

MARSTON TRUSSELL PARISH MEETING
Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2017

Present:- Simon Marlow-Thomas (chairman), Graham Allen, Mandy Allen, Gill Marlow-Thomas, Sharon Badger, Barry Badger, Rick Martins, Peter Howard, Jackie Foggin, Michael Cox, David Bates, Charles Mathew

Election of Chairman:- It was proposed by Rick Martins and seconded by Peter Howard that Simon Marlow-Thomas be chairman for the coming year.

Apologies:- Terry Spraggett, Gill and Jerry Langrick, Jane Bates

Previous Minutes- It was proposed (Rick Martins) and seconded (Gill Marlow-Thomas) that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 be approved and signed.

Update from District And County Cllr.:- None

Matters Arising:-

- 1) Painting Phone Box – now complete. Simon and Gill Marlow-Thomas kindly donated £180 towards the cost of refurbishment.
- 2) Damaged grit bin by church – NCC will not replace as he bin is not in a high priority location and does not score enough ‘points’ to be a priority. The village will have to replace it when it becomes unusable. NCC will continue to fill it.
- 3) Footpath sign needs replacing – report no. 800953 – not yet complete – NCC report:-
 9th May 2016 - First reported
 7th June 2016 – Work instructed for new sign to be installed
 17 November 2016 – Work completed
 9th May 2017 – Reported again – to be re-investigated 868391
 11th May 2017 – Work instructed for new post to be installed

Finance:- a) Invoices paid prior to meeting:-

1/2/17	ZURICH INSURANCE	#	491	£	253.00
31/3/17	MT VILLAGE HALL - ROOM HIRE		492	£	18.00
31/3/17	EON POWER O/N/D		493	£	69.05
10/1/17	EON MAINT O/N/D	#	494	£	17.26
31/3/17	MT VILLAGE HALL - DONATION		495	£	300.00

b) It was proposed and seconded that the following invoices be paid:-

EON POWER J/F/M		496	£	69.05
L PARTRIDGE CLERK SAL		497	£	325.00
NCALC - SUBSCRIP AND AUDIT		498	£	222.14
EON MAINT J/F/M		499	£	17.26
EON LIGHT REPAIR		500	£	28.16
MT PCC MOWING		501	£	700.00
B SIMMONDS - PHONE BOX REPAIR		502	£	190.00
KR CRANKSHAW - PHONE BOX REPAIR		503	£	119.07

c) Accounts for year end 31st March 2017

i) Acceptance of Annual Accounts

ii) Acceptance of Annual Statement

The accounts for the year end 31st March 2017 and the Annual Governance Statement were accepted by the meeting and signed by the chairman and clerk.

Planning Applications:- None

Decisions from Daventry District Council:-

DA/2016/0759

Christmas Cottage, Hothorpe, Marston Trussell

**Demolition of single storey extension, conservatory and garage.
Construction of two storey side and rear extension, single storey
rear extension and detached garage/store**

Planning permission granted

Other Planning Matters:-

a) Update on the works to the entrance of Mill Hill Farm:-

Reply from Bruce Allen at DDC:-

The local planning and highways authorities are aiming to work together to achieve a mutually acceptable solution. We have carried out our respective inspections of the current condition of the access, and considered what action may be appropriate.

The Highways authority report that the bellmouth has been set out in a manner broadly in accordance with the approved plan. However, they have observed that the works are not complete, as follows:

- *The widening of the Threddingworth Road has not been carried out;*
- *The access is not hard surfaced;*
- *The gullies are not completed;*

The Highways Authority have advised me that the owners have undertaken works within the public highway without any Section 278 Agreement. On this occasion, they are requiring that the agreement be secured for the works already undertaken coupled with outstanding matters and associated inspections, etc.

As far as the Local Planning Authority's position is concerned, although part-compliance with the Breach of Condition Notice may have been achieved in that the bellmouth and kerb stones have been laid out, that notice requires, among other matters, that the scheme of improvements be fully implemented.

