

Marston Sicca Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF JANUARY 20TH 2020 PARISH MEETING

The meeting was held on Monday January 20th 2020 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 was not able to attend, the council accepted his reason

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 Resident enquired about the Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Davies confirmed there was still considerable work to be done, that it is an ongoing project and that residents would see final report for their consideration as a referendum has to be conducted before the plan is officially approved.

3.2 Resident asked when the Bloor Homes transfer is finally concluded, to give residents a specific remit as to what the PC would be responsible for and a plan of action.

3.3. The council were asked to place a parish boundary map on the PC website.

3.4. Residents repeated Parish Council concerns over increased dog fouling in the village. **The council unanimously agreed to highlight the issues in the newsletter**

4. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The council discussed the sad news regarding the loss of Cllr. Barnes and acknowledged the work and commitment he had given to the council. Cllr. Brain forwarded an emailed report, the chairman read out the main points.

5. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

6.1 Minutes from December 16th 2019 meeting were confirmed as being true and accurate and were approved.

6. CLERKS REPORT / OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 An appraisal meeting had been set up with Lidders for the 27th January to review the conditions and consider the merit of sending a 'legal recap' to both SDC and Lagan. The meeting with Lidders was also to reaffirm the agreement for the Parish Council to acquire the open space which had been confirmed in August 2015.

6.2 The clerk advised Lidders had confirmed the transfer document relating to Bloor Homes was being finalised and would be ready for our perusal w/c Feb 3rd. Clerk to ensure the contract is ready for our perusal and conclusion same week.

6.3 Following an interested party from Meon Vale to join the Parish Council, the clerk gave details of the applicant. The council agreed it would be advantageous to have a councillor with a portfolio to represent Meon Vale. Clerk to discuss the situation with the interested party and revert to the Parish Council.

6.4 The pricing and operation of the newsletter was discussed with price comparisons between the incumbent supplier and prices/service details from further applicant. It was unanimously agreed for the clerk to approach the incumbent supplier and discuss the price variations and to review fully the options available to the Parish Council. Clerk to revert.

7. LAGAN HOMES

7.1 The Clerk advised a meeting had been arranged at SDC for Jan 27th with Lagan attending. The agenda drafted would be to discuss all outstanding issues and breach in conditions. The council discussed fully the conditions – orchard, LPA confirming reluctance to review and agree any changes to the original application without first having all outstanding issues resolved. Cllr. Tempest confirmed he would attend the meeting at SDC with the clerk.

8. MEON VALE

8.1 The clerk confirmed St Modwen were in principle happy to have the Parish Council be the tenant for the allotments and a revised contract is being reviewed.

The parish council unanimously agreed to investigate further – to report back on the revised contract and its terms and to liaise with Meon Vale residents re the interested parties who wish to commit to a pitch. Clerk to action.

9. FOUR YEAR PLAN/OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The objectives of having a vision for the village had been previously discussed. The next steps had been to consider the best use of the Open Space (once transferred) and the value it would bring to the residents of Long Marston. To have specific focus on this, a separate steering committee was set up to be chaired by Cllr. Clarke. Cllr. Clarke confirmed the first meeting was held January 15th with a diverse range of age in committee members. In addition to visiting families in the village, Cllr. Clarke noted the framework of the committee with next meeting to be held 19th February. The clerk /RFO had provided financial information relating to reserves for the Open Space. A competition to name the open space would be held once the initial committee objectives had been achieved.

10. FINANCE

10.1 The RFO provided the council with a summary of income and expenditure YTD including the confirmed budget and precept.

10.2 It was confirmed the tender for Ground Maintenance had been sent and review of other expenditure (including Newsletter) were now receiving priority.

10.3 ITEMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	AMOUNT	DETAILS
20/01/2020	LM village hall	101687	76.00	Hall Hire
20/01/2020	Parish Clerk	101688	768.76	PAYE
20/01/2020	Parish Clerk	101689	50.84	PC Xmas/HP Ink
20/01/2020	CPRE	101690	36.00	Subscription
20/01/2020	I. Johnsey & Co	101691	320.00	Planters/Bulbs
20/01/2020	GroundworkUK	101692	60.00	NP Grant

10.4 PAYMENTS MADE PRIOR TO MEETING

24/12/2019	ICO	DC	40.00	Data Prot. fee
13/01/2020	E.ON	101684	183.51	Electricity
13/01/2020	HMRC	101685	192.20	PAYE Tax
13/01/2020	Avon Planning	101686	168.00	NP Planning

11. PLANNING MATTERS

19/03469/VARY – Phase 4a Meon Vale. Decision: Objection

12. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

12.1 Cllr. Davies explained the Grant Application process for the Neighbourhood Plan and the need to repatriate some surplus funding which was approved. He further explained the ongoing process and how this works in stages. The committee are engaging further expertise which will be funded by the grant procedure.

12.2 Cllr. Johnsey confirmed the tenders had been sent for village ground maintenance and a number of issues will be sorted in the coming months including the hedges etc., once relevant transfers had been concluded. A full appraisal of village assets was conducted with specific reference to benches requiring cleaning and repair. **Clerk to secure price for work**

12.3 Cllr. Hillier advised the costs relating to speed calming measures as confirmed by Highways (approx. £80k). Councillors unanimously agreed that a revised plan needs to be considered due to the excessive costs. **It was unanimously agreed for Cllr. Hillier to revert to Highways with further options including the potential reduction in build outs from 4 to 2 (one each end of the village) and perhaps enhancement of the village gateway (Wyre Lane). Clerk to check S106 agreement relating to specific use of the highway's contribution (including Gateways).**

12.4 Cllr. Hillier was pleased to advise Severn Trent had sent a confirmed BAC's notice relating to the £5k contribution they would make towards remedial work to Wyre Lane. It was further noted that Cllr. Hodges had generously donated a further

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£2k towards the works. Cllr. Hillier advised he would contact contractors for a price indication in due course.

12.5 Cllr. Hillier noted the poor quality in the main road refurbishment.

12.6 Following a walking appraisal of the village (Cllr. Hillier and Cllr. Johnsey), Cllr Hillier suggested a pre -spring village clean up would be useful to remove obvious rubbish before growth to hedges etc., **Councillors unanimously agreed to organise a village clean on February 16th – Clerk to note in the newsletter**

12.7 Cllr. Clarke continued with her suggestion of hosting a VE day at the village hall with specific focus on younger residents. The date was confirmed for Friday May 8th (bank holiday weekend) and would involve a range of activities to highlight life during the war years. **Cllr Clarke requested funds to support the project and it was unanimously agreed to provide funds by way of a £200 grant.**

12.8 Cllr. Clarke also discussed further projects to be created in the village for younger residents – competitions, board game events in the village hall etc.,

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meeting closed 9.30pm. Next meeting to be February 17th at 7.30pm

Signed.....

Chairman