

Minutes of Marston Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2021

A full COVID-19 Risk Assessment was conducted by the clerk and Cllr PC. All handles, switches and surfaces where disinfected and seating placed 2 metres apart.

The meeting opened at 18:55

**Present**:

Parish Cllrs; Chairman M Potts (MP), Phil Carter (PhC), Amanda Nixon (AN), Angela Johnson (AJ), Ian Stanley (IS), Julie Ledger (JL) and Dave Collier (DC)

Ward Cllrs: Norman Wright (NW)

Clerk: Caroline Constable (CC)

**Apologies**:

Apologies received from Wd Cllrs Lynn Gibbon (LG) and Phil Marshall (PM)

**Declarations of interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

**Dispensations:**

There were no dispensations

**Public Forum:**

Two members of the public were present; residents Ralph Warburton and Tony Rigby. Tony and Ralph have been in contact with CW&C regarding the use of Ollershaw Lane by increasing numbers of lorries and HGVs. Tony has been in contact with Wd Cllr LG who is happy to support any attempt to get changes made to the road. Steven Bentley has also been contacted but his response is that there is no money for any traffic calming measures.

Tony stated that he believes Ollershaw Lane is being used as a short cut as they are unable to use Chapel Street in Wincham due to a 7.5t weight restriction (residential reasons). Tony does not understand why a weight limit cannot be added to Ollershaw Lane. Ralph and Tony would like a meeting with ward cllrs and highways to discuss the following points:

* Review signage from A559 down onto Ollershaw Lane to show that there are weight restrictions on Chapel Street
* 7.5t weight restriction signs on both sides of the village (New Warrington Road & Marston Lane)
* Speed indicator device
* Involve the road safety team
* White lines on road need renewing

Wd Cllr NW suggests arranging a meeting between residents, PC, Wrd Cllrs, Andy Hammon, Jamie Barron & Jamie Mathews. Clerk to arrange

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the parish council meeting of 09/06/2021 were agreed and approved.