Accordingly, on behalf of both authorities, we will advise the owner/agent that the works be completed as a matter of urgency with all necessary agreements secured. If this does not occur, we will consider relevant sanctions under the respective legislation of the authorities. One of these (subject to any required legal advice as to availability) is prosecution for failure to fully comply with a Breach of Condition Notice.

The clerk to be informed by residents if the work is not complete within a reasonable time and it will be reported again.

b) Pebble Hall TAD Plant update

Rick Martins updated the meeting on the TAD Plant – works are complete and the digester is operational.

Items for discussion:-

1) Smoke pollution from Pebble Hall

The clerk to write to the Environment Agency and forward the photograph provided showing the smoke laying across the valley.

The clerk to email residents with EA details and advise that anyone affected by the smoke and dust to contact EA.

2) Village Lime trees

10 trees – 9 on Sibbertoft Road 1 on Main Street

The clerk was advised by NCC that:-

3 trees are suffering from a fungus which has made them unsafe and they will be felled in the next couple of weeks. The remaining 7 trees will have some remedial work (removing dead wood etc.) and will be continually monitored for signs of fungus.

NCC will not replace the trees – the village must pay.

NCC will advise what trees will be suitable and planting locations in time for Autumn planting.

Michael Cox to try and obtain a grant.

3) Street lights

a) Street Light 1 (Main Street by the church) – An LED lantern has been installed on the old concrete column

- b) Street Light 4 (corner of Theddingworth Road) - An Led lantern has been installed on the old concrete column
The meeting agreed that the concrete columns should not be replaced at present but there is no guarantee how long the concrete columns will last and they may need replacing in the near future.
 - 4) The potholes in the road and passing places and general condition of Farndon road – Mandy Allen updated the meeting on various issues on Farndon Road. No action to be taken by the Parish Meeting.
 - 5) Fly tipping and its prevention – The meeting agreed it was a problem. Mandy Allen advised the meeting that ‘No Tipping’ signs would be placed in strategic positions. No action to be taken by the Parish Meeting.
 - 6) Emphasising the entrances to the village
Mandy Allen gave the meeting the following information:-
 - a) A resident had met with NCC and 30mph roundels are to be painted on the road at the entrances to the village.
 - b) Residents have permission from NCC to plant bulbs in the verges at the entrances to the village.
 - c) Residents have permission to place tubs by the road signs at the entrances to the village. A rota for watering will be drawn up by residents.
- No discussion took place but no objections were raised at the meeting. No action to be taken by the Parish Meeting.
- 7) Public access defibrillator – on behalf of the Fund Raising Committee Mandy Allen informed the meeting that funds and a grant may be available to buy a defibrillator but there were also other items for consideration. No action to be taken by the Parish Meeting.
 - 8) Microlights – Many complaints were received regarding low flying microlights over the village – usually several aircraft at a time. The clerk to write to the organisers to advise them of the problems.
Private airfield legislation states that the airfield should not be used for more than 28 days a year. Resident to keep a log.
 - 9) Footpath Warden – Graham Allen offered to be the footpath warden for the year and would complete a consultation. The clerk to advise NCC.

Correspondence:-

On display:- 1) NCALC Update

At Meeting:- 1) E.on – power prices are increasing from 1st April 2017
Some fixed rate comparisons were obtained but include a standing charge which make them more expensive.

Any Other Business:-

- 1) Residents suggested that an information board be placed in the phone box. The meeting agreed that this be done.
- 2) The bus shelter needs repairing again. Charles Mathew to do the repairs.
- 3) Jackie Foggin offered to advise the village of the next Parish Meeting by putting notes through each door. The meeting agreed that this be done a few days before the next meeting.
- 4) Charles Mathew asked the chairman to ensure there was no personal victimisation at future meetings.

Date of next meeting:-

Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 7pm (note the earlier time)

Meeting closed at 9pm