

MARKET WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Market Weston Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th September 2018 7:30pm in Market Weston Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: G Hatten, R Hood, D Fulcher, A Hall, S Allen, M Martin, C. Cllr J Spicer & B. Cllr Bull

1. Apologies: Cllr: S Austin

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. Cllr Hatten declared an interest in item 10.2.

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. Minutes - Minutes of Thursday 26th July 2018 meeting agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. Meeting open to the public 17 members present.

A number of residents came to discuss their concerns over the change of use, from a residential house to a business, of Walnut Tree House/Liberty House. This appears to have been done without the required planning permissions. There were also concerns raised over the size of the extension. Both of these matters are being investigated by St Edmundsbury Borough Council Planning department. They have invited the owners to submit a retrospective planning application. If this is not received within 3 weeks, then the Borough Council can take enforcement action. The Parish Council noted the residents' concerns over loss of amenity and the noise nuisance being caused.

Concerns were raised over a planning application, the change of use and conversion of existing farm buildings to a mixed-use scheme comprising of holiday let accommodation, office space and artists/craft studios at Village Farm, The Street Market Weston. It would appear no planning notice has been posted. It is proposed that the access for the new development would come off the B1111, but it was questioned if construction traffic would be accessing the site via Ponds End Lane, as this road is not suitable for this sort of use. Also, what were the arrangements going forward regarding bin collections for the new properties and businesses, again would this be via Ponds End Lane? It was suggested that conditions, asking for the access road to be built first and confirmation of the site only being accessed via the B1111 could be included in the planning conditions.

5. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer wants to know if the faster broadband in the village is now available to all. Some residents are still experiencing problems, but it was unclear if this was because of problems with the broadband or with their internet provider. The school transport changes are being phased in and SCC have set an implementation group with a sub group who are working with Thurston and Ixworth schools and the bus companies to look at the situation with the aim of being able to offer different options to parents. It is hoped this work will be completed ahead of the requirement to submit applications for school places early next year. Cllr Spicer reported that SCC Highways should now fill adjacent potholes, to those reported, in a bid to reduce the need to re-visit sites. It is hoped that the problem with flooding between Hepworth and Barningham should be done next year. The problem is under the road and is not a problem with the adjacent landowners.

6. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull has been working with Cllr Spicer and the rough sleeper/homeless officer to try and help the man living in the caravan on the boundary of Market Weston and Thelnetham. They are currently having trouble finding a time when the man is available to discuss options. They would like the option to engage on a personal level before going down the legal route.

7. Report from Police:

No report received.

8. Progress reports. For information, from:

8.1 Chairman

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8.1.1 Broadband update

See under Cllr Spicers report.

8.1.2 Bench at Village Hall.

Cllr Fulcher has repaired the bench at the village hall. It is currently unstained. Cllr Martin will see if there is any stain available from the Church. Cllr Fulcher is happy to stain the bench if some stain can be found.

Action Cllr Martin/Fulcher

8.1.3 Rope Swing.

This matter is in hand.

8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Boundary Commission review

The Clerk submitted a response to the Boundary Commission, supporting their recommendations.

8.2.2 Phone box-book swap, update on refurbishment

The phone box still has not had the glass secured and some of the shelves are not holding the books very well. However, it is a big hit and very well used. The Clerk will try to contact the contractor again about carrying out the glass fixing, and Cllr Fulcher will look at the shelving situation.

Action Clerk/ Cllr Fulcher

8.2.3 War Memorial

Historic England have taken into account all the representations made and completed their assessment of the War Memorial. They have written to inform us that having considered their recommendation, the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has decided to add Market Weston War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is now listed at Grade II. Follow the link below to download a copy of the advice report. <http://services.historicengland.org.uk/webfiles/GetFiles.aspx?av=9E96B5F8-92EE-406E-A2F7-D4E7CA3F67FF&cn=A401130D-C8BE-4FCC-8DF7-EDB2E62C78F5>

8.2.4 Arrangement for Remembrance Sunday

It was agreed that Cllr Fulcher will lay the wreath at the Remembrance Day service. This year Cllr Martin will be organising a service at the Market Weston Church.

8.2.5 Play area reports The approach to playground inspections across West Suffolk (covering the existing Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury areas) will be aligned from 1 April 2019. As a result, the playground inspection service will be offered to all parish and town councils at no cost for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21. Parish and Town councils will be required to 'opt in' to receive the service and the Parks Service will be contacting you in December 2018 to confirm these arrangements.

Please note that the playground inspection service includes a monthly inspection by a qualified officer from the West Suffolk Parks Service and an annual inspection by an external organisation.

8.2.6 Highways

Potholes in Church Road, reported.

It is understood that not just the reported potholes but also those close by will be dealt with when carrying out repairs. The Clerk has reported some potholes in Church Road and she will arrange to meet with Cllr Fulcher to look at the potholes in Ponds End Lane.

9. **Finance.**

9.1 Payments. The following payments were approved, and the cheques signed by two signatories.

Administration £526.02

Came and Co. Insurance £291.20

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

10.1 DC/18/1496/FUL Planning Application - Golf Swing Studio. Hopton End Farm Church Road Market Weston. No objection

10.2 DC/18/1683/FUL & DC/18/1684/LB Change of use and conversion of existing farm buildings to a mixed-use scheme comprising of holiday let accommodation (C1), office space (B1) and artists/craft studios (see schedule of works and heritage statement for full details) Village Farm The Street Market Weston

Due to the complex nature of this application and the understanding that a notice wasn't posted it was agreed to request an extension of time to further consider this application. It was proposed that if this was possible we would hold an extraordinary meeting on Thursday 18th October at 7.30

Action Clerk

10.3 Complaints received about change of use, Liberty House.

The Parish Council supported the concerns raised by the residents in the public forum and will await the opportunity to make a representation once an application is received.

11. **Defibrillator**

Update on application for funding

Unfortunately, the application for funding, from the National Lottery, was unsuccessful. The Clerk is however perusing another source of funding which could potentially see the Parish Council purchasing a defibrillator at a reduced rate.

Action Clerk

12. **Data Protection**

To discuss ongoing arrangements to comply with new Data Protection laws
The Clerk continues to work towards compliance.

13 **Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

It would appear that some areas of the verges were missed by SCC in the latest cut. The area from the green to the pumping station and from Hollow Lane farm to the village edge. The Clerk will address this matter with SCC.

Action Clerk

14. **Correspondence for information**

14.1 West Suffolk Annual Report 2017/18. Noted

15. Date of next meeting: Extraordinary meeting 18th October and then Tuesday 13th November 2018

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

16.1 Personnel Issues. None. 16.2 Legal Issues. None.