

Marston Sicca Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council meeting held Meon Vale Pavilion February 20th 2023

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

Also present: twelve members of the public

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies received from Cllr. Perteghella, and Cllr. Hodges

2. Declaration of Interest

2.1 Cllr. Whittaker declared interest – being a trustee for Charity working with the Pavilion.

3. Public open Session

3.1 Member of the public advised the council of a leak to one of the pipes on the allotment. Clerk to inform St Modwen.

3.2 Resident of Long Marston brought examples of fruit trees to be planted on Marston Meadow. The Parish Council already have reserved funds for the open space and it was resolved to spend approx £2000 of the funds for acquisition and planting of the trees.

3.3. A resident queried the speed camera now working in Long Marston Village. Cllr. Davis confirmed the Parish Council were continuing to work on speed calming measures.

3.4 The council were advised of potholes and puddles to the Wyre Lane end of the Greenway. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Pemberton.

4. County and District Councillor Reports

4.1 The Chair read the main points from Cllr. Perteghella's report. Details included:

- (i) Cost-of-living provision has been included in the District Council's budget proposals
- (ii) SDC budget proposal suggests a council tax rise of £5 for a band D property applied to the district council element of council tax.
- (iii) Reaffirmed the need for voters to produce an accepted form of photo idea in order to vote on May 4th.

4.2 Cllr. Pemberton discussed the Local Plan and the complexities it was bringing. The continued expansion of housing brought concerns about infrastructure which is not in step. Council members were advised the plan will be considered alongside motorway routes. A resident queried current roads and the need to ease traffic on already busy routes.

4.3 Cllr. Pemberton also suggested another site would be found for All Things Wild. Matter ongoing.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

Members considered Minutes of meeting held on January 16th, 2023 to be an accurate account. Minutes were approved and signed.

6. Clerks Report

6.1 Clerk informed council members of developments with Marston Meadow and the discussions with Severn Trent. The alternations/easement to the original plans are being reviewed to enable the final transfer to be completed. Clerk contacted Severn Trent solicitors directly to discuss the legal costs being accrued as a result of their changes and the need to resolve asap.

6.2 Legal matters regarding the Meon Vale asset transfer are continuing. The work schedule to the two buildings will start beginning March. Clerk to chase Roberts Lunn and Lowth to respond to Ladders questions. The searches have been concluded and will sent to the PC shortly.

6.3 Clerk confirmed progress was being made with footpath maintenance, and confirmed SD39 was now cleared.

6.4 Members were advised of developments with the allotments to Meon Vale. A meeting held with Cllr. Johnsey and plot holders discussed the need to maintain the pitches to agreed standard. With a waiting list for plots, the Clerk is reviewing plots being made available to enable fair distribution.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Clerk discussed email exchange with Ladders regarding the final transfer to Marston Meadow. Costs have been incurred to tackle the issues being raised by Severn Trent. Ladders costs for handling the matter equates to £1838 plus VAT. Members resolved to pay the legal costs. Clerk to pursue reimbursement from Severn Trent.

8. Long Marston Village Hall

8.1 Members discussed issues relating to LM Village Hall and options for a new community building. Members understand remedial work was needed on existing hall but felt a survey would be useful to determine overall condition of the building. It was resolved to discuss a survey being undertaken by associate surveyor of St Modwen and to also undertake a valuation for the plot. Clerk to investigate and revert to council members.

8.2 Options for a new community building was discussed noting the logical siting would be on Marston Meadow (land already to be owned by the PC). Some reserves are earmarked for a community building but would require additional funding. It was agreed to determine the options for borrowing once we have feedback on existing village hall.

9. Election

9.1. Members were advised of the process leading up to the May elections. Clerk will attend an election update at SDC March 2nd. Nomination papers will be distributed and election details placed on the website and notice board.

10. Speed Calming Measures

10.1 The matter had largely been discussed in the open session, but prompted by a residents question, Cllr. Davis confirmed he had resurrected the old system along with acquiring new system. It was confirmed the systems record data.

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11. Finance

11.1 Payments Made

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
13/02/2023	Morrisons	DC	9.50	Printing Paper
15/02/2023	HP Instant Ink	DC	22.49	Printer Ink

11.2 Online Payments for Approval

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
16/12/2022	Parish Clerk	BP	8.50	Printing Paper
20/02/2023	Uberdoodle	BP	431.42	Website
20/02/2023	APS	BP	630.00	Neighbourhood Plan
20/02/2023	HSBC	CHG	17.31	Bank Charges
20/02/2023	WALC	BP	36.00	Election Planning
20/02/2023	WALC	BP	72.00	Election Seminar

11.3 Community Centre Payments Made

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
01/02/2023	Londis	DC	404.06	Pavilion Stock
03/02/2023	Nest	DD	42.09	PAYE Pension
09/02/2023	Nest	DD	134.23	Pension (2)
13/02/2023	Pavilion Coffee Shop	DC	9.40	St Modwen meeting
13/02/2023	Pavilion Coffee Shop	DC	35.45	Stock
17/02/2023	Scottish Power	DC	960.16	Pavilion Electric

11.4 Community Centre Payments for Approval

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
20/02/2023	Mrs H Leedham	BP	766.7	Stock
20/02/2023	Origin Eden	BP	148.00	Coffee stock
20/02/2023	Fatboys Catering	BP	107.22	Kitchen Equipment
20/02/2023	LPC Bakery	BP	42.50	Stock
20/02/2023	Biffa	BP	151.08	Waste collection
20/02/2023	Water Plus	BP	706.45	Water supply
20/02/2023	Mrs SK Hillier	BP	***	PAYE
03/03/2023	British Gas	DD	135.18	Gas Supply

11.5 Members reviewed the CIL monies including those reserved for Marston Meadow and acknowledged confirmation that Marston Sicca has been awarded £15k towards the Pavilion project and further £3500 has been awarded from SDC digital inclusion.

12. Planning matters discussed:

12.1 22/00114/OUT – All Things Wild. Members debated the amended comments from Highways on the planning application. Decision: Objection still stands.

12.2 22/03427/FUL – Hopkins, conversion of barn. The council had initially decided on a no objection on the understanding the barn remained within the curtilage of the house and responded accordingly. This initial response may have been considered differently had the conditions not been considered.

13. Councillor Reports

13.1 Cllr. Davis informed members, further work on the Neighbourhood Plan would need to wait until after the elections as we were now in Purdah. The next step would be to enter regulation 16.

13.2 Cllr. Clarke confirmed the new fencing to the play area of Barley Fields had been received and would be erected with the help of Cllr. Johnsey asap. Members were also advised, continued work to Marston Meadow was developing with planting works to be scheduled shortly.

13.3 Cllr. Whittaker confirmed the new date for the Climate Change/Biodiversity event was scheduled for June 10th as the Big Green Day. SDC/LCE will be involved with a number of small projects and displays being organised for the day. More details to be available including cost review for next Parish Council meeting.

14. Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

20th March 7.30pm Long Marston Village Hall

Debbie Woodliffe, Parish Clerk/RFO