

# Marston Sicca Parish Council

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## **Draft Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council meeting held Long Marston Village Hall, October 17th 2022, at 7.30pm**

**Members Present:** Cllr. Ian Johnsey (Chair), Cllr Margaret Clarke, Cllr. Hodges, Cllr Davis

Not present: Cllr. Perteghella

Not present: Cllr. Pemberton

4 members of the public present.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr Tempest, Cllr. Whittaker and Cllr. Perteghella

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Davis declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 22/01952/OUT

### **3. Public Open Session**

3.1 A resident noted the poor state to the play area within Barley Fields, including boundary fencing and poor weed maintenance by our contractors. Cllr. Clarke and Cllr. Johnsey confirmed the site had been expected and an action plan is being organised to change the perimeter fence and organise re-planting. Clerk to also discuss the maintenance issues again with council contractor.

3.2 Resident enquired about the speed visors and whether these can be used again to measure speeding through the village. Cllr. Johnsey advised these would need re

### **4. District & County Councillor Reports**

None received.

### **5. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on September 26th were agreed as an accurate record and were approved.

### **6. Clerks Report**

6.1. Clerk advised there is an amount of free consultancy time from Wellers Hedley's with regards to forming legal agreement between Marston Sicca Parish Council and Quinton Parish Council for the joint ownership of Meon Vale assets. It was resolved to appoint Wellers Hedley to organise the agreement.

6.5 Council members resolved to agree to the Heads of Terms for the asset transfer from St Modwen to the Parish Council(s).

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6.2. Members were advised of the plans for the village hall modifications had been amended to reflect changes to the ceiling. The budget for the works to both VH and Pavilion would not extend to a full ceiling drop due to engineering issues & the costs involved. Smaller meeting rooms would have a dropped ceiling with St Modwen organising other solutions to assist with the acoustics.

6.4 Clerk confirmed the car park areas within the asset transfer can form part of a management fee to residents. The Greenway cannot. St Modwen advised their reserves for maintenance of the greenway section to be transferred would be £6k. This would be shared between the two parish councils. It was resolved to include the areas and budget accordingly.

### **7. Open Space to the rear of Perry Orchard.**

7.1 Transfer documents had been concluded with Shoosmiths with imminent transfer of the open space/play field and orchard. The Working Group had been re-established to review all options for the green space including a name for the site; majority of residents voted for Marston Meadow. It was resolved to formerly adopt Marston Meadow for the open space.

7.2 Parish Council need to confirm acceptance of the lease modifications to the land for community building.

7.3 Clerk has requested a site visit by enforcement officer at SDC. Two emails have been sent to Matthew Coyne asking for an onsite meeting to discuss the breach in conditions. Clerk to chase.

### **8. Footpaths and Village Maintenance**

8.1 Cllr. Johnsey discussed the poor condition of footpath SD39. It was resolved that the clerk should write to the landowner detailing the inaccessibility of the footpath and the obligation to remedy.

### **9. Play Area to Barley Fields.**

9.1 Cllr. Clarke and Cllr. Johnsey had undertaken a full review of the play area within Barley Field. Members were advised a significant part of the boundary fencing was not fit for purpose and should be replaced. It was resolved to cost a more robust fencing solution.

9.2 Cllr. Clarke confirmed Kompan had assessed the issues with the Wet Pour surfacing, noting it would not be covered by the guarantee due to the joining with the old surfacing. Council to consider options.

9.3. Cllr. Clarke informed members the Marston Meadow working group will be meeting at Cubbington Park to review the areas of play, surfacing and fencing used on the site. Details will be reported back to full council asap.

### **10. Correspondence**

10.1 Clerk confirmed an email had been received regarding the positioning of a bus shelter within Meon Vale. Members understood the problem and resolved to investigate areas of responsibility and costings. Clerk to action

10.2 Clerk advised various residents had responded to the questions on the newsletter. With increased costs for printing, residents were asked to consider an online version. Responses had confirmed a hard copy was preferred by some. It was resolved to investigate the costings for providing limit number of hard copies (to be placed in the Poppin and Londis) and organising online options. Clerk to action

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#### 11. Finance

11.1 Full Bank Reconciliation was provided and approved

11.2 Following transactions were report and approved:

11.3 Payments made (BP = Bill Payment, electronic payment)

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
14/10/2022	HMRC	BP	226.00	TAX PAYE
14/10/2022	Npower	BP	228.48	Electricity
15/10/2022	HP Instant Ink	BP	22.49	Printer Ink
20/10/2022	HSBC	CHG	22.31	Bank Charges

11.4. Online Payments for approval

17/10/2022	Thos. Fox	BP	394.37	Ground Maintenance
17/10/2022	Uberdoodle	BP	85.00	Website
17/10/2022	Rivista Design	BP	150.00	Newsletter
17/10/2022	Parish Clerk	BP	904.48	PAYE Qtr.

11.5 Pavilion Community Centre, payments made

03/10/2022	Mrs SK Hillier	BP	32.90	C.Centre stock
03/10/2022	Mrs J Batchelor	BP	41.54	C.Centre stock
04/10/2022	Londis	DC	665.14	2x month milk C.C
07/10/2022	NEST	DD	42.09	Pension
12/10/2022	Nisbets	DC	299.89	Kitchen equipment CC
14/10/2022	HMRC	BP	158.79	Tax/NI PAYE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr.
14/10/2022	Cotswold First Aid	BP	300.00	First Aid Training

11.6 Pavilion Community Centre, payments approved

17/10/2022	H Leedham	BP	339.85	C.Centre café supplies
17/10/2022	Parish Clerk	BP	8.75	Café with St. Modwen
23/10/2022	BIFFA	DD	98.26	Waste collection
31/10/2022	SK Hillier	BP	****	PAYE
31/10/2022	J Batchelor	BP	****	PAYE

## **12. Planning Matters**

12.1 22/01952/OUT, Ashmead House, 4 Self-Build Dwellings. Note, this is not included as a preferred self-build site in the Site Allocation Plan unlike SCB.6 at Park House. Decision: Object. Unanimous

12.2 22/00051/OUT, Welford Road, Outline application for 21 Industrial Units  
This application is in Welford parish but is closer to the village of Long Marston hence us giving it consideration. We responded with support. Members were advised application was approved.

12.3 22/00114/OUT, All Things Wild, Wildlife/Theme Park  
Cllr. Tempest provided councillors with a report confirming Clifford Chambers Parish Council had received conclusion to a commissioned report from MOTION regarding transport and other factors along the B4632. 12 Parish Councils, County and District Councillors have submitted their objections. Matter pending.

12.4 Reserved site SCB.6, Park House,  
Marston Sicca Parish Council originally included this as a reserve site should SDC not be able to demonstrate a 5-year land supply. The site was subsequently changed for self-build and we have had a recent approach by the developer to have a discussion on the site. Council members agreed a listening exercise may be worthwhile but does not represent council support of any further development.

## **13. Climate Change and Biodiversity.**

13.1 Cllr. Whittaker confirmed the points in his original support were still valid but wanting for ecology report from St Modwen.

13.2 Cllr. Whittaker felt the subject matter and the areas to be considered are significant and warrants a specific action group to be created. Members agreed. Clerk to discuss with Cllr. Whittaker including short and mid -term objectives.

## **14. Councillor Reports**

14.3 Cllr. Davis confirmed the process to conclude on the neighbourhood plan continues to move through required stages.

14.4 It was noted exit from Wyre Lane due to hedge growth. Clerk to contact house occupier.

## **15. Date of next Parish Council Meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> November Meon Vale Pavilion  
Debbie Woodliffe  
Parish Clerk.

