

Marston Sicca Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16TH, 2019 PARISH MEETING

The meeting was held on Monday December 16th 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. Hillier Cllr. Davis.
Cllr. Clarke Cllr. Tempest Cllr. Hodges
Parish Clerk – DM Woodliffe

In attendance: 4 members of the public

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Brain and Cllr. Barnes were not able to attend, the council accepted their reasons

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Cllr. Johnsey declared a non-pecuniary interest in Lagan Homes/Perry Orchard Development.

2.2 Cllr. Hodges declared pecuniary interest in LMA development.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION FOR AGENDA

3.1 A resident raised an already existing issue with regards to parking by Station Road and the Greenway and enquired as to whether a No Parking sign should be erected. *It was felt this would be unlikely but Cllr. Hillier advised the matter would be investigated.*

4. COUNCILLOR BARNES

4.1 Cllr Barnes was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health. Information was provided however, confirming a charge of £40 would be levied for green bins.

5. COUNCILLOR BRAIN.

Cllr. Brain was unable to attend the meeting, but the Parish Chairman circulated a brief report.

6. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

6.1 Minutes from November 25th meeting were approved.

7. CLERKS REPORT / OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Following council's instructions to investigate the Long Marston Pumping station, the clerk confirmed Severn Trent had been contacted to organise a meeting to appraise the Pumping Station and to evaluate its capacity. The clerk was advised a senior network technician would be in contact to organise a date against work reference 2004507878

7.2 With regards to the parish newsletter and pre-tender investigations, the clerk acquired details of a publisher working on other village newsletters and subsequently contacted Warwick Printing. Initial quotations for superior paper was received with the clerk suggesting a meeting to appraise fully the price and terms provided by Warwick Printing. The matter can then be compared fully with existing terms with incumbent provider being advised of the price advantage. ***Clerk will provide an update for next meeting.***

7.3 The clerk confirmed following chasers to Severn Trent (including prompts from Cllr Hillier), the clerk received confirmation that all work had been concluded and monies promised to the PC would be paid shortly. The clerk reconfirmed the PC bank details to ensure smooth receipt.

8. LAGAN HOMES

8.1 Councillors discussed the recent correspondence from SDC case officer. Unanimously agreed to respond stating due to various breaches in conditions there was a natural reluctance to accept any changes to the plans (such as they are) particularly as other issues remain unanswered including the ditch and the revised contract. ***Clerk to email SDC***

9. BLOOR HOMES

9.1 Councillors discussed the recent correspondence from Ladders confirming transfer is imminent and waiting for the results from recent searches. ***Clerk to chase***

10. MEON VALE

10.1 The clerk discussed housing numbers following a request to SDC to clarify. This would have a direct impact on the Precept.

10.2 Further development on the allotments was discussed following recent meeting with St Modwen regarding the possibility of the Parish Council leasing the entire site. St Modwen considering the options. ***Clerk to update the council for next meeting.***

11. FOUR YEAR PLAN / OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

11.1 Cllr. Clarke confirmed a committee is being formed with suggested first meeting date to be January. Further details to be confirmed for next Parish Council meeting.

12. FINANCE

12.1 The RFO provided the council with a summary of income and expenditure YTD including the normal budget against actual appraisal.

12.2 With the budget in mind for 2020, the council discussed the following:

(i) Tender revised template for circulation- copy to be given to Cllr. Johnsey for his perusal.

(ii) Housing numbers with the Marston Sicca Parish

(iii) Income/expenditure review for final budget purpose and precept

The council unanimously agreed the budget and to set the precept @ £21,500

12.5 ITEMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

answers and budget framework to the councillors by next meeting.

DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	AMOUNT	DETAILS
16/12/19	T Johnson	101681	£462.00	Newsletter
16/12/19	Thos. Fox	101682	£459.80	G. Maintenance
16/12/19	Parish Clerk	101683	£50	Prize vouchers

13. PLANNING MATTERS

13.1 No new planning applications were submitted for discussion.

14. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14.1 Cllr. Hillier discussed the potential costs advised by Highways (£82k in total – including £30k from Western Power for the street lighting). Considering the high level of cost the matter is being further investigated.

14.2 With regards to the road repairs to Wyre Lane. Cllr. Hillier confirmed Severn Trent have been chased and we are now looking to secure a date of when monies will be sent.

14.3 The matter of parking on verges was raised with Cllr Hillier advising the need to review robust options for protecting the verges and extending the parking spaces along Pear Tree close.

14.4 Cllr. Davies advised further grant funding was being considered the next phase in the Neighbourhood Plan.

14.5 Cllr. Clarke confirmed new initiatives for younger LM residents would help be determined by getting accurate number of children living in the village.

14.6 Cllr. Clarke suggested a new event for the village with VE day in May with a specific focus on children. Councillors unanimously agreed to investigate the idea more fully with framework and costs in mind.

14.7 Cllr. Johnsey confirmed the concerns over the pumping station was under investigation but that some information had already been secured that noted non return valves on the pumps were now installed to help prevent backflow. A technician will also contact the Parish Council following a detailed appraisal of the pumping station.

14.8 Cllr. Johnsey also advised improvement to the hedges at Barley Fields would be achieved once the transfer of the open space had been finalised.

14.7 Cllr. Clarke advised that the children's' Christmas Writing competition had been a success and the winning stories had been selected and would be published in the December newsletter. The RFO provided the winning vouchers as agreed.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday January 20th, 2020. Meeting closed 9.17pm

Signed.....

Chairman