

Minutes of Market Overton Parish Council Meeting Held in The Village Hall on Wednesday, 4th May 2016

2016/498	Present	Cllrs Sanderson, Stewart, Ryder, Buff, Marlow, Robins and the Parish Clerk
2016/499	Apologies	There were no apologies
2016/500	Welcome to the new Council Member, Mrs Jane Robins	The Chairman welcomed Mrs Robins to the Council.
2016/501	Declarations	There were none
2016/502	To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings of 2 nd and 16 th March 16	The Minutes of 2 nd and 16 th March were approved
2016/503	To deal with Matters Arising from previous two meetings	Request (2016/484) for a mobile speed trap resulted in this being set up recently on the Cottesmore Road. A letter of support (2016/485) regarding concern for the withdrawal of the Passenger Transport Assistant has been written by the Chairman to RCC. The Chairman (2016/486) has written an article which has now been published in "Outreach" requesting Parishioners take responsibility for damage to verges by inconsiderate parking.
2016/504	To discuss Election of Officers	The Chairman, Cllr Stuart Sanderson, resigned his position as Chairman. It was Resolved that Cllr Andrew Stewart take this position with effect from the finish of this evening's Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Sanderson will continue to serve as a Council Member. Members of the Council thanked Cllr Sanderson for his service as Chairman. It was Resolved that Cllr Helen Buff continue her Office as Deputy Chair.
2016/505	To discuss annual membership of Leicestershire and Rutland Rural Community Council	Following some discussion regarding the benefits of subscribing to the RCC, It was Resolved that the Council will renew it's membership.
2016/506	Finance Report	The Clerk reported that as of today the funds in HSBC are: Current a/c £2755.74 Savings a/c £24,654.13 Following an administration mistake by RCC Finance we have received a Precept amount for 2016/17 of £8150.22. This was a shortfall of £662.39 (the Local Tax Support Grant was deducted incorrectly twice). This has been acknowledged by RCC and £662.39 will be added back next Financial Year 2017/18. Grant Thornton our External Auditors require our Annual Return by 10 th June and the Clerk requested a Parish Council Meeting on 1 st June to sign these off. This was agreed
2016/507	Authorise Payments	The following payments were authorised: 1) Clerk's Training Course 2 (29/3/16) £35.00 2) Clerk's Salary for March 16 £118.90 3) Membership Fee LRALC £189.29 4) Sothern Electric £54.15
2016/508	To discuss Queen's Birthday Celebration-request for funds	It was Resolved to give a Grant to the organisers through the Village Hall committee of £150.00
2016/509	To discuss progress on grass verges	The Chairman had approached the Community Shop Committee to stock Leaflets for Residents to take and

		<p>place on “offending” vehicles parked on grass verges. The Shop Committee declined as it was felt “inappropriate” as offence may be caused to some of their customers by other customers</p> <p>However, it was noted by Councillors that the situation had improved with regard to parking. It was agreed that Cllr Sanderson obtain a quote for the cost of small signs. If agreed these could be placed on the verges .</p>
2016/510	To discuss Village Assets	<p>The Chairman reported that the services had been found of a village handyman, Mr Graham Storer. He will maintain the assets on a “rolling” annual schedule of agreed works. The schedule to be produced by Cllr Sanderson and the Clerk for this maintenance service.</p> <p>Mr Storer indicated that he did not wish to charge the Council for his labour costs .However ,it was agreed that the cost of materials would be paid by the Council</p>
2016/511	To discuss the Village Meeting on 4 th May	<p>The Chairman said he would ask residents attending the Meeting later this evening for their thoughts regarding the future maintenance of the Village Stocks. This historic village asset is in a fragile state.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Police had sent apologies for being unable to address the Village Meeting this evening.</p>
2016/512	To discuss Neighbourhood Plan	<p>Reported that progress on the assigned tasks of committee members was continuing. The RCC Senior Planning Officer had agreed and accepted the initial Application for the NP which will contain a map of the MO Parish boundary as reference. A questionnaire would be sent to all villagers to respond to consider all their views and will therefore facilitate their participation in the NP.</p> <p>The legal process has now started and when completed the NP will be forwarded to RCC for inspection and consultation.</p>
2016/512	To discuss need for a new Council Member following resignation of Cllr Crowther	<p>Following the resignation of Cllr Crowther, the Clerk has informed the RCC Elections Dept. to commence proceedings to facilitate the Election of a new Councillor. The Council wished to record their gratefulness for the many year’s excellent service given to the Council and village community by Mr Mike Crowther and wish him well for the future.</p>
2016/513	To discuss frequency of future Council Meetings	<p>The “experiment” of having bi-monthly meetings has now been completed. Following a discussion by Members on the pros and cons of this trial period, It was Resolved that Council would adopt bi-monthly meetings as standard practice.</p> <p>However, the Clerk proposed that in order for Council to hear future Planning Proposals within the required 21 days by RCC, there may be occasions, when this would not “fit” with bi-monthly meetings, and he would request for an “extension” to the 21 day deadline.</p>
2016/514	To discuss Council Minutes being included in “Outreach” publication	<p>Discussion took place whether the total content of Council’s “official” Minutes would be appreciated or suitable for “Outreach” readers. It was agreed to send details of particular “interesting” items from Council Meetings on a regular basis.</p>
2016/515	Date of next Meeting	Wednesday 1 st June 2016