

MARKET LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Extraordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council **held on Tuesday 8th August 2023** **At 7.15pm in the Old School**

Councillors Present: Cllr Osborn(Chairman), Cllr Steele (arrived at 7.17pm), Cllr Earley, Cllr Davis, Cllr Vine, Cllr Boaden, Cllr Stevens, and Cllr Roberts.

In attendance: 3 members of the public (one left at 7.30pm), and Carol Hackett (Parish Clerk).

	AGENDA ITEM
23/24-73	Apologies for Absence Cllr Fraser, Cllr Taylor, and Cllr Turner-Scott had sent apologies due to personal commitments, which were accepted.
23/24-74	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Participate a) Cllr Osborn noted that he had, over ten years ago, been the Group Scout Leader of the 1 st Lavington Sea Scout Group. b) None.
23/24-75	Adjournment for Public Participation The meeting was adjourned and resumed at 7.16pm.
23/24-76	Minutes of Council meetings Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 17 th July 2023. The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated to Councillors, were approved, and signed as a correct record (proposed Cllr Earley, seconded Cllr Stevens).
23/24-77	Highways / Maintenance issues in the village a) Updates – The Clerk reported that the replacement Clays bollard had been installed. A review of the footpath adjacent to the Cemetery on Drove Lane (MLAV13) had identified that it would be easier to bring the scalplings in from the Northbrook end to improve the muddy section – ACTIONS – Clerk to seek permission from the field owner through which access would be required. The member of the public was invited to comment on the Market Place bench – It was noted that the memorial bench was quite a lot smaller than the existing bench, and it was suggested that this might be better placed on the grass area at Broadwell, with the longer Lowther bench being used to replace the Market Place bench. Councillors agreed with this suggestion – ACTIONS – Clerk to liaise with the family who had kindly donated the memorial bench through the Funeral Directors, and check with Wiltshire Council if any licences are required to carry out the work. Details of one quote for installation of a concrete slab to attach the Broadwell bench to was provided – ACTIONS – Clerk to obtain further quote. b) New matters to report for Handyman contractor / Parish Steward (16 th & 17 th of August) / Footpath, Amenity Land contractor / Wiltshire Council – An email had been received from Wiltshire Council requesting the Parish Council cut back the trees overhanging the road from the Elisha Field carpark. Quotes were currently being sought for the work, and depending on the cost, would either be authorised by the Clerk and Committee Chairman, or wait until the September Parish Council meeting.
23/24-78	Land at Elisha Field, Drove Lane Draft lease between Market Lavington Parish Council and The Trustees of 1 st Lavington Sea Scout Group – The Chairman referred to the draft lease and accompanying letter that had been received from the Parish Council Solicitor, and circulated with the agenda papers. There then followed a full review of the document - ACTIONS – Clerk to prepare a formal reply responding to the matters raised by the Solicitor and including some other questions / comments which had been made during the discussions, for review by Cllr Osborn and Cllr Davis, before forwarding to the Solicitor.

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23/24-79	<p>General Parish Matters</p> <p>The Chairman noted that some criticisms that had been made by external sources regarding the Parish Council. He noted that the role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the community, and that each Councillor has different skills and weaknesses. The Clerk reported that the scaffolding would be erected at the Old School within the next week, for the work to be carried out to repair the chimney. The Speed Indicator Device data was now being submitted directly to the Police on a monthly basis. The insurance claim submitted following the cancellation of the Vintage Meet event had been approved, covering all the incurred expenditure apart from the insurance premium of £985.60. Two of the Vintage Meet volunteers who had both been heavily involved with the event since it started back in 2018 were stepping down from their roles. As a gesture of thanks it was proposed to offer a gift to them. Councillors approved this gesture, with Cllr Osborn proposing that the payment for the gift come directly from the Chairman's Charity Account. The Clerk reported that a grant application would soon be submitted to the National Lottery for the Ninja equipment.</p>
23/24-80	<p>Adjournment for Public Participation (maximum of 5 minutes)</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8.56pm and resumed at 8.59pm.</p>
23/24-81	<p>Date of next Meeting/s</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 19th September 2023.</p>
23/24-82	<p>Closure of meeting</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9pm.</p>