

# Marston Sicca Parish Council

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## **Draft Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council meeting held Pavilion, Meon Vale October 16th, 2023, 7.30pm**

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

Clerk: Debbie Woodliffe

District Councillor. Stuart Keighley

Also present: Two members of the public present

### **1.Apologies**

None

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

None declared.

### **3.Public open Session**

3.1 member of public advised a floor cleaning session had taken place in Meon Vale Hall to test the efficiency of the machine over a large space. The Meon Residents Association had secured some funding for a machine but there is a short fall of approx. £700. Council members felt the matter had to be debated at the next meeting and in the meantime, to see if Quinton PC would share the cost.

3.2 members were also asked to consider costs to procure chairs and trolley for Meon VH. Members again felt more time was needed to consider the request and determine exact number of chairs etc would be required. It was felt this too should be brought to the attention of Quinton PC.

3.3 Member of the public asked if the allotments within Meon Vale were available to residents of Long Marston. It was confirmed the site would be open to non-Meon Vale residents depending on space availability.

3.4 Cllr. Parrott confirmed he was in discussion with a resident regarding the Coopers Foundation.

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

4.1 County Councillor Darren Pemberton not present.

4.2 District Councillor Stuart Keighley read from a report submitted to council members.

(i) The council's 4-year plan is out for public consultation. The plan is accessible through the SDC website under Council Plan 2023 -2027. Deadline for response is 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

(ii) From the state of the District Council report, Cllr. Keighley advised the report is essentially a series of statistics and facts which helps to identify the trends and opportunities over coming years which need to be considered by the council. Details including the population of Long Marston Ward were specified, revealing how LM Ward had increased by

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184% from 2011 to 2021, and is the largest growth of any of the District Councils so far.

(iii) With regards to planning matters, WCC Highways are still working on the VECTOS traffic study.

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

Members considered Minutes of the meeting held on September 18th, 2023, to be an accurate account. Minutes were approved and signed.

## **6. Clerks Report**

6.1. members were advised the inspection of the play area to Barley Fields is likely to take place end of November at an estimated cost of £186. Members agreed the price.

6.2 members were given an update on proposed siting of a bus shelter to Meon Vale. WCC were contacted who expressed no concerns but need to liaise with St Modwen prior to adoption. Costs for a three-part enclosed, transparent, UV resistant structure (depending on size 4 or 5 metre) were estimated between £6- £6700. Members suggested St Modwen be contacted and Quinton to potentially share the costs.

## **7. Correspondence**

7.1. various emails had been received regarding the footpath to Marston Meadow. Cllr. Barker who heads the Marston Meadow working group, discussed the options and related costs. To install a footpath that meandered around the site would be in excess of £100k (using the most economic of material). There were cheaper options by reducing the size of the path. Members decided to defer any decision on the footpath until they were able to evaluate funding. In the meantime, members shared ideas about a potential footpath to enter the site and to the play area.

7.2 members received communication from solicitors (Lodders) re last remaining transfer. Final costs submitted by Lodders were discussed. It was agreed to ensure conclusion, the Parish Council would confirm agreement to pay the accrued legal expenses provided it is paid when the land transfer is finalised.

## **8. Fernleigh Park**

8.1 Cllr. Tempest confirmed Fernleigh Park was covered later in the agenda. The Chair confirmed agreement to discuss the point under planning.

## **9. Meon Vale Assets**

9.1 due to some frustrations over the processes afforded to the AMC, some parish councils resigned from the committee. The full council felt this matter warranted a more detailed debate and was therefore postponed to a future date, and possibly via an Extraordinary meeting or working group session.

9.2 The Clerk noted how the charity was looking to appoint new trustees. This would facilitate the transfer of the operations from the PC to the Charity. In the meantime, council members agreed to support the pavilion until the transfer can be concluded. Once the trustees have been organised, the asset owners will need to