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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Long Marston Village Hall, Monday November 15th 20th 2021 at 7.30pm

Members Present: Cllr. Ian Johnsey (Chair), Cllr. Bill Tempest, Cllr. Noel Davis, Cllr. Mike Hillier, Cllr. Margaret Clarke, Cllr. Richard Whittaker

In attendance: District Councillor Manuela Perteghella and 1 member of the public.

Not present: Cllr. Pemberton

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Hodges

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Johnsey declared non-pecuniary interest in Lagan Homes site.

3. Public Open Session

3.1 Resident of Long Marston queried the verge to Wyre Lane and previous Parish Council comments to remedy the problem appeared to be unactioned. Cllr. Hillier and Cllr. Johnsey confirmed efforts to erect small posts to the verge to deter parking and clear the tree debris were thwarted by concrete that sits below the soil along the length of the verge. Cllr. Hillier also advised the obligation of Severn Trent to reinstate verges after work had been completed still remains, and discussions to do this had been undertaken. As Severn Trent will be working on the sewage system to the village with the same obligation to reinstate what has been disturbed, the intention is to have Wyre Lane verge remedial work actioned at the same time.

3.2 Resident also raised the issue of speeding through the village with the councillor confirming all options are being investigated but as Severn Trent are likely to have to remove the recently installed build outs to conduct sewage work, any further scheme may need to wait until that work has been completed. Cllr. Hillier confirmed notice of the intended Severn Trent works would be posted on the Parish Council website. Further information relating to dates and duration of works will also be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.

4. District / County Councillor Reports

4.1 Cllr. Perteghella gave a brief overview of the Draft Housing & Employment Land Availability Assessment Consultation. The council is seeking comments on the Draft Housing and Employment Land Availability Methodology Assessment, will be a common framework across all district and borough councils in Warwickshire plus Coventry City Council. Cllr. Perteghella suggested the desire to see some of the categories/criteria strengthened/added in relation to both environment, sustainable transport infrastructure, biodiversity net gain and climate change/carbon reduction emission.

4.2 Cllr. Perteghella advised the Local Government Electoral Boundary Review consultation period had been extended to December 6th, 2021. This extension followed an exchange between the Council and the Commission about the issue of multi member wards.

4.3 With reference to Climate Change, Cllr. Perteghella noted a climate change programme for SDC and WDC has been drawn up. There are three main ambitions. Under each of these ambitions there are several actions which will make councils and districts greener while working towards reducing carbon emission locally:

*Net Zero Carbon Council by 2025

*Low Carbon South Warwickshire by 2030

*Adaption by 2050

A report commissioned by the council showed that the majority of carbon emissions in our district comes from transport (51%) and building (39%).

4.4 With regards to Meon Vale, residents had been in contact with Cllr. Perteghella regarding broken kerbs, lack of dropped kerbs and street lighting. Cllr. Perteghella confirmed she had been in contact with St Modwen regarding the kerbs and the County Councillor with regards to the street lighting.

4.5 Cllr. Hillier raised the question of speed restrictions with 20mph now posted within Stratford and whether it would be viable to petition for same in Long Marston. Cllr. Tempest voiced doubts as to whether this could be achievable. It was suggested the Clerk contact WALC to determine whether other villages are considering same. *Clerk to action*

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on October 18th, 2021, were agreed as an accurate record and were approved.

6. Clerks update on outstanding matters

6.1 The clerk read communication from Ladders regarding status on the transfer of the open space. Shoosmiths - Solicitors representing Lagan Homes had confirmed agreement to proceed to engrossments leading to transfer of the public open space. Those engrossments would be prepared by Shoosmiths w/c November 15th.

6.3. Clerk to prepare a more detailed communication with WCC biodiversity team with a view of receiving some funding for wildflower meadow.

7. Finance

7.1 Clerk/RFO produced Bank Reconciliation & income / expense summary to date and a draft budget proposal. Budget was generally agreed but will finalise in December meeting along with Precept.

7.2 From reserves it was resolved to put £5000k towards community centre and to update reserve list to councillors prior to December meeting.

7.3 The Clerk confirmed expert advice had been given regarding possible VAT liabilities for the Pavilion. It was resolved to ringfence £1000 as a contingency pending response from HMRC

7.4. The Clerk had forwarded policies for councillor review. These should be adopted but to give time for full study it was resolved to place the matter in December's agenda.

7.5. Council agreed to support training policy and expenditure for appropriate training to be noted with the budget and to secure membership of SLCC.

7.6 A draft budget had been prepared on the basis of no change to the precept. It was resolved to finalise the budget/precept value in December's meeting.