**Actions from previous meeting:**

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|  | Agenda Point | Assigned to.. |
| **1** | **Parish Cllr Reports**  Cllr IS – stated that whilst walking down Ollershaw Lane the last semi-detached property before the old rectory seems to be building an extension on the side of their property and as far as he knows no planning application has been made. Clerk will check it out.  Cllr AN – has been asked whether an area can be added as a community asset, like we did for the Salt Barge, and how would it be done. Clerk advised that she is uncertain whether an area can be deemed a community asset but that all that was done for the salt barge was the filling in of a form. Cllr AN to relay this to resident  Cllr MP – resident of Marston Lane has enquired as to whether we can get the 50 speed limit on Marston Lane reduced as they have concerns over a concealed driveway. Clerk to contact Jamie Barron & Jamie Mathews.  Cllr MP has also reported the damaged manhole cover in the pavement opposite the Church Hall  Cllr JL – asked who to contact to get the gulleys along the roads in Higher Marston cleared, clerk advised her to make a report to CW&C  Cllr AN – looking to the gardening competition, the selection will need to be done soon. Volunteers as follows to do the first list of candidates:  IS – cover Marston Lane, Earles Lane, Dark Lane  JL & AJ – Higher Marston  AN & CC – lower Marston  MP will then make the final judgements | CC  AN  CC |
| **2** | **Ward Cllr Reports**  Wd Cllr NW – advised that Comberbach post office is closing as may Barnton at some point in the future. Also advised that Wrd Cllrs will be meeting with Ester McVey MP to discuss the future of Winnington bridge, the options are a bypass through Weaverham or a double bridge. In the interim Wrd Cllrs would like a weight limit adding to the bridge to expand its life.  Clerk advised that she has received an update from Wrd Cllr LG – advising that Tingdene’s application to demolish the café building on Chapel Street, Wincham is being refused. Clerk had checked the online portal but it had not yet been updated. |  |
| **3** | **Progress Reports**   1. Heritage Signpost   Clerk apologised but she had forgotten to check the budget to see whether the restoration could be afforded. She will do so asap and then contact the contractor   1. Cenotaph Repair   Contractor still not been nor responded to email. Clerk to chase again   1. Pickmere Working Group   Cllrs JL & AJ attended the last meeting. They advised that the landowners were amenable to trying to sort the issues out and that along with the distribution of cones to residents that the situation would be monitored. A further meeting has been scheduled for 20/9/21. The main focus was on putting up appropriate signage and temporary fencing around the jetty. The chair of Pickmere pc was keen to highlight the necessity of educating people in the responsible use of the lake and area. Mr Lloyd one of the land owners was reluctant to put fencing up and has no objection to the use of the area but wished people would just clear away their rubbish. The police stated that there was not much that they could do as the land was private   1. HourGlass Charity   Allison from Hourglass attended a coffee morning but unfortunately there were not many residents present. She left brochures on what they do:   * They provide support for tackling the abuse of older people, whether it be financial, psychological, sexual, physical, domestic abuse or neglect. They have a freephone helpline (clerk to add details to MM) as well as live online messaging services. Allison will attend again when numbers increase | CC  CC |
| **4** | **Weight Limit for Ollershaw Lane**  As per statement from Tony Rigby during Public Forum clerk to email Wrd Cllrs, Andy Hammon, Jamie Barron & Jamie Mathews to arrange a meeting to discuss the current situation | CC |
| **5** | **Finance**  ***2020-2021 AGAR Audit***  Internal audit now competing, accounts can now be displayed in noticeboards. Clerk to print off for cllr AJ to distribute  ***Signoff of Apr-Jun accounts:***  Cllr MP checked the bank reconciliations and signed off  ***Invoices received & cheques created*:**   1. Clerks Purchases and Expenses - £355.08   Including traffic cones @ £229, Office 365 renewal @ £79.99  Clerks Salary 32.08hrs @ £15.41ph - £494.4  Total payable £ 849.48 Chq no. 1298   1. Itseeze website/email £57 2. Williams Design & Print – newsletter £117.60 chq no. 1299 3. Waterplus invoice upto 13/6/21 £8.37 taken 4/7/21 4. Scottish Power – refund of £114.23 received 5. Paid in £100.20 cash (£20 for MM advert, £65.70 donations & £14.50 booking fees)   ***Rent received*** *(via Cllr CA):*  4 rental payments from Mark Spruce totalling £100 (14/6, 21/6, 28/6, 5/7)  ***Cleaner***  5 weeks 13/6 – 11/7 £50  ***Invoices received from Bookings agent***  5 weeks 16/5/21-6/6/21 £50  £100 chq no. 1300 | CC |
| **6** | **Correspondence**   1. Email from CW&C planning – Local Plan Conversation 2021 – clerk advised that cllrs needed to get to grips with the local plan and advised that they check it out 2. Email from Jackie Weaver chalc – petition to legislate disqualification of councillors – cllrs agreed that this was a positive step. Clerk to check whether it is to be signed individually or as a pc 3. Email HS2enquiries – Government Response Report 4. Email from resident regarding overgrown verges along Ollershaw Lane – reported to CW&C and verges now cut 5. Email Mid Cheshire Footpath Society – waive of 2021-2022 subscription 6. Email from CW&C – regarding neighbourhood plan – agreed to start up again in September, Cllrs AJ & JL happy to take part. Clerk to email Wincham PC to see where they stand 7. Email from CW&C – regarding Queens platinum jubilee 2022 – the siting of a beacon was discussed, it was deemed that there was no where suitable to put a beacon within the village and that another way of celebrating would be discussed nearer the time 8. Email from Lynn Gibbon – regarding waste management consultation – no one available to attend meeting | CC  CC |
| **7** | **Any other business**  Clerk – advised that she would be reviewing all policies for a September agreement and sign off.  Cllr PhC – a new Fire Assembly Point sign is needed. Clerk to produce and a Do Not Block Sign for the emergency door. Clerk to produce | CC  CC |

Confirmed date of next meeting, 08/09/21

Meeting closed at 20:13

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)