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Approved Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Long Marston Village Hall, Monday January 17th 2022 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: District Councillor Manuela Perteghella

Not present: Cllr. Pemberton

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Hodges and Cllr. Hillier

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Public Open Session

No members of the public present.

4. District & County Councillor Reports

4.1 No report received from C. Pemberton

4.2 Councillor Perteghella elaborated the report submitted to the council. Key points were:

(i) With Covid rates rising in Warwickshire the affects on the health service were showing with ambulance and A&E waiting times at hospitals lengthening. There was better news with regards to booster vaccinations within the district with so far 88,807 vaccinations given.

(ii) With regards to council merger, on the 13th of December Full Council voted to submit a proposal to the Secretary of State for Stratford District and Warwick District Councils to merge into a South Warwickshire District. There are a number of ongoing considerations and proposed actions but final decisions rests with the Secretary of State and more details will be provided in future Parish Council meetings.

(iii) The new South Warwickshire Local Plan that is being prepared covers both Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District areas. As a first stage in the Local Plan making process, a Scoping and Call for Sites consultation ran for 6 weeks from 10th May to 21st June 2021. The results of the consultation are now published and can be viewed at:

<https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swip/scoping-and-call-for-sites-consultation.cfm>

(iv) The matter of dropped kerbs to Meon Vale was being monitored. The problem has been raised with Persimmon who are waiting on authority from WCC to carry out the works.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on December 20th, 2021, were agreed as an accurate record and were approved.

6. Clerks update on outstanding matters

6.1 The clerk confirmed the initial signed transfer document relating to the freehold transfer of the playing field had been concluded and was being electronically sent to Lagan Solicitors. The Clerk requested confirmation from respective solicitors that the remaining two transfers could be finalised by end of January 2022. Clerk to chase and revert by next Parish Council meeting.

6.2 Council agreed the new ground maintenance tender should include the open space. It was resolved to incorporate the wider area into the template document and forward to contractors for pricing.

6.3 The Clerk gave an update on progress on the Pavilion and the transfer to the new Charity:

6.3.1 The charity has applied for a bank account with Barclays bank with 4 trustees

6.3.2 It was confirmed further funding had been received for the Pavilion Community Centre and this would be tallied with other monies already held for the facility in preparation of transfer from Parish Council to the new legal entity. This would not include CIL monies which would continue to be administered by the Parish Council.

7. Finance

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

7.2 The budget was approved.

7.3 The Council resolved to increase the precept to £26,000 giving further funds to undertake work to the open space.

7.4. It was resolved to increase the open space reserves when the first half of precept is received.

7.5 It was resolved for the RFO to organise online banking noting the new charges now being implanted by the bank for cheque payments. Bank mandate forms were duly signed.

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

7.7 Council resolved to transfer allocated monies to the Pavilion once the charity bank account was finalised and following final reconciliation.

7.8 Payments approved

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
17/01/2022	Uberdoodle	101937	85.00	Website maintenance
17/01/2022	LM village hall	101938	39.00	Hall Hire /PC meetings
17/01/2022	CPRE	DC	36.00	Annual subscription
17/01/2022	Standley & Co	101939	420.00	Allotment licenses
17/01/2022	Npower	DC	110.09	Electricity
17/01/2022	WALC	101940	139.50	CiLCA Training
17/01/2022	Origin Eden	101941	96.00	Coffee / Pavilion
17/01/2022	Mrs SK Hillier	101942	148.56	Pavilion supplies
17/01/2022	Mrs J Batchelor	101943	6.97	Milk / Pavilion

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17/01/2022	H Leedham	101944	367.80	Supplies/ Pavilion
17/01/2022	HMRC	101945	452.20	PAYE Tax (2 Qtrs.)
17/01/2022	Parish Clerk	101946	904.28	PAYE
17/01/2022	Bentens	101947	108.00	Payroll

7.9 Payments Made

21/12/2021	M&S	DC	7.50	PC xmas meeting refreshments
21/12/2021	Masons Arms	DC	51.75	Councillors Xmas Function-Chair Allowance
29/12/2021	Zettle Fee	N/A	33.66	Zettle card payment system - Pavilion
08/01/2022	ICO	DC	40.00	Data Protection Reg fee
08/01/2022	Defib Warehouse	DC	156.00	Defib batteries & pads
14/01/2022	HP Instant Ink	DC	57.49	Printer Ink

8. Long Marston Open Space

8.1. Cllr. Clarke confirmed following the initial transfer of the playing field, the open space working group had reformed and held its first meeting. The initial meeting was to organise members, create a working framework and engagement with the community. The working group agreed to organise a survey for residents to complete with a view of identifying top priorities for the Parish Council to consider. The working group also acknowledged the Parish Council's proposal of firstly protecting the site.

