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Approved Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Long Marston Village Hall, Monday February 21st 2022 at 7.30pm

Members Present: Cllr. Ian Johnsey (Chair), Cllr. Bill Tempest, Cllr. Noel Davis, Cllr. Margaret Clarke, Cllr. Anthony Hodges

In attendance: District Councillor Manuela Perteghella

Not present: Cllr. Pemberton

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Whittaker and Cllr. Hillier

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Public Open Session

3.1 A resident advised developers signs on entry to the village were being placed near to highways signs and were detracting visibility on road signs including the village build outs.

Resolved: clerk to investigate

3.2 A resident felt the recent survey conducted on the open space (to the rear of Perry Orchard) was unclear as to who was conducting the survey. Cllr. Clarke acknowledged the point and advised this was an initial survey organised by the open space working group and would be organising more specific public consultations going forward. It was also suggested a map of the open space be placed on the parish website and notice board. Clerk to action.

4. District & County Councillor Reports

4.1 Cllr. Perteghella advised members the council is in the processing of setting its budget. A drop in government financial support for the council after next year is being forecast by the current Cabinet in their budget proposals, and the Cabinet has planned an increase in the green bin charge. There are also some proposed cuts in services including the closure of Stratford's Tourist Information Centre. An alternative fully costed budget was proposed, which would oppose these cuts. Among the proposals were a Community Climate Change Funds (for improving village halls, community planting, repair cafes, cycle infrastructure etc.,) plus funding for practical energy and finance advice for residents tackling energy crisis. The Cabinet rejected all amendments except for the energy advice funding.

4.2 Members were advised of recent government announcement that residents living in properties with tax bands A to D are expected to receive a £150 rebate to help address the cost-of-living crisis.

4.3 With regards to Meon Vale, Cllr. Perteghella raised the issues of lack of dropped kerbs for pedestrians especially residents with mobility issues. Considering this point within new developments, Cllr. Perteghella has asked that these should be conditional by Stratford District Council in consultation with County Highways at the time of granting planning application and in view of the Equality Act.

4.4 Following question from Cllr. Tempest, it was confirmed Warwickshire have a 7.5 year land supply.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on January 17th 2022, were agreed as an accurate record and were approved.

6. Clerks update on outstanding matters

6.1 The transfer to the open space to the rear of Perry Orchard was delayed due to the developer wanting all three transfer documents to be concluded simultaneously. The freehold playing area transfer document has been signed and electronically sent to the developer's solicitor (Shoosmiths), and the lease hold documents are ready pending our solicitor's comment for amendment being approved by Shoosmiths. The amendment relates to the rights of service to the proposed area for a community building.

6.2. The Clerk has again contacted enforcement officer Matthew Coyne regarding the conditions relating to the open space and whether those conditions (and any breaches) would be transferred to the Parish Council should we wish to conduct the 12 -month maintenance programme ourselves.

Resolved: To chase SDC for a response given the planting time and co-ordinate with Ladders to ensure the transfer is concluded with the amendment agreed.

6.3 The charity status was confirmed for the Pavilion and pending the opening of the bank account, the control of the pavilion community centre and it's charitable projects would soon pass from the Parish Council to the trustees of the charity. The accounts for the community centre were presented and will organise a final balance (end March) to be transferred (as per January minutes).

Resolved: to provide end of year balance for the pavilion including CIL funding to determine transfer balance. The CIL monies to be retained by the Parish Council but to be used for the Pavilion projects.

6.4 The Clerk advised various documents and policies needed to be reviewed and advised members of the changes to the Code of Conduct.

Resolved: March meeting to review/adopt relevant policies.