7.7 Clerk confirmed CIL monies had been received and would organise appropriate reporting.

7.8. The following items due for payment were noted and approved.

| Date | Payee | Cheque No | £ | Details |
|------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| 15/11/2021 | Thomas Fox | 101900 | 1062.98 | Grnd. Maintenance |
| 15/11/2021 | Warwick Print | 101901 | 376.00 | Newsletter |
| 15/11/2021 | Uberdoodle. | 101902 | 85.00 | Website |
| 15/11/2021 | Mrs S Hillier | 101903 | 65.00 | Editor newsletter |
| 15/11/2021 | Cllr. N Davis | 101904 | 183.06 | Toners costs (NP) |
| 15/11/2021 | Parish Clerk | 101905 | 27.16 | Postage/Stationery |
| 15/11/2021 | R Spooner | 101906 | 70.00 | CC. Data Expense |
| 15/11/2021 | Mrs S Hillier | 101907 | 62.74 | CC Stock |
| 15/11/2021 | Mrs J Batchelor | 101908 | 16.22 | CC keys cut |
| 15/11/2021 | R Whittaker | 101909 | 7.08 | CC Stock |
| 15/11/2021 | Parish Clerk | 101910 | 18.08 | CC Stock |
| 15/11/2021 | WALC | 101911 | 24.00 | Annual Conference |
| 15/11/2021 | Origin Eden | 101912 | 176.00 | CC. Coffee stock |
| 15/11/2021 | Mrs S Hillier | 101913 | 86.46 | CC Locksmith |
| 15/11/2021 | H Leedham | 101914 | 133.00 | CC Stock |
| 15/11/2021 | Parish Clerk | 101915 | *** | PAYE Tax |
| 15/11/2021 | Mrs S Hillier | 101916 | *** | PAYE |
| 15/11/2021 | Mrs J Batchelor | 101917 | *** | PAYE |
| 24/11/2021 | BIFFA | DD | 88.42 | CC waste collection |

7.9 Payments Made

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| 20/10/2021 | SLCC Enterprises | DC | 410.00 | CiLCA Training |
| 27/10/2021 | B&M | DC | 25.16 | CC Stock |
| 29/10/2021 | Zettle Fee | N/A | 37.88 | CC payment fee |
| 08/11/2021 | Amber Simmond | 101896 | 51.00 | CC Pips Brownies |
| 08/11/2021 | Cake Vision | 101897 | 70.00 | CC stock |
| 08/11/2021 | H Leedham | 101898 | 408.60 | CC Stock |
| 08/11/2021 | LM village hall | 101899 | 81.02 | Non. Dom rates |
| 15/11/2021 | HP instant ink | DC | 103.49 | Printer Ink |

8. Meon Vale & Meon Vale Pavilion Community Centre

8.1 Clerk advised the Charity Commission had confirmed charity status for the Pavilion (Number 1196371). A bank account was now being prepared for the new legal entity to enable the migration of support/management from the Parish Council to the entity.

8.2. Until the process of transferring from the Parish Council to the new Charity, it was resolved to continue to support the Pavilion community centre.

8.3. The clerk advised a meeting was being organised with St Modwen to discuss the allotments.

9. Correspondence

9.1 A grant application was received from Mason Arms requesting some funding support towards the Christmas Lights/Christmas display. With this being considered as beneficial to local residents and a focal point for the wider community to come to enjoy the display, the Parish Council felt a contribution towards the display costs would be acceptable. It was resolved to grant £200 towards the costs.

9.2. Clerk discussed the communications with Steve Parkinson (VAT specialist for WALC) and the letter sent to HMRC.

10. Planning

21/02929/FUL, Marston House, Installation of dropped kerb to left of property. [Application Withdrawn](#).

21/02218/LDP, Hopkins, re-roof property. [Application Withdrawn](#).

20/03723/REM, (14/01186/OUT, Meon Vale Phase 4D around existing lake and close to the Greenway. We, along with many others objected to this proposal due to flooding being experienced on the adjacent sites. We currently have no indication that they have/are going to do anything about it, so our objection stands.

Turley's now have amended application plans due to consultation responses, but no amendment application number appears on the planning portal. Briefly, access and road widths have been changed for both speed reduction and tracking using correct vehicle dimensions. Certain car parking has been changed to integrate tree planting as well as avoiding conflict with driveway access. Green screen fencing with climbing plants is now proposed to the boundaries fronting onto the Greenway to create a softer and more attractive edge. Plots 62 and 70 have been omitted from the plan bringing the total down from 73 to 71. Also, minor changes have been made to a number of plots as well as house types.

21/02405/REM, (14/01186/OUT), Meon Vale Phase 4C off Wellington Avenue. Proposal is for the development of 109 dwellings and associated works including the formation of a vehicle access from Wellington Avenue, provision of internal access roads, footpaths, parking, open space, landscaping and drainage infrastructure. Decision: No Objection. However, when responding to SDC to note the following narrative:

We do have concerns that need addressing. 1. Consideration should be given for a pedestrian bridge link to the Greenway approximately halfway down the development. This could serve as access to the play areas, shop, pavilion, allotments, school etc. It could also serve as an access up the Greenway and into the Meon Woods over the existing bridge. This would prevent additional access points into the woods which could be detrimental to wildlife and biodiversity. 2. Consideration should also be given to lighting at the northern end of the

proposed development to ensure that it does not unduly spill into the woodland.3. The proposal lacks ambition with respect to Climate Change, achieving only minimum compliance with current regulations.

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11. Councillors Reports

11.1 Cllr. Whittaker give an update from Meon Vale residents association regarding various issues and events within Meon Vale. Cllr. Whittaker also mentioned further work and investigations regarding Parish Council initiatives towards climate change. It was suggested a visual presentation would be both topical and relevant to hold in the village hall in the new year. Councillors felt this could be well represented if combined with the Annual Meeting of the Parish (Parish Assembly). Further details relating to this will be presented in due course.

11.2 Cllr. Clarke suggested with the transfer of the open space now seemingly imminent, it would be useful to resurrect the open space working group with a view of determining main objectives for the site. Suggested framework and work group agenda will be organised asap.

11.3 Cllr. Davis advised good progress was being made on the Neighbourhood Plan with the working group now reviewing terms and policies.

Meeting ended 21.37

Date of next meeting – December 20th @ 7.30pm at Long Marston Village Hall

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Parish Clerk