8.2. As the initial transfer has taken place, the parish council resolved to organise an effective gateway to the site. Clerk to prepare options and costs before next meeting.

9. Correspondence

9.1 The council discussed email exchanges with SDC enforcement officer regarding the maintenance of the Open Site and IF the works were to be carried out by the PC, the conditions would be enforceable (vs. being a condition of the 12-maintenance programme with Lagan Home). It was resolved for the Clerk to investigate the matter further with the enforcement officer and reappraise the council of the conditions.

9.2. The Clerk informed the council of a communication from SDC regarding some changes to the model Code of Conduct. More details will be available from February.

10. Planning

10.1 The council had been approached by a prospective applicant for changes to the gypsy site/ Rainbow Nurseries. The request was to determine the councils view on the applicant pursuing permission to develop the site into industrial units and not a gypsy site. The council could not understand why the applicant did not appeal against the decision made on a previous application where the Parish Council had no objection. There was no specific application to discuss but in principle the Parish Council maintained their earlier view of no objection. Cllr. Perteghella advised she would check to see if any application had been submitted.

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10.2 Decisions to applications

21/03527/AMD (14/03579/OUT), LMA 400, To amend the trigger point for undertaking the off-site highways works at Bridgeway gyratory and the junction of Tiddington Road/Banbury Road/Swans Nest Lane/Clopton Bridge from prior occupation of the 100th dwelling to prior occupation of the 150th dwelling. Resolved: Objection.

Associated comments:

We object to this amendment as we are not clear if this will or will not delay the work scheduled to these various junctions. Because of the on-going delays in reaching a decision on the SWRR we feel that it is imperative that work at these junctions is completed in the near future. An article appeared recently in the Stratford Herald which indicated that work on the at these junctions is to start in February 2022 and we would hope that this is a reality. If not, then the traffic situation will only get worse, especially at peak times, which causes frustration and delays in workers getting into work which undoubtable has a negative effect on the local economy.

21/03893/FUL, 1 Pear Tree Close, Single storey rear, double storey side extension and front bay window. Resolved – No Objection

21/03802/VARY, Boundary treatments, Phase 4A, Meon Vale

Application is to formalise extensive discussions with SDC with respect to Condition 1 of 17/00772/REM

Resolved: No Objection

21/04078/FUL, LMA 400, Vistry Group, Temporary planning permission (no longer than 3 years) for a single storey sales hub along with associated access, parking (4 cars) and landscaping.

Resolved: No objection

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11. Councillors Reports

11.1 Cllr. Clarke Confirmed the parameter fencing and garden bed within Barley Fields play area had been inspected with Councillor Johnsey. It was proposed to make alterations to the fencing by the bedding area and make some remedial work to the planting. It was resolved to undertake the work. Cllr. Johnsey to confirm a price.

11.2 Cllr. Clarke proposed hosting a jubilee celebration in the village hall for children and families and to coincide with the 3 days celebrations being held at the Masons Arms. The village hall would be booked to organise family games and refreshments. It was resolved to organise the function and to grant £300 to cover costs. It was further agreed to review the costs should there be a need to have further funds to cover the day.

11.3. Cllr. Johnsey confirmed the new ground maintenance tender was being organised to now include the open space. Clerk was also advised to inform street lighting that a light was out by Rumer Close. Clerk to action.

11.4 Cllr. Whittacker gave a comprehensive report on Meon Vale and main points raised by the resident's association. The Council discussed the need for a bus shelter to be erected in Meon Vale. A further report was also provided giving a framework for a Biodiversity Action Plan. The Council felt

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this would form an important part of the vision for the village and to work on next steps to create a robust 3-year plan.

11.5 Cllr Davis advised the Neighbourhood Plan was continuing at a pace and will update the council as the process continues.

Meeting closed 21.10

Date of next meeting – February 21st 2022 @ 7.30pm at Long Marston Village Hall

DM Woodliffe
Parish Clerk