk will adjust the budget and present for signing off at Jan 2020 meeting***Invoices received & cheques created*:** 1. Clerks Purchases and Expenses - £ 98.06

Including remembrance wreath £21.90Clerks Salary 25.75 hours @ £15ph - £386.25Total payable £ 484.31 Chq no. 12171. Williams design and print – printing of newsletter – November - £120 chq no. 1216

***Rent received*** *(via Cllr CA):* 1. Peter Higgins – band - £2.50 for booking fee
2. Mark – Band 10/10 & 7/11 owed £34 paid £40
3. Kevin - Harley&Dutch – 15/10, 22/10, 29/10, 5/11 £93.90
4. Jackie – Feathers – 2/11 £42.50
5. Brendan McCarth – 27/10 £21.25
6. Melanie Barnett - £2.50 booking fee

***Invoices received from Cleaner***4 weeks (13/10 – 3/11) £40***Invoices received from Bookings agent***4 weeks (13/10 – 3/11) £40Cheque for £80 created for Cllr Anthwal chq no 1218 | CC |
| **5** | **Correspondence**1. Scottish Power – confirmation of setting up of fixed plan until 31/10/21
2. CW&C – Final demand for part payment of recharge May election – payment sent after last meeting 9/10/19
3. Planning Consultation 19/03272/FUL – Pond adjacent to Harris Gas Ollershaw Lane – Erection of deer/otter fence – objection already submitted as closing date for comments 5/11/19
4. Planning application decision – 19/02819/FUL – Erection of cattle shed – Refused
5. Planning Consultation – 19/03636/FUL - Northwich Metals Ollershaw Lane – Erection of 4 units in 2 pairs with use class B2 – objection already submitted as closing date for comments 8/11/19
6. Planning Consultation – 19/03798/FUL - Northwich Metals Ollershaw Lane – New Office and workshop building – as workshop to include a bathroom when there is no foul sewerage on site Cllrs CA & WD to look into and prepare objection/comments as necessary
7. Planning Consultation – 19/03871/FUL – Tour&Store Ollershaw Lane – New Office and workshop building - as workshop to include a bathroom when there is no foul sewerage on site Cllrs CA & WD to look into and prepare objection/comments as necessary
8. Planning Consultation 19/02174/FUL – Murmansk – erection of one dwelling (replacement) – decision – Approved
9. Email from resident – dog fouling outside homes on Ollershaw Lane – Cllr’s discussed and agreed that dog fouling is still a big issue within the village. Cllr MP hands out poop bags whenever she sees someone clearing up after their dog/s. An article is to be placed in MM asking residents to be more thoughtful and clear up after their animals.
10. Cllr MP asked clerk to obtain more poop bags. Clerk will contact dog warden
11. National Community Energy Campaign

Cllr DC has had involvement in this type of scheme when he worked at Manchester City Council. He advises against getting involved as it is a lot of work and the companies generally push all of the work onto residents. Cllr’s agreed to abstain from involvement1. CW&C Democratic Services – notice for election 12/12/19 – use of hall – Cllr PhC to open and close up the hall.

Cllr CA to provide further heaters1. Arts tickets from Manchester Airport – agreed not to request
2. Email from resident regarding Planning Consultation 19/03272/FUL – Pond adjacent to Harris Gas Ollershaw Lane – Erection of deer/otter fence – Clerk to respond with thanks for involvement
3. Scottish Power – start date for new tariff notification – 1/11/19
4. Planning Consultation 19/03965/FUL – Crystal Cottage Ollershaw Lane – Erection of detached garage and playroom – Cllr’s questioned fact that applicant claims building will not be seen from public place when in fact it will be seen from the bridge on Ollershaw Lane and the tow path. Cllr’s also questioned it’s height as with a playroom above it will be a 2 storey building. Cllr’s CA & WD to look at application and write objection/comment as necessary
5. Planning Consultation Decision – 19/03535/FUL – 76 Ollershaw Lane – Single Storey Extension - Approved
 | CA/WDCA/WDWDCCPhCCACCCA/WD |
| **6** | **Completion of Enforcement Policy Consultation**Item added in error |  |
| **7** | **Any other business**No other business |  |

Confirmed date of next meeting, 8/1/2020

Meeting closed at 21:11

Abbreviations: pc (parish council), cllr (councilor), cllrs’ (councillors’), cllr’s (councillor’s), CW&C (Cheshire West and Chester), MM (Marston Murmurs), MPC (Marston Parish Council