

Marston Sicca Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF AUGUST 19TH 2019 PARISH MEETING

The meeting was held on Monday August 19th 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. Hillier
Cllr. Davis. Cllr. Hodges
Parish Clerk – DM Woodliffe

In attendance: Cllr Barnes plus 7 members of the public

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Brain advised he was not able to attend the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Cllr. Johnsey declared a non-pecuniary interest in Lagan Homes/Perry Orchard Development. Cllr. Hodges reaffirmed interest in the LM Airfield site/Cala Homes.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION FOR AGENDA

3.1 A resident enquired as to who would be responsible for the bin by the play area in Barley Fields. The Council confirmed this would be considered when the transfer of open space has been concluded.

3.2 The Council were advised that the speed visor was not working. The Council confirmed discussions with Highways on speed calming measures was gaining momentum and we would wait for the final plans before making any potential replacements to the visor.

3.3 A resident queried S106 monies with specific reference to monies available for maintenance & repair to play equipment and could we make this visible. Clerk to investigate/action.

3.4 council were asked if placing mirror in strategic locations along the main road through Long Marston would be possible to aid cars existing adjoining roads. Cllr. Hillier confirmed it was not possible to do so on Highways Roads.

3.5 A resident from Meon Vale requested Meon Vale to be added as a specific agenda item for future Parish Council Meetings. The Clerk will request specific items residents wish to include in good time prior to meetings to ensure Councillors have time to study.

4. COUNCILLOR BARNES

4.1 Cllr. Barnes discussed various bus services in operation locally and the benefits of supporting the services available. Clerk to prepare a list of buses services viable for Long Marston along with related terms & conditions.

4.2 Cllr. Barnes raised concerns over reserved sites and the issues relating to social housing on development sites. Affordable housing was also raised along with concessionary pricing now available within the Cameron Homes/Old Brewery Field development.

5. COUNCILLOR BRAIN.

Cllr. Brain was not present and no report was available.

6. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

6.1 Minutes from July 15th meeting were approved.

7. CLERKS REPORT / OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 The clerk advised St Modwen had confirmed allotment pitches were available and that a contract was available for interested parties with a year's rent free period. The Clerk agreed the contract was rather complex.

7.2 The Clerk confirmed contact had been made with WCC regarding the S106 Ecological Offsetting amount of £46,774. Discussions included LM Parish Council seeking to acquire the monies to organise ecological projects within the Open Space and the possibility of meeting with WCC to share ideas. David Cole confirmed this type of S106 was fairly normal with developers paying the funds once site work has commenced. Lagan however, have still not paid the matter is now with WCC solicitor. Once the monies have been received WCC voiced a willingness to meet and discuss ideas. Clerk to monitor

8. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN LONG MARSTON:

8.1 Lagan Homes – Council confirmed following a more stringent review of the site by SDC enforcement officers (as a result of Parish Council petition), the site has been significantly improved following the work of a local contractor. There are still outstanding concerns including confirmation of the play area/equipment and the position of the lighting column. *The council unanimously agreed to contact the Enforcement Officer to arrange a meeting before any Certificate of Completion is awarded.* Clerk to Action.

8.2 Bloor Homes – The council discussed the recent communications with the PC solicitor and noted the transfer documents were almost complete and would be ready for PC signing before end of August. The clerk also confirmed the Commuted Sum and S106 monies would be paid to Ladders and then transferred to the Parish Council. Clerk to ensure documents are received in good time.

8.3 Cameron Homes – The Council were reassured that the trigger point had been highlighted by Cameron (without prompting) and the S106 monies for Highways had been paid.

9. SPEED CALMING MEASURES

9.1 Cllr. Hillier provided councillors with a visual plan of proposed speed calming measures as per discussions/recommendations of Highways noting 4 build outs. There is still debate over required lighting and whether existing lights by 2 build outs would be sufficient. Cllr Hillier requested Council approval to instruct Highways to provide a detailed speed calming plan with the relevant costs. As these are likely to exceed S106 funds available, the final plan would need to be presented to residents for their consideration and final expenditure approval from the Parish Council. Council unanimously agreed to instruct Highways to prepare the plan. Clerk to investigate associated VAT.

10. VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR.

10.1 Following notice of vacancy (noting brief outline of duties) an application was received by a resident expressing interest and noting reasons for applying and related skillsets. All councillors unanimously agreed to Co-Opt Mrs Margaret Clarke onto the Council with her portfolio to be community project based. Margaret Clarke signed acceptance form at the end of the meeting.

11. CONSERVATION AREA WITHIN LONG MARSTON.

11.1 The council discussed the reasons for applying for conservation status but also the complexities and parameters of having a request granted. The council felt the topic required more investigation with full details of advantages/disadvantages of pursuing conservation status, how the process worked and what specific areas would be best suited for such an application. Cllr. Hillier and the Clerk to prepare a more detailed report.

12. FINANCE

12.1 The RFO/Clerk produced the current monthly balance sheet and summary of expenditure vs. budget. The Clerk confirmed Grants were noted within the Income/Expenditure summary as S137 monies. The calculation for this was confirmed @ £7.86 x number of electors (Long Marston being 602) = £1905.

12.2 RFO confirmed banks had been contacted with regards to risk management following the pending receipt of S106 monies from Bloor Homes. Advice given by the incumbent bank HSBC was queried with the clerk to investigate. Clerk to prepare bank options with account details, interest and procedure banking for local authority by next meeting.

12.3 Following a maintenance review of village assets, the council had been advised of two benches that needed replacement. Cllr Hillier had successfully received a grant from NFU for £250 towards the benches. With a concessionary price, Cllr Hillier offered to procure two benches at a cost no greater than the grant. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Hillier would acquire the benches.

12.4 The Parish Councillor debated the quotation received from Thos. Fox for doing remedial work to the hedges at Barley Fields. All agreed the price of £800 was excessive. Cllr Johnsey in his professional capacity offered to do the work for a price no greater than £450 (to include Wyre Lane) the Council unanimously agreed.

12.5 ITEMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

19/08/2019	Thomas Fox	101659	£297.69	Maintenance
19/08/2019	WALC	101660	£46.00	Training

13. PLANNING MATTERS

13.1 - 19/01150/FUL, Meon Vale Erection of a temporary modular school and associated outdoor facilities for a two year period. Permission Granted

13.2 – 19/00756/FUL, Meon Vale Business Park, material change of use of land to develop two hard standings for 500 to 750 vehicles at any time. Permission Granted.

13.3 Cllr. Tempest advised the council on concessionary pricing for affordable houses on the Cameron Homes site (Old Brewery Field) and it was suggested to put the house details and prices in the newsletter. Clerk to action.

13.4. Cllr Hillier also discussed the concerns relating to reserve sites, Cllr. Tempest confirmed he and Cllr. Davis would be attending a planning seminar with this topic included and will revert more fully for the next Parish Council meeting.

14. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 Cllr. Hillier advised after discussions with WCC ranger responsible for the Greenway, the area had been tidied and had secured agreement to erect a second picnic table to potentially be positioned by Wyre Lane/Greenway junction – the ranger will walk the site to confirm best position. The existing table will remain in situ.

14.2 Cllr. Hillier confirmed the successful receipt of a grant from NFU (towards village benches) would enable two new benches to be procured.

14.3 The situation of Wyre Lane and Severn Trent was raised by Cllr, Hillier who confirmed we would again chase them for the contribution they agreed to pay.

14.4 Cllr. Hillier and Cllr. Johnsey agreed to walk the village to review the condition of footpaths.

14.5 Cllr Davis gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires with some preliminary results. The data being analysed and once finalised, will be used as part of the evidence underpinning the neighbourhood plan. It was agreed to note in the parish newsletter a thank you message from the Parish Council to all residents who had completed the questionnaire. Clerk to action.

15. VILLAGE CLEAN

As part of the CPRE initiative to help improve our villages and rural landscape the council confirmed the summer village clean day would be September 14th @ 10.30am. Clerk to include in the newsletter.

16. ANY URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None discussed

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17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 16th @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed – 9.23pm

Parish Clerk

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Chairman