

Minutes of Marston Parish Council meeting held on 9th November 2022

The meeting opened at 19:00

**Present**:

Parish Cllrs; Chair M Potts (MP), Phil Carter (PhC), Angela Johnson (AJ) and Ian Stanley (IS)

Ward Cllrs ; Lynn Gibbon (LG)

Clerk: Caroline Constable (CC)

**Apologies**:

Apologies received from Cllr Dave Collier (DC), Amanda Nixon (AN) and Julie Ledger (JL) and Ward Cllrs Phil Marshall (PM) and Norman Wright (NW)

**Declarations of interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

**Dispensations:**

There were no dispensations

**Public Forum:**

There were no public present

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the parish council meeting of 12/10/2022 were agreed and approved.

**Actions from previous meeting:**

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|  | Action | Assigned to | Actioned |
| 1 | Contact footpaths/bridleways officer re overgrown pathway between Ollershaw Lane & Wincham industrial estate | AJ | √ met with Public Rights of Way officer Peter Atkinson – contractors are to cut a walkable path & will then look at dealing with the concrete barriers |
| 2 | Article for MM re Christmas afternoon tea/carols | IS | √ |
| 3 | Meeting to arrange Christmas event | ALL | Hotpot and Carols afternoon – 11th December from 12.30 |
| 4 | Read Local Plan | ALL | On going |
| 5 | Article for MM Remembrance Sunday/Evergreen ARch | IS | √ |
| 6 | Chain for Cenotaph surround | MP | √ |
| 7 | Contact Ward Cllrs for CW&C officers list | CC | LG stated cw&c officers will not want contact details available to all so we will have to create our own lists as and when we get contact details |
| 8 | Contact Weaver Vale for contact list | CC |  |
| 9 | Contact Weaver Vale regarding steps between Fernlea Road and Mere Road | AJ | √ now in hands of Tenant Enforcement officer Jane Turner, she will visit the site next week |
| 10 | Contact CW&C np regarding changes to local plan | CC | √ link sent. LG would like a copy of the email for the link |
| 11 | Contact Miles about installing defib. | CC | √ date set for 10/11 |
| 12 | Contact Kate Harland about the Lion Salt Works play area | CC | Leaving for now as awaiting replacement of unit that is being dismantled |
| 13 | Contact Andy Hamman about hedges | CC | √ |
| 14 | Contact Warrington Buses about Higher Marston bus stop | CC | √ |

