

# Marston Sicca Parish Council

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2019 PARISH MEETING**

The meeting was held on Monday June 17th 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. Davies. Cllr. Hodges  
Parish Clerk – DM Woodliffe

**In attendance:** Cllr Barnes and Cllr. Brain plus 10 members of the public

*Meeting opened at 7.30pm*

### **1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All present

### **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 Residents raised confusion over notices for road closures, with notices often not present or works not being done when they are. Councillors confirmed information was far from clear and would like to see if more accurate data could be made available prior to future works.

3.2 Further resident questioned if speed guns would be used noting PC's speed calming measures. Cllr. Hillier noted options with Highways were being reviewed and this would be concluded first.

3.3 Resident from Meon Vale mentioned the Allotments noting the clerk had been contacted by St Modwen. Clerk confirmed details of the communication.

### **4. COUNCILLOR BARNES**

4.1 Cllr. Barnes noted SDC were adopting climate change initiatives with the directive of using less paper. A more environmentally approach is being deployed in general administration.

4.2 Cllr. Barnes noted how children were not securing places in Chipping Campden (including those living in Long Marston) due to being full yet the policy to build yet more houses continues. Cllr. also noted the problems relating to schooling within Meon Vale.

4.3 The point of reserve sites was raised. Cllr. Tempest confirmed no new sites for LM had been put forward above those that were considered some time ago

**5. COUNCILLOR BRAIN**

5.1 Cllr. Brain following on from Cllr. Barnes comments on reserved sites, noted reserve sites are not required and unlikely to be need until after 2031.

5.2 Cllr noted the pro-active approach LM was having towards speeding calming measures through the village. Cllr confirmed he would like to be involved and also advised police funding had monies specifically for speed calming.

5.3. Following funding application for bollards, Cllr Brain advised it is not typical to erect bollards unless close to and related to schools. Cllr. Hillier confirmed potential sites would be given to Cllr. Brain for consideration.

5.4 The crossing at Meon Vale was discussed (site to allow safe crossing for children leaving Meon Vale for Quinton School and vice versa). Cllr. Brain suggested the crossing would not be ready for when new school starts. The mention of a possible crossing attendant (lollipop person) was made by the Parish Council – Clerk to investigate.

**6. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.**

6.1 Minutes from June 17th meeting were approved.

**7. CLERKS REPORT / OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

7.1 Clerk confirmed St Modwen had responded to questions relating to the allotments on Meon Vale. Price and confirmation that pitches would be open was received but there remains to be a question over viability of the sites for the general public. Clerk to raise these concerns again with St Modwen.

7.2 Clerk confirmed dog fouling signs were now available (though need to be fixed to fencing) and would email the council for confirmation of preferred sites.

**8. LAGAN HOMES**

8.1 Cllr Tempest read to the Chairman and councillors a status report on the Lagan Home Site. Since the departure of Gavin Treen from SDC, the Clerk, prompted by councillor concerns contacted head of planning Robert Weeks to note our concerns over the open space and related matters and was advised that the Enforcement Officer Ron Goodyer would be appointed to monitor the site.

8.2 Communication from Ron Goodyer was read whereby it was noted 'I am fully aware of the developer's failings and have met with the recently appointed groundwork contractor'. A further email noted this contractor was local to Long Marston who had remedial work to the open space can continue. Unanimously agreed to closely monitor the situation but also for the clerk to contact Ron Goodyer re the Practical Completion Certificate

**9. BLOOR HOMES**

9.1 Cllr. Tempest confirmed legal matters relating to the transfer were almost concluded. The two items of concern raised by the Parish Council (electric junction box and broken gate to the play area) had been fixed. The legal documentation outstanding largely related to an amended transfer of POS giving rights to Calor Gas

for access over the POS to maintain the tanks. This was currently being finalised between Calor Gas solicitor and Lodders.

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## **10. CO-OPTING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

10.1 The Clerk had issued the full appraisal of current councillor portfolios with the noted areas of specialisation/expertise. To maximise effort, councillors reviewed current skillsets and any apparent gaps in the council portfolio. It was felt that community projects and related tasks were needed to a) inject more community focused topics in the newsletter, b) to consider and report to the council ideas on community projects (working with the RFO re-funding) and c) to sit on the Open Space/Community Building committee with local projects in mind. By a unanimous decision, it was resolved to draft a brief overview of the role and to advertise the vacancy asap with primary role to be Community Projects. Clerk to action.

