

Marston Sicca Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF 20th MAY – ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The meeting was held on Monday May 20th 2019 at 7.30pm in Long Marston Village Hall. Copies of minutes and reports will be posted on the parish website.

Present: Cllr. Johnsey Cllr. Tempest Cllr. Hillier Cllr. Davies
Parish Clerk – DM Woodliffe

In attendance: P. Barnes (SDC) plus 9 members of the public

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. TO ELECT A CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND THE CHAIR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

1.1 Cllr. Johnsey was proposed as chairman by Cllr. Tempest and was seconded by Cllr. Davis. There were no other nominations for chair, so the motion was carried. The clerk received the Chair's Acceptance of Office.

2. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

2.1. Cllr. Tempest was proposed by Cllr Johnsey and seconded by Cllr. Davis. There were no other nominations for vice chair, so the motion was carried.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies received from Cllr. Hodges. The meeting accepted reasons for absence.
3.2 As this is an election year nominated Cllrs. should have provided their acceptance forms for the meeting. Due to unforeseen commitment to travel, the council resolved to permit A. Hodges to present the required documents on May 28th.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Johnsey declared a non-pecuniary interest in Lagan Homes/Perry Orchard Development. Cllrs. Davies, Hillier and Tempest declared a non-pecuniary interest in 18/02563/OUT. Appeal – Ashmead House.

5. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION FOR AGENDA

A member of the public noted the poor standard of maintenance on the Barley Fields site and whether the situation with Bloor Homes had been resolved. The council noted this would be covered more fully within the meeting.
The modifications to the village hall toilets had been resolved. Cllr. Davies confirmed a meeting had been held and funding is being organised to conclude on the remedial work.

Speed calming measures were raised with questions as to what options were available. Cllr Hillier noted this matter was being raised in the meeting following discussions with highways.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

Cllr. Barnes thanked all for support during the election process and reiterated on various ongoing matters he continues to pursue in the public interest including issues within Meon Vale

Cllr. Brain was not present but did forward a written report for Parish Council perusal. This detailed various road concerns and the closure of Milcote Road.

7. APPROVE MINUTES FROM 15th APRIL MEETING.

Minutes from April meeting were approved.

8. CLERKS REPORT / OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1 Newsletter – following request from Cllrs. to review improvements to the newsletter (increase wider audience/newsletter content, image, communication lines, financial contribution) the Clerk will report back with options and further cost appraisal to also include modifications to editorial processes.

8.2 The clerk confirmed the Annual Meeting of the Parish took place on May 18th and was well presented by those running village organisations and clubs but still remained a relatively poor turn out from residents. The Chairman's comments had been organised for all to see at the meeting.

8.3. Following on from previous discussions the clerk advised the Council of the methods deployed by WCC for checking safety of street lighting columns. Decision: agreed for the clerk to organise for the corrosion test to be actioned at the agreed cost.

8.4 The clerk reported on Quintons Parish Council proposal to share half the costs with Long Marston to erect a notice board in Meon Vale for local residents.

Decision: it was resolved that the council would pay half noted costs.

9. LAGAN HOMES

9.1. Councillors were able to read recent communications from Loddors that had details of the site received from Lagan Home solicitors. The plans were not specific to areas to be controlled by the Parish Council. **Decision** Clerk to revert to Loddors and Lagan Homes requesting more specific plans /details pertaining to POS to controlled by the Parish Council and further discussion on state of open space /fit for purpose.

10. BLOOR HOMES

10.1 Following continued issues relating to Calor Gas agreement and the specific open space that housed the tanks, the council had offered options to both our & Bloor Homes solicitors in order to conclude matters. Councillors were able to review an offer made by Bloor Homes legal counsel (supported by Loddors). The suggested solution of removing the open space housing the CG tanks from the open space to

be transferred to the Parish Council (without change to the commuted sum) was received favourably by the council. **Decision:** agreed for the clerk to give affirmative response to Ladders but to note the following points:

10.2 to receive confirmation as to what boundary would be placed around the POS.

