

Marston Sicca Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council meeting held Long Marston Village Hall July 17th, 2023, 7.30pm

Members Present: Cllr. Ian Johnsey (Chair), Cllr. Bill Tempest, Cllr. Steve Barker, Cllr. Colin Parrott, Cllr. Claire Craige.

District Councillor. Stuart Keighley

Also present: Five members of the public present

County Councillor Daren Pemberton not present, no apologies received.

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies received from Cllr. Whittaker

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared.

3. Public open Session

3.1 Resident from LMA Fernleigh Park Development, read a short report to council members relating to community facilities on the development. The report referred to the Supplemental Deed of Variation S 106 agreement, and an area of land that was meant to be open to the public by the 99th dwelling occupancy, as the occupancy threshold had been exceeded, the parish council were asked to investigate.

3.2 Resident enquired about potential new village hall and was this being discussed. If so, was there any specification and/or potential costs known. Council members advised; nothing has been determined regarding any new community building.

3.3 A resident advised some road markings and signs in the village are obscured.

3.4 Speeding continues to be a concern for residents. Cllr. Barker confirmed the council were assessing data from the VAS system.

3.5 Resident queried the apparent lack of quality enforcement within SDC. This is a point of a frustration for the parish council who are continually policing planning conditions.

4. County & District Councillor Report

4.1 Concerns were noted Rail Live event and problem of parking within Long Marston village. Traffic management procedures were clearly inadequate.

4.2 The District Council has raised concerns about the West Midlands Combined Authority. The proposal is being considered by Warwickshire County Council to become a full constituent member. The WMCA includes Birmingham City Council, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall, Solihull, and Coventry. An assessment has been requested so the District Council can understand the

implications. SDC will automatically join if WCC join. If the change is made, Stratford District would be competing for funds for key services with the Metropolitan Boroughs.

4.3 The District Council has raised their concerns about the proposed closure of the Stratford rail ticket office by West Midlands Railways. The council feel ticket offices are a lifeline for elderly and the disabled, along with those seeking help with more complex itinerary.

4.4 Climate change fund – members were advised District Council officers are working on the terms of reference for the climate change budget and grants. The budget will be used for both internal and external initiatives. Parish Councils and local organisations will be able to apply for grants for related projects.

4.5 No report received from County Councillor Daren Pemberton.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

Members considered Minutes of the annual meeting of the parish council held on June 19th, 2023, to be an accurate account. Minutes were approved and signed.

6. Clerks Report

6.1 Clerk confirmed the plaque for Barley Fields had been ordered.

6.2 Meon Vale Assets:

(i) Remedial works to Meon Vale assets are close to completion though the pavilion must have a new floor to the café area due to damage during works (the contractor to pay for replacement). This will be organised for the 25th of August. Exterior painting needs to be concluded and signage erected (St Modwen have agreed to pay the latter).

(ii) First snag list has been conducted prior to transfer and solicitors have been chased to organise the contract.

6.3 Marston Meadow Final Transfer. Contract for final transfer has been organised. It was resolved to sign the contract once received and finalise the completion of the site transfer to the Parish Council.

7. Correspondence

7.1. Treasurer for LM Village Hall request Parish Council financial support for rates @ £79.36. Cllr. Johnsey proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Davis, members unanimously agreed. Motion carried.

7.2 Clerk advised Rupert Cook from Dalcour Maclaren had confirmed the work to Brickall/Wyre Lane for Severn Trent work has been delayed until 2024.

7.3 The parish council had previously agreed to pay lions share of cost to survey LM village hall. The surveyor has now confirmed the work will be carried out first week August.

8. Fernleigh Park

8.1 Cllr. Tempest advised this development will require ongoing review and input from the parish council – both in terms of the conditions, sustainable transport, and the framework of this being a garden village. Council members unanimously agreed to have the clerk place this as a regular agenda item.

9. Rail Live 2023

9.1 The Clerk confirmed the parish council had written to the organisers (Bauermedia) confirming the congestion this had caused for the village and to plan more effectively for future events.

10. Finance

10.1 Clerk/RFO produced bank reconciliation and payments requiring approval.

BANK REC DATA as at 17/07/2023:

Total Bank Balance = £155,757.95

Total Reserves = £120,735.22

10.2 Clerk/RFO provided income & expense summary for the Community Building (Pavilion)

10.3 A CIL funds status sheet was also provided.

10.4 Council members approved the following:

10.5 Payments Made

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
07/07/2023	Forest of Hearts	BP	480.00	Big Green Day
10/07/2023	HMRC	BP	226.00	Tax PAYE
11/07/2023	Mrs J Sandhu	BP	250.00	Food Big Green Day
14/07/2023	Royal British Legion	DC	155.99	Comm. Plaque
14/07/2023	Npower	BP	347.33	Electricity supply
14/07/2023	Cllr. Whittaker	BP	66.90	Big Green Day
15/07/2023	HP Instant Ink	DC	22.49	Printer Ink

10.6 Online Payments for Approval

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
17/07/2023	HSBC	CHG	8.00	Bank Charges
17/07/2023	Thomas Fox	BP	744.00	Grnd. Maintenance
17/07/2023	I.Johnsey & Co	BP	295.00	Grnd. Maintenance
17/07/2023	Parish Clerk	BP	8.75	Postage

10.7 Community Centre Payments Made

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
07/07/2023	Rapid Flooring	BP	1314.79	Community Cntr. CIL

10.8 Community Centre Payments for Approval

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
17/07/2023	Water Plus	BP	51.02	Water Supply
17/07/2023	BT	BP	85.16	Community Centre
30/07/2023	Biffa Waste Services	DD	120.76	Wastes collection
31/07/2023	British Gas	DD	21.28	Gas Supply
31/07/2023	SK Hillier	BP	*****	PAYE

11. Planning matters discussed:

11.1 Cllr. Tempest gave an important review of LMA 3100 18/01892/OUT. Various concerns were raised including missed trigger points. This had already been agreed to include as a regular agenda item with updates circulated between meetings.

11.2 Community/Employment Hub 20/00606/REM & 23/01223/VARY. This site appears to have been taken over by developer Ab1. Marston Sicca PC have submitted an objection to the perceived delay in completing the development from completion of 300 dwellings to 385 dwellings.

12. Council member reports

12.1 Cllr. Davis provided council members with an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and confirmed the regulation 16 consultation was now complete. Responses have been received from SDC which are now being reviewed. There may be a requirement for the PC to pay for expert assistance prior to the plan being sent for examination. Cllr. Davis will keep the council informed.

12.2 Cllr. Barker gave a detailed report on the data retrieved from the VAS system. The data included % of vehicles exceeding 30mph with the vas system activated and % of vehicles exceeding the speed limit without the vas activated. Despite the affects of having the build outs and the vas system in calming speed, the results showed cars speeding up when past both systems. A suggested solution has been submitted; full council need to consider.

12.3 Cllr Parrott mentioned the success of the summer village fete achieving over £3k through combined activities. Cllr. Parrott also confirmed the newly appointed Asset Management Committee (AMC) has met to determine how assets can be effectively managed. A full brief of delegated powers to the committee needs to be finalised.

13. Date of next meetings:

13.1 Ordinary Parish Council Meeting August 21st Long Marston Village Hall.

Meeting closed 21.31

Debbie Woodliffe, Parish Clerk/RFO