

Marston Sicca Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF 15th APRIL PARISH MEETING

The meeting was held on Monday April 15th 2019 at 7.30pm in Long Marston Village Hall. Copies of minutes and reports will be posted on the parish website.

Present: Cllr. Johnsey (Chairman) Cllr. Tempest Cllr. Englishby
Cllr. Wilcox Cllr Hodges Cllr. Davies
Parish Clerk – DM Woodliffe
Councillors Peter Barnes and Mike Brain

In attendance: 7 members of the public present plus Rosalind Abscombe, Community Development Worker from WCC.

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs. Hillier. The meeting accepted reasons for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Johnsey declared a non-pecuniary interest in Lagan Homes Development.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION FOR AGENDA

Resident enquired as to how many existing councillors had entered the nomination process. The council confirmed five.

Resident queried the open space on the Lagan Home site and that planting had reportedly been placed in the wrong location. Councillors confirmed the matter had been addressed and the planting error would be remedied.

Residents from Meon Vale thanked Cllr. Tempest for joining in a meeting on the development with the enforcement officer. Enforcement officer (Gavin Treen) suggested there was little they could do in terms of resolving some of the issues. It was noted the school for the site was late with some mobile classes to be erected on site originally intended for a pub. Nursery places were almost full with only 10 places remaining with reception places full.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. Barnes highlighted the election date of May 2nd. Also suggested there may be an issue with gypsy's moving into land between Long Marston and Welford but the landowner is preparing to place a digger to the entrance.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. Brain highlighted the growing concern of rural crime and the stealing of livestock. Confirmation was given that funding had helped to facilitate the dropped kerb to Wyre Lane. Cllr Brain also mentioned the need for road repairs within Long Marston but would not be scheduled until development work had been completed. There was reference made to the police numbers and the desire to see more foot patrols. Cllr Brain also confirmed following speed appraisals in Welford, the issue of speeding continues to be a problem.

Reference was made to the footpath from Meon Vale to Quinton and the need to get the relevant permission from the farmer before work could commence.

6. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes from March 18th meeting were approved

7. CHAIRMAN'S & CLERKS REPORT / OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman confirmed the village clean up day as part of the Great British Clean was a success and continuing appraisal was in place re footpaths and general village maintenance. Chairman also confirmed this was an election year for the Parish Council.

Clerk was asked to check our liability should we organise any resurfacing of Wyre Lane and confirmed according to our solicitors we were covered under liability but to ensure we review insurance cover from potential contractors.

Information was read out re response from House of Commons on the matter or Airbnb problems and that the situation would be monitored.

The situation regarding Street Lighting Columns was noted and it was agreed to check more details relating to 'the recognised method for structurally testing the steel lighting columns'. Clerk to action

Clerk confirmed all nominations papers had been submitted to SDC with no errors.

8. 2019/20 TENDERS

Information was given to the councillors in respect of the tenders submitted for specific works – village maintenance and newsletter. With regards to the former, *it was resolved to award the contract to Thomas Fox but to ensure the planters were actioned in accordance with our requirements.* With regards to the latter, *it was resolved to retain the incumbent provider TJ Design but to have the council more involved in the editing and to ensure increased income was provided by strategic advertising.* Clerk to inform both parties and to inform Limebridge they would not be engaged to continue with village planters. Clerk to action

9. MEON VALE

The council confirmed the issues relating to the Allotments and Recreational building were being reviewed including the S106 conditions. With discussions having already taken place with Anthony Young at SDC and Richard Popple from St Modwen, it has been agreed to hold a meeting with Mr Popple at the end May

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10. ELECTION / NEXT MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

It was confirmed this was an election year with the process of confirming chairman, vice chairman etc., to take place on May 20th. It has also been agreed to hold an Annual Meeting of the Parish on Saturday May 18th at the village hall from 10am – 12pm. Clerk has corresponded with the various organisations in the village.

11. BLOOR HOMES

Councillors discussed the ongoing problem with the open space and the Calor Gas agreement. Clerk to forward latest correspondence from our solicitors.

12. FINANCE

Full accounts were provided for council perusal. With some modification to expenditure the final budget was approved.

Within the budget the matter of Clerks Salary was reviewed and in accordance with WALC salary scales, *it was resolved to increase the hourly rate to £10.57 with amendment to working hours from 5 to 7 hours per week.*

The Clerk/RFO confirmed as our turnover was still below the £25k threshold we were able to work/audit within the certificate of exemption. *It was resolved to audit on this basis.* RFO organising the internal audit to take place in May.

ITEMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

15/4/19	Parish clerk	101633	£538.80	PAYE
15/4/19	HMRC	101634	£134.60	PAYE Tax
15/4/19	E.ON	101635	£171.94	Electricity
15/4/19	N.Power	101636	£79.84	Elec/2018
15/4/19	N.Power	101637	£31.17	May 2018/end

PAYMENTS MADE

20/3/19	CPRE	101632	£36.00	Subscription
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13. PLANNING MATTERS

18/03569/LDP – 3 Barley Fields. – No objection

16/03615/REM – Lagan Homes. Cllr Tempest gave a detailed report cataloguing the full list of issues that remain with the site. Clerk to send same for comment to Lagan Home contacts.

14. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr. Davies confirmed Neighbourhood Plan is proceeding.

Cllr. Englishby advised no issues, website etc., working OK

Cllr. Hodges noted things are progressing on the LMAF /400 homes including Homes for England with regards to the grant.

15. ANY URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None

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14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday May 20th at 7.30pm

Meeting closed – 8.55pm

Parish Clerk

Signed.....

Chairman