10.3 to note maintenance agreement and confirm period of transfer and to appraise a final list of works/outstanding issues.

12. MEON VALE

12.1 Following previous meetings and residents concerns over various issues (sport pavilion, allotments etc.), the clerk met with St Modwen representative Richard Pople to discuss the noted points. Clerk reported to the council:

Meeting was held 17th May at 10am (Quinton Parish Clerk was invited to attend but unable to join.

Clerk was advised due to both the existing village hall and gym being loss leading facilities, opening the sports pavilion for ad-hoc events would not be viable but would look to seek to secure long term/regular contracted use to support the Pavilion and its maintenance). St Modwen suggested they *may* consider modifications to the village hall to secure wider use should this be required (the height of the ceiling and it be frequently being cold was noted). With regards to the allotment, the suggestion of improving on the site to be fit for purpose was discussed with the possibility to action being taken to allow ease of use. **Decision:** Clerk to determine exact interest in the allotments from Meon Vale residents.

13. FINANCE

9.1. The RFO produced the audited figures to the council. Accompanying end of year figures the audited documents included:

Accounting statements 2018/19

Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19

Audited documents were duly signed by the Chairman and RFO

9.2. Month end figures were presented to the council.

Payments for approval were confirmed including subscription to WALC

Insurance – Came & Co continue to insure the Parish Council at reduced price due to three-year price commitment made 2018.

ITEMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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| 20/05/2019 | WALC | 101639 | £243.00 | Subscription |
| 20/05/2019 | T Johnson | 101640 | £308.00 | Newsletter |
| 20/05/2019 | Village Hall | 101641 | £63.00 | Hall Hire |
| 20/05/2019 | Parish Clerk | 101642 | £16.46 | Stationary |
| 20/05/2019 | Parish Clerk | 101643 | £64.95 | HP Instant Ink |
| 20/05/2019 | Thomas Fox | 101644 | £382.69 | Maintenance |
| 20/05/2019 | Came & Co | 101645 | £626.02 | Liability Ins. |

14. PLANNING MATTERS

18/02563/OUT – Appeal – APP/J3720/W/18/5215586 – Ashmead House. Status: Pending Decision

19/01209/FUL – Meadow Croft – Rear Bedroom Extension. Decision: No Objection

19/01150/FUL – Meon Vale – Erection of temporary modular School – Decision: No Objection

19/00756/FUL – Meon Vale Business Park – Material change of use of land to develop two hard standings for 500-750 vehicles at any time. Anticipated maximum of 46 two-way trips per day with no more than 4 at peak am & pm Periods. Decision: agreed in principle but for Cllr. Tempest to first seek clarification on vehicle numbers.

15. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

15.1 Cllr. Davies confirmed the questionnaire for the Neighbourhood Plan was close to completion and that the process for completing the NP had to include specific points in an agreed format (and consultants) to realistically secure approval. The time line for the NP was noted as being around 2 years due to the various points that need to be covered and included in the plan.

15.2 Cllr. Hillier confirmed Severn Trent had confirmed a £5k contribution towards repairs to Wyre Lane with the funds due to be paid by end of May. Cllr. Hillier also confirmed that Pot Hole issues could be noted directly on the WCC website and the issues surrounding roads to Long Marston have been discussed but will not be dealt with until development work in the village has been completed.

Speed calming measures were also discussed with Cllr Hillier confirming ongoing discussions are underway with Highways including questions on costings/S106 monies – wider spending and the options available to us. Further meeting to take place to evaluate full funding requirement for a robust scheme.

16. ANY URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None discussed.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17th June at 7.30 pm (Parish Council noted the suggestion of holding ad-hoc meetings at Meon Vale Village Hall).

Meeting Closed 9.50pm

Parish Clerk

Signed..... Date.....

Chairman