7. Finance

7.1 Clerk/RFO produced Bank Reconciliation & income / expense summary to date and budget.

7.2 Members were advised application for online banking had been completed.

7.3 Bank reconciliation was provided along with items for payment and were approved.

7.4 Payments approved:

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
21/02/2022	Uberdoodle	101951	85.00	Website
21/02/2022	SK Hillier	101952	65.00	Newsletter Editor
21/02/2022	Warwick Print	101953	242.00	Newsletter
21/02/2022	M. Clarke	101954	90.73	Printing/Survey box
21/02/2022	Parish Clerk	101955	37.45	Stationery

21/02/2022	Origin Eden	101956	219.50	Stock community centre
21/02/2022	Meon Pizza	101957	16.00	Stock community centre
21/02/2022	H Leedham	101958	673.20	Stock community centre
21/02/2022	Biffa Waste	DD	88.42	Waste collection
28/01/2022	Mrs S Hillier	101959	***	PAYE
28/01/2022	Mrs J Batchelor	101960	***	PAYE

7.5 Payments Made

29/01/2022	Zettle Fee	N/A	22.26	Community centre payment scheme
02/02/2022	Npower	101950	110.09	Electricity
02/02/2022	CPRE	DC	250.00	Grant
08/02/2022	Meon Vale Londis	DC	261.89	Milk Pavilion C. centre
14/01/2022	HP Instant Ink	DC	79.49	Printer Ink
19/02/2022	HSBC	DR	38.95	Bank charges

8. Meon Vale Allotments

8.1 Clerk provided members with the license agreement and a map of the allotment site (showing 14 pitches). Members considered pitch boundary markers and the agreement terms.

Resolved: a) Cllr. Johnsey would plan the boundary posts and provide a cost b) License agreement was approved but before issuing, to clarify the point about sheds per pitch and the water meter.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Email received from a resident regarding parking issues within Barley Fields (by the main road).

Resolved: Cllr. Johnsey to investigate.

9.2. The Clerk informed the council of a communication from SDC regarding some changes to the model Code of Conduct. Details will be circulated with decision finalised.

10. Planning

10.1 22/00204/AMD,4 Box Bush Cottage

Amendment to planning application 21/01340/FUL to reposition part of the northern wall by 200mm so that it is line with the existing wall thus allowing the cloakroom to be slightly larger.

This amendment has been APPROVED by SDC.

10.22 20/02569/REM, Meon Vale.

Reserved matters application for 38 dwellings on eastern part of phase of 4B which includes vehicular access to Station Road and open space.

This has been APPROVED by SDC

10.3. Cllr Tempest provided members with a copy of questions submitted to Cllr. Pemberton regarding B4632.

All others extant planning applications pending a decision

11. Councillors Reports

11.1 Cllr. Clarke acknowledged the initial survey for the open space would be followed up with more specific data once initial information had been gathered. There had been 47 responses to the first survey which is currently being analysed by the working group. A more detailed assessment would be provided to members for the next meeting.

11.2 Cllr. Clarke confirmed plans were being organised for a Jubilee celebration at the Village Hall on June 4th. As some of the activities were costing more than anticipated, a budget of £500 was requested but will assess the costs for food & beverages by the next meeting.

Resolved: Agree £500 but with a contingency to increase should this be insufficient to cover food & beverages. Final costing to be concluded by March meeting.

11.3 Cllr. Whittaker although not present, provided members with an update from Meon Vale Residents Assoc. This included the planned Community Safety Event Day on 26th March which will include police dog demonstrations, cycling proficiency and fun activities for children.

11.3 Members were informed the Meon Vale community plan has been updated and will provide focus for co-ordination with other groups and funding.

11.4 Cllr. Whittaker outlined ideas for the Parish Council to help tackle climate change at a local level. SDC have already launched a new climate change web site looking at these and other challenges:

https://www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change.cfm?fbclid=IwAR3Ki-Gsp3ngk1rd5IJftU6JTLRo-NL9PfDtypt_japmJxkxW54PxVGtftQ

Climate change initiatives for the Parish Council to deploy are currently being considered and when adopted, will be made visible on the website.

11.5 Cllr Johnsey advised that a number of hedges to the front of properties continued to encroach on public footpaths, and as resolved in previous meetings a letter is being organised by the clerk.

11.6 Cllr Davis confirmed the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing and is currently being screened (environmental assessment) this process takes approx. 6-8 weeks. It would seem there is no environmental impact on the draft plan, but this needs to be verified. The next stage may be regulation 14 (public consultation).

Meeting closed 21.20

Next meeting 21st March @ 7.30pm Long Marston Village Hall