

Marston Sicca Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF JUNE 17TH 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. Brain plus 4 members of the public

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Cllr. Barnes was unavailable to attend due to illness.

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 Resident from Meon Vale expressed the need to have the Notice Board being erected on the site (agreed joint cost between Marston Sicca & Quinton Parish Council) available for general communication and not just PC information. Parish Clerk will communicate with Quinton in this respect.

3.2 Resident also noted the condition of roads within Meon Vale with specific reference to the road by Sycamore Close. Cllr. Brain was present at the meeting and advised he would investigate.

3.3 Resident enquired over status with Bloor Homes and the signage to the play area and the standard of hedge cutting etc to the site. It was noted Bloor Homes would be discussed later in the meeting.

4. COUNCILLOR BRAIN

4.1 Cllr Brain confirmed he would secure clarification on road closure dates as there was conflicting information. Whilst on the subject Cllr Brain discussed the main road through Long Marston and remedial work to be undertaken when the development sites are concluded. Cllr Hillier commented on the state of Wyre Lane and the temporary remedial work looked unpleasant and short lasting. The question was raised as to whether Wyre Lane could secure better resurfacing whilst the workmen are in the village repairing the main road. Cllr. Brain thought this would be unlikely as there would be insufficient funds to cover the work.

Cllr. Brain confirmed knowledge of our funding request for bollards and confirm speed calming measures continue to be a dilemma for Welford and the wider considerations that affect options (dark sky policy etc.,).

5. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

5.1 Minutes from May meeting were approved.

6. CLERKS REPORT / OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Clerk noted the maintenance check for the village street lighting had been confirmed.

6.2 Clerk also noted the intention of taking specific two key courses that are a lead into the Cilca qualification course. Clerk noted the fee and that if the cilca qualification were taken in the current year, the training budget may be exceeded slightly. Councillors agreed to support the Clerks training course.

7. LAGAN HOMES

7.1 Cllr. Tempest read a report cataloguing the issues with the Lagan Home site and the discussions had with the enforcement officer. Play area not confirmed as being acceptable /meets standards (or is correctly located), overall open space not adequate, same with Orchard. Clerk to inform Lodders that transfer cannot take place due to enforcement officer noting the developer was in breach of planning conditions. Clerk to also check time line for enforcement officer to be retained in SDC and who would be replacement. Unanimous decision was to keep in regular contact with the enforcement officer and to monitor the progress of remedial work.

8. BLOOR HOMES

8.1 Cllr. Tempest gave an appraisal of status re Bloor Homes. Being close to transfer, the council are discussing the final issues that need clarification/fixing. Councillors felt a clear view of boundary definition was needed along with consideration for extending the CG area to the road for access. It was also felt confirmation of maintenance to the space controlled by the PC and Calor Gas should be identified. With regards to improving landscaping, hedge improvement and minor remedial work, the council took the pragmatic view to tackle these directly rather than delay matters still further with Bloor Homes. Clerk to communicate with Bloor Homes with these and any other points to be resolved. Once these final points are resolved and with the confirmation that all legal work meets the satisfaction of our solicitors, the council would confirm acceptance for transfer. Matter was proposed by Cllr. Johnsey and seconded by Cllr. Tempest with unanimous agreement.

9. SPEED CALMING MEASURES.

9.1 Cllr Hiller reported on recent discussions and communications with Highways. The speed calming measures proposed by M. McDonnell (to one end of the village only) was considered to be inadequate. Highways had suggested a full study with a view of offering a more robust solution but the cost for this would be £500. The fee

would then be deducted from the total costs for any final plan. Councillors felt the need to have a detailed review was important to ensure a robust speed calming option was identified and one that would satisfy Highways controls. The fee to achieve this was viewed to be necessary. Matter was proposed by Cllr Hillier and seconded by Cllr. Tempest. It was resolved to pay the fee asap.

11. CONSERVATION AREA IN LONG MARSTON

11.1 Cllr. Hillier discussed the merits of having a conservation area with a view of protecting key location(s). After initial discussions with SDC which revealed the complexities involved, it was resolved to investigate the process more fully. Clerk to provide more information for next meeting.

12. FINANCE

12.1 The RFO produced the monthly accounts to the council which were approved.

12.2 RFO provided the council with S106 overview of monies already received and trigger points for S106 monies due to the Parish Council

12.3. RFO produced a letter for signature to be sent to HSBC to remove Cllr. Wilcox and Cllr. Englishby as bank signatories.

12.4 Items were approved for payment:

17/06/2019	Parish Clerk	101646	£15.40	Postage & stationary
17/06/2019	WALC	101647	£46.00	Training
17/06/2019	Thos. Fox	101648	£606.92	Ground maintenance
17/06/2019	T. Johnson	101649	£385.00	Newsletter

13. PLANNING MATTERS

13.1 Cllr. Tempest had given separate appraisal of Bloor Homes and Lagan Homes, there were no further planning matters to discuss.

14. COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

14.1 Cllr. Davies confirmed questionnaires for the Neighbourhood Plan had been issued to residents of Long Marston. It was noted the questionnaire was needed to be organised in a format recognised by SDC to have credibility and the need for evidence to support specific facts.

14.2 Cllr. Hodges confirmed agreement to donate £2k towards Wyre Lane refurbishment. The council noted their thanks. Cllr Hodges also noted Homes England need to sign off on their agreement relating to the 400 homes on LMA/Cala Homes.

14.3 Cllr. Johnsey noted the poor condition of some hedges throughout the village and the need to create a format for contacting house owners reminding them of their obligation. Clerk to action.

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14.4 Cllr. Hillier noted his intention to contact the workforce engaged in repairing road surface to main road (when present) through the village with a view of securing price to continue work through to Wyre Lane.

14.5 Cllr. Hillier confirmed an application for £1000 grant had been submitted to secure funds for bollards to be erected to protect verges.

14.6. Cllr. Hillier requested confirmation of which verges were in need of repair and clarification on who is responsible for specific verges.

14.7 Cllr. Hillier informed the council of a recent meeting he attended with representatives from the Village Shop and Village Hall to discuss current village assets (shop / village hall) and a new community building with a view of sharing ideas for future use of each. The previous agreement of creating a committee to discuss Open Space/Community Building was again addressed with a view of contacting residents who had expressed an interest to join. Clerk to advise.

14.8. As some residents had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council, the Clerk agreed to provide details of the co-opting process prior to next meeting.

15. ANY URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None discussed

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday July 15th at 7.30pm

Meeting closed – 9.15pm

Parish Clerk

Signed.....

Chairman