

Minutes of Market Overton Annual Parish Meeting Held in The Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th May 2019

2019/60	Present and apologies	<p>Cllr. Sanderson - Chairman, Cllr. Ellis, Cllr. England, Cllr. Hudson, Cllr. Robins, Cllr. Simons, Cllr. Williamson.</p> <p>35 members of the public including speakers.</p> <p>Apologies: Representative of MOPA - Kevin Baxter PC Appleton</p>	
2019/61	To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 15 th May 2018	The minutes were summarised by the Chairman and approved as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.	
2019/62	To note the Parish Council Chairman's report.	The Chairman referred to the annual report, as circulated to all households with the meeting agenda and invitation.	
2019/63	MOPA	There was no representative from MOPA able to attend the meeting.	
2019/64	Village Hall Committee	<p>Acting Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Alan Lane, outlined the many users of the village hall and it's importance as a village asset. The Trustees continue to maintain, modernise and improve the hall and ensure that it meets all current regulations. Hall rental fees cover general running costs and the trustees continue to fund raise and seek grants to finance improvements. The Parish Council was thanked for their contributions. A request was made for new volunteers to act as trustees to ensure the good work continues.</p>	
2019/65	Village Shop	<p>Bianca Dally reported on the wide range of products and services available at the village shop. The shop is open for 69 hours per week and the team leaders and volunteers, who run and staff the shop, were thanked. She advised that volunteers are available to provide a delivery service from the shop to those in need. The shop will have been running for 9 years in May and the AGM will take place in September. Customers were thanked for continuing to support the shop.</p>	

2019/66	Neighbourhood Plan	<p>June Sanderson outlined the work and progress of the Neighbourhood Plan to date and emphasised the ‘our village, our choice’ philosophy behind the document. The next step is the delivery of a reduced version of the draft neighbourhood Plan to all households. This will outline the policies. The importance of villagers responding to this was emphasised, a 50% response rate being required. Mrs Sanderson was thanked by the meeting for all her work on the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
2019/67	Community Policing	<p>PC Appleton provided a report, being unable to attend the meeting. This was read by the clerk. 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019 reported crimes in Market Overton were: Burglary (dwellings) 3 July, October & December (1 from a garage included) Theft from vehicles 7 May, July, November x 4 & March Theft 2 June & July Criminal damage 3 April, May & September Suspects for the theft from vehicles have been linked to crime all over the country and PC Appleton continues to work with other police forces to bring about a prosecution.</p>	
2019/68	Village Tree Warden	<p>Cllr. Liz England was introduced as the new Tree Warden. The meeting thanked George Shepherd, the retiring tree warden, for his many years of service to Market Overton.</p>	

2019/69	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feast Weekend - Andrew Stewart spoke about the Feast Weekend, which has taken place for approximately the last 15-20 years on the last weekend in June. There is no committee at present to organise the event and therefore currently, no events will take place. Volunteers are needed. The meeting was asked for suggestions and these included the Feast Weekend becoming a bi-annual event.• Plaque in The Pinfold - a first draft of an information plaque to be placed in The Pinfold and on the village green was displayed. The meeting was asked to comment.• Road closures - confusion regarding road closures advised by Rutland County Council and signs erected in the village was expressed. It was confirmed that the Parish Council has made a complaint to RCC and are seeking clarity on the exact nature of the road closures. It has since been confirmed that Main Street will remain open on May 10th, contrary to the road signs, and only a small area behind the village green will be closed.• Village Christmas tree - it was confirmed that if necessary, the Parish Council would take responsibility for a Christmas tree on the green.• Open Gardens - the meeting was advised that some gardens would be taking part in the Open Gardens scheme on 16th June.• Good Neighbour Scheme - Andrew Stewart reminded the meeting about this very successful volunteer scheme being available to assist villagers in need of their services.• The meeting was advised that the PCC may be holding a small event on Feast Weekend and details would follow.• Time Capsule on village green - Cllr. Sanderson spoke about his idea for village children to place a time capsule in the pipe on the village green where the Christmas tree was previously located. Volunteers would be needed, particularly younger ones, to arrange this and he asked that any willing volunteers contact him.	
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