## **11. DEER SIGNAGE**

11.1 Being prompted by communications from Cllr Brain (suggesting Long Marston and Welford share the cost to erect a Deer Sign), the matter was discussed at the Parish Council meeting. Cllr. Hillier had pointed out it was not typical for parish councils to contribute towards WCC signs but also a further sign to the suggest location would not be productive due to various signs already in situ. More still, more productive remedial action to deer crossing might be achieved by the closure of a gate to the field. Cllr. Hillier suggested he would further communicate with Cllr. Brain on the matter.

## **12. VERGES IN LONG MARSTON**

12.1 Cllr Hillier. confirmed verges are considered part of Highways and that Long Marston is seeing an increasing number of cars parking on verges making it difficult for contractors to maintain and in some areas eradicating green verges due to constant parking issues. Unanimously agreed for the Clerk to highlight the problem in the next parish council newsletter.

## **13. FINANCE**

13.1 The RFO produced currently monthly balance sheet and summary of expenditure. Policy for reserves is now recorded and within the reserve items, funding for open space and S106 monies received are noted separately. It was confirmed a rebate had been received from Npower and contractual agreements were being monitored (Thos. Fox). Similar focus would also now be given to income from advertising in the Newsletter.

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### 13.2 ITEMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

15/7/2019	Parish Clerk	101652	£768.96	PAYE
15/7/2019	HMRC	101653	£192.00	PAYE Tax
15/7/2019	Thos. Fox	101654	£339.24	G. Maintenance
15/7/2019	T. Johnson	101655	£308.00	Newsletter
15/7/2019	AVDEC	101656	£96.00	Domain renewal
15/7/2019	Ian Johnsey Co.	101657	£250.00	Village Planters
15/7/2019	Parish Clerk	101658	£44.99	HP Ink/Paper

### 13.3 PAYMENTS MADE PRIOR TO MEETING

24/6/2019	WCC	101650	£500.00	Speed calming design
11/7/2019	E. ON	101651	£181.51	Electricity

## 14. PLANNING MATTERS

- 14.1 18/02563/OUT – Appeal Ashmead House: Decision Declined.
- 14.2 19/01209/FUL – Permission Granted
- 14.3 19/01150/FUL – Meon Vale (erection of temporary modular school: decision Pending
- 14.4 19/00756/FUL – Meon Vale Business Park: No Objection
- 14.5 19/01685/FUL – College Close: No Objection
- 14.6 19/01291/REM – Meon Vale extension road for phase 4: No Objection
- 14.7 18/01892/OUT – LMA 3100 Homes: More information required.

## 15. COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

15.1 Cllr. Johnsey confirmed following a review of the village assets, it was noted one bench needs to be replaced (situated opposite the church) and another required some remedial work. Cllr. Hillier will be included in quotation process.

15.2 Cllr. Johnsey also confirmed that whilst the defibrillator was tested each week, a book confirm date of test and signature would be implemented to provide evidence of maintenance.

15.3. Cllr Johnsey noted the condition of hedging and confirmed Thos. Fox would be asked to provide any extra cost to existing maintenance contract for replacing or remedial work to hedging adjacent to Barley Fields.

**15.4** Cllr Hillier following meetings with transport options for rural villages, noted the need to have transport covered within the Parish Council reviews and offered to incorporate this into his portfolio. It was unanimously agreed for Cllr Hillier to include Transport.

15.5 Cllr Hillier noted current status with Highways re speed calming measures and options for locations of build out will be discussed with Highways prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

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1456. Cllr. Hillier confirmed the Greenway was managed by Warwickshire Rangers Division and he was in discussion with them regarding maintaining the undergrowth and relocation of the picnic bench.

15.7 Cllr. Hodges noted Homes England Grant for LMA 3100 had not been finalised, but the 400 homes could start before the end of 2019.

15.8 Cllr Davies noted the questionnaires given to all households re the neighbourhood plan were now being collected. At the time of the meeting, 186 completed questionnaires had been returned.

**16. ANY URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

None discussed

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

Meeting closed – 9.35pm

Parish Clerk

Signed.....  
Chairman