

## Minutes of Market Overton Annual Village Meeting Held in The Village Hall Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

2017/62 6	Apologies Present:	There were none Cllrs Stewart, Buff, Sanderson, Ryder, Hills, Robins, Marlow and the Clerk. There were around 50 residents attending the meeting. The Chairman, Cllr Stewart, welcomed all to the meeting, including the guest speakers, and noted that it was good to see such a good attendance of residents.	
2017/62 7	To approve the minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	These were approved as a true and correct record and “signed off “ by the Chair.	
2017/62 8	To note the Parish Council Report- as circulated	The Chair referred to the Parish Council Report for 2016/17 which had been included in the Invitation Leaflet and Agenda recently distributed to all households.	
2107/62 9	Community Policing-PC Laurie Appleton	PC Appleton reported a very low rate of crime in the village with a total of 8 crimes in Market Overton over the last 12 months. These included burglary, theft of motor vehicle, assault and criminal damage. It was pleasing to note a major reduction of hare coursing down from 20/30 per month in 2015/16 down to currently around 4 per month. PC Appleton reported that a “Beat Surgery” would be held on Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June at the Village Hall between 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Residents who attended could benefit from “property marking” if they could bring suitable items along. If unable to attend they should contact the Clerk who could forward details to PC Appleton	
2017/63 0	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service- Tim Hiskens- Rutland County District Manager	Tim Hiskens reported that one of the most important elements of his Service was the prevention of fires before they start in the home. Referring to the recent fatality resulting from a house fire in Cottesmore, he stressed the importance of smoke detectors and CO2 Monitors. His service are happy to carry out Home Fire Safety Checks. To this end he announced the visit of the Community Safety Vehicle coming to Market Overton on 6 <sup>th</sup> June from 2.00pm to 7.00pm. This will be located opposite the Village Shop in the “pull-in” outside No 12 Main Street. He concluded his address to the meeting and gave the Parish Council Clerk leaflets which would be available from the Clerk for any resident who wished for a Home Fire Safety Check.	

2017/63 1	Feast Weekend-arrangements for 2017 Cllr Lin Ryder	Cllr Ryder confirmed that the Feast Weekend will go ahead this year on Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June, but with a changed format. There would be no scarecrow competition, however, the theme for the two days would be flowers and gardens. Activities would centre around the Church and cricket ground. Saturday, at the Cricket Club would include a Sports Day, Dog Show and Sausage and Cider Festival. Sunday would include six gardens open for the National Garden Scheme, strawberry teas, stalls at the Bowls Club and a Treasure Hunt around the village.	
2017/63 2	The Village Shop-Neville Wells	Neville Wells paid thanks to all village customers for their support during the seven years since the establishment of the shop. He also thanked the Team leaders and volunteers who serve in the shop as well as committee members who provide governance and back ground support. Performance was considered reasonable, but stressed the retail pricing of goods at a break-even 18% margin only just covered running costs. The shop is about convenience for the village, rather than travelling to large supermarkets outside Market Overton. Price may be more competitive in the surrounding towns, but time and travel costs to get there can sometimes offset the prices in the shop. Local suppliers are sourced and supported if possible for many of the shop products. A brainstorming session will take place soon to be announced for anyone with new ideas who would like to become involved in the future of the shop. Finally, Neville Wells appealed for continuing support for the future of this great “village asset”.	
2017/63 3	The role of the Village Tree Warden-George Shephard	George Shephard gave an interesting presentation on his role as Tree Warden over some 25 years in the Village. Back in 1993 and 1994 it was agreed to establish and maintain trees in the Parish. Some 100 oak trees, both large and small, had been planted in the village along Teigh Road, Cottesmore and Thistleton Roads. He referred to a small team of residents who volunteered to carry out this task. Generally he felt the village was reaching capacity for the number of trees within the boundary. However, some routine maintenance is always necessary. Mr Shephard stressed the importance of contacting relevant landowners if a specific tree required maintenance. Today, any heavy maintenance of trees should be carried out by the Council. However, ivy can easily be eradicated from affected trees by simply stripping it back and removing from the tree.	

2017/63 4	Neighbourhood Plan (NP)- June Sanderson- NP Coordinator	The Chairman, Andrew Stewart, wished to record thanks to June and Stuart Sanderson for their efforts to date in the creation of the NP including the questionnaire. June Sanderson gave thanks to all the residents, numbering some 191 (circa 50%), who had completed the questionnaire. There had also been a return rate of 60% for the children's questionnaire. Mrs Sanderson then requested participation by those attending the meeting to complete an exercise during her presentation. Villagers were asked to "tick" the five statements from eight statements which they believed were the most important "vision statements" for the village going forward over the next thirty years. This was completed and collected for further evidence for the NP. Finally, Mrs Sanderson announced that a session to give initial feedback from the questionnaires would take place soon in the Village Hall.	
2017/63 5	Market Overton Play Area Association- Claire Munt- Chair	Claire Munt reported a most successful and busy year for MOPAA including the relocation of the Play Area to the Lodge Trust. This benefitted both local children and parents as well as residents of the Trust. The support of villagers, Comic Relief, the High Sherriff's fund and other sources had resulted in over £32,000 being raised to facilitate the move. MOPAA also has ongoing insurance costs and equipment maintenance, so fund raising is always necessary. Also, new swings and other equipment is being considered for the future.	
2017/63 6	AOB	An enquiry regarding "shares" in the village shop was answered. The Chair finally thanked all present for their attendance. The meeting closed at 9.05pm	