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|  | | Agenda Point | | Assigned to.. | |
| **1** | | **Parish Cllr Reports**  AJ – Hynet Consultation Update – the pipeline will be bypassing Marston all together and will follow a line through Comberbach and Anderton  MP – complaint from a resident about the Chevron Sign on the corner of Hall Drive/Marston Lane on turning Left onto Marston Lane from Higher Marston – it is blocking the view. Clerk to report  MP – further complaints about the state of the hedges on Higher Marston. Clerk to report  MP – thanks to Andy Drinkwater of iqseo for the kind donation of candles for the Remembrance service and Bundy Property Cleaning for cleaning the cenotaph – article to be placed in MM  PhC – Marston sign on Warrington New Road as you come into the village past Chapel Street has now fallen off – rotten post reported last year. Clerk to report  MP – reports received of a new gate, hard standing and a stable on Dark Lane just past Waisley House opposite Lloyds Bank Farm – no planning. Clerk to report. | | CC  CC  IS  CC  CC | |
| **2** | | **Ward Cllr Reports**  LG – there is a new head of Planning – Nick Smith. The planning backlog still stands at between 700 and 750 applications.  Members budget is now available – applications need to be sent in.  Space Hive still has funds available.  Small consultations on numerous topics available through Participate Now – can contribute as a pc or an individual – current topics – council tax premium, fuel poverty, property asset strategy, tenants charter.  Mentioned council overspends, first shared service between CW&C and Cheshire East over budget from £11.8M to over £25M. Northwich Library already spent £200K on scaffolding from £2M budget, no work yet done to building and scaffolding has now to be replaced with something more suitable to a collapsing building.  Library has been moved partly into Salt Museum, London Road and there is a return book service in Memorial Court.  Soot Hill – still going to be at least another 10 months before anything done. Chester Market Hall has now been opened (Northgate)  Due to Purdah all council decisions now on hold until after 5th December | |  | |
| **3** | | **Progress Reports**   1. Neighbourhood Plan   All getting to grips with local plan. Meetings put on hold until 2023   1. Defibrillators   Unit to be installed on 10/11 at a cost of £155. LG mentioned that numerous units have recently been stolen from around the area (Wincham and Barnton) and whether putting it outside was a good idea. All discussed and it was decided to relocate within the Church Hall as it might be better used when hall open. Time to get to it from Higher Marston or even lower into Ollershaw Lane may not be conducive to positive outcome.   1. Higher Marston Play Area   Replacement play unit now on order   1. Triangle Junction Ollershaw Lane and Marston Lane   Meeting with highways was informative but not necessarily productive. Still no answers on how to make the junction safer nor on how to make the triangle more welcoming. Talks still in progress.   1. Kissing Gate between Cross Street and Ashwood Park   Ashwood Park residents sent a petition via Ester McVey (MP) about the disabled access and rising ground rent fees to parliament. Ester McVey spoke out at Prime Ministers question time and since then it has been reported that the closing part of the gate has been removed.   1. Bus Stop Hgher Marston   Still under review. Any further problems can be sent to CW&C via clerk. | |  | |
| **4** | | **Finance**   1. Bank Reconciliation Signoff   Checked by AJ and signed off  ***Invoices received & cheques created*:**   1. Clerks Purchases & Reimbursements - £53.53   Travel/ etc… £ 53.53 chq no.1383  Clerks Salary 15.92 hrs @ £15.41ph - £ 245.27 Chq no. 1384   1. Itseeze website/email October 2022 - £57 2. Williams Design & Print – newsletters - £164.15 chq no. 1381 3. Cleaner – 16/10-28/10 3 weeks £30 4. Booking - 16/10-28/10 3 weeks £30   £ 60 to Angie chq no 1382   1. Rent: Emma Wood 28/10 3 hours £40 paid   Penguin Group 1/11 £25 10/10 £20 17/10 £25 7/11 £25 £95  £135 in total   1. Quote from Miles for electrical work – defibrillator - £155 – accepted and work due to be done 10/11   Coffee Morning donations £57.90  Cheshire Riders £250 towards restoration of cenotaph  Other donations £51 (including £40 from John Potts)  Many thanks to all. | |  | |
| **5** | | **Correspondence**   1. Planning Application 22/03654/FUL – Tour & Store – Construction of office space & workshop – as the tour&store is now permanent it is justifiable to have an officer/workshop, only concerns are that the number of staff will be going from 1 full time to 2 full time and 5 part time, will this impact the operating hours? No objection but comment to be made 2. Planning Application 22/03704/FUL – Land to Rear of Northwich Metals – Retention of sheep shed and demolition of old sheep shed – the sheep shed that the applicant wishes to keep has been placed under an enforcement notice by CW&C and is due for demolition as it was built without planning permission – cllrs all agreed that this flouting of planning law needs to stop and unless enforcement notices are carried through such demolition planning laws will continue to be ignored. All agreed to object to the application stating that the enforcement needs to stand. Clerk to send objection. 3. Planning Application 22/03703/FUL – Land to Rear of Northwich Metals – Change of use of stable building to poultry housing – whilst it has been noted that the building built as part of a planning application from 2007 is not quite as was approved there are no real objections to a building containing poultry other than the moral point of housing poultry within a barn. 4. Corresponding emails with Sam Green of enforcement for clarity over buildings on land to rear of northwich metals as some are down for demolition as part of enforcement notices 5. Emails from Andy Hamman addressing points over triangle and road safety as part of meeting on 29/9 6. Email from Freedom Fibre – update on progress 7. Email from Fiona Dunning – clarifying funding position on replacement of slide centre on Higher Marston Play Area 8. Email from Marbury Ward PCSO – October report on local incidents 9. Email from resident regarding broadband in Higher Marston – clerk has already sent a response directing them towards Freedom Fibre 10. Email from CW&C regarding funding for fruit trees 11. Email from Julia Griffiths – Ashwood Park Neighbourhood Watch – all agreed that as we don not have a scheme directly within the village signs are not appropriate. Clerk to send a response. | | CC  CC  CC | |
| **6** | | **Any other business**  No further business | |  | |

Confirmed date of next meeting, 11/01/2023

Meeting closed at 21:20

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