

Marston Sicca Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF MARCH 16th, 2020 PARISH MEETING

The meeting was held on Monday March 16th, 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. Tempest
Parish Clerk – DM Woodliffe

In attendance: 7 members of the public plus District Councillor

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Clarke and Hodges 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.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION FOR AGENDA

3.1. Residents were permitted to make comment on extraordinary situation with Coronavirus and how residents within the village were organising a voluntary help scheme for vulnerable residents. With same consideration in mind, the Masons Arms confirmed they would be organising a take- away delivery service from the pub.

3.2 A resident enquired about the Open Space to the rear of Perry Orchard and that dog walkers were leaving dog mess on the site.

3.3. The newly elected district councillor introduced herself. She confirmed her keenness to support the various initiatives surrounding Coronavirus.

4. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nothing to report

5. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

5.1 Minutes from February 17th 2020 meeting were confirmed as being true and accurate and were approved.

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

6.1 The Clerk reaffirmed the price variation on the newsletter comparing incumbent provider with two options. In addition to pricing however, the clerk detailed the need to find a resource to undertake the editorial role. Councillors unanimously agreed to change provider but would wait until next meeting to finalise details pending editor options being clarified.

6.2 The clerk confirmed a resident had offered their service to host the Parish Council Website. Councillors agreed to the change. **Resolution: To change website host and for the clerk to provide passwords etc., to facilitate this.**

6.3 The unprecedented situation of Coronavirus was discussed due to residents' communication prior to the meeting. With a volunteer group starting to assist elderly or vulnerable residents, request was made for the Parish Council to understand and approve the scheme. **The process was discussed, and councillors unanimously approved the volunteer initiative. Clerk to place details in the newsletter.**

6.4 The clerk confirmed the Ground Maintenance tender had been awarded to Thos. Fox but as the further quote for additional work to Barley Fields was rejected at the last Parish Council meeting, consideration was given to I. Johnsey securing the work. I. Johnsey provided the council with a confirmed, competitive quotation and **it was unanimously agreed that this Barley Fields work should be awarded to I. Johnsey & Co.**

6.5 The clerk advised the council of Ms. B. Craig's interest in joining the Parish Council to represent the interests of Meon Vale. **Decision: to discuss the role of parish councillor with the candidate and to review co-opting procedure prior to next meeting.**

7. **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

7.1. The Chairman gave more details relating to the Ground Maintenance tender and the scope of work covered.

7.2 The Chairman noted the annual maintenance for the street lights had been completed and invoiced. The stress test for the columns would be conducted during the 2020-21 FY (@ £10 per street light). Councillors queried the cleaning of the street light glasses. **Clerk to check**

7.2 Following on from previous residents' questions regarding flood prevention, the Chairman confirmed a full ditch appraisal would be organised when the weather improves.

7.4 The Chairman added further comment on the Coronavirus; the need to coordinate projects and to monitor the situation closely. He stated it may also be necessary to change normal Parish Council procedures.

8. **MEON VALE**

8.1 The clerk confirmed the lease relating to the allotments had been received and had been circulated to the councillors. The terms would be reviewed and discussed at the next Parish Council meeting

9. BARLEY FIELDS LAND TRANSFER

9.1 Cllr. Tempest confirmed the land transfer from Bloor Homes to the Parish Council had been completed and is now with Land Registry. Cllr. Hillier suggested the council do a full appraisal of the site along with a maintenance check and any signage requirement.

10. FINANCE

10.1 The RFO provided the council with a summary of income and expenditure YTD including the slight adjustment to the budget (budget and financial statement to be added to the website. **Financial data was approved.**

10.2 The RFO provided councillors with YTD status on S106 monies received and monies on deposit.

10.3. Up to date Asset Register was provided with all financial data.

10.4. To mitigate risk the RFO requested agreement from the Council to open a Nationwide account and to transfer £85k to a deposit account. **Decision: Unanimously agreed.**

10.4. ITEMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	AMOUNT	DETAILS
16/03/2020	T. Johnson	101694	435.00	newsletter
16/03/2020	WCC	101695	109.02	Street Lights
16/03/2020	Parish Clerk	101696	42.99	HP Ink jet/post
16/03/2020	WALC	101697	30.00	Training

11. PLANNING MATTERS

11.1 Lagan Homes – Cllr. Tempest gave full update

11.2. 20/00606/REM, 14/03579/LMA 400 – **Decision: No Objections**

11.3. 20/00608/REM, 14/03579/OUT, 17/03258/REM, LMA 400 (Mere's Barn)
Decision: No Objection

11.4. 20/00634/AGNOT. Decision: No Comments

11.5. 17/03258/REM. No response necessary

11.6. 20/00385/AMD, 14/03579/OUT, LMA 400. Application has already been approved.

11.7. 20/00321/FUL, St Modwen's, Phase 3B, Meon Vale. **Decision: Object**

11.8. 20/00459/AMD, 19/0321/AMD, 14/01186/OUT, Meon Vale. Application has already been approved.

11.9. 19/02678/REM, Phase 4E, Redrow 100 homes off Station Road, Meon Vale
This application has already been approved.

Cllr. Tempest also discussed the S. West Relief Road with Cala and WCC waiting on funds confirmation from Homes England. If the 3100 homes were pushed back it could potentially bring risk of development to reserve sites.

Cllr. Tempest also discussed recent reports relating to the traveller's site adjacent to the existing traveller's site (Rainbow Nurseries). The site owner had contacted the clerk stating SDC were suggesting 20 pitches may be approved. The site owner however was more interested in erecting houses. The matter was investigated with SDC who confirmed the need to create more traveller's pitches, but any considerations did not include houses.

12. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

12.1 Cllr. Davis advised the lack of resource on the Neighbourhood Plan committee (now down to two), it would be unlikely that the plan could continue. Despite the problem being noted in the newsletter and request for volunteers, no response had been received. The situation will be deferred to next meeting.

12.2 Cllr. Clarke confirmed the Open Space Steering Group had conducted a site visit to the open space. It was advised the group would need to take a more formal committee format in due course with meetings open to the public. Younger committee members can continue on the committee but would have no voting rights.

12.3. Cllr. Clarke confirmed a good response had been received by the public to attend the VE celebrations but given the current Coronavirus issue, there is doubt whether the event will take place.

12.4. Cllr. Hillier noted the potential to have a more competitive price for refurbishing Wyre Lane given the changes in oil prices. Cllr. Hillier also advised Highways had been chased for revised Speed Calming costs based on only two build outs and not four.

13. EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Davis advised the need to change existing councillor email addresses to reflect .gov. The matter will be investigated with details to be ready for next meeting.

14. SPRING CLEAN UP

To be postponed.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Due to Coronavirus no direct meeting date was set. It was suggested delegation of powers may need to be adopted.

Signed.....
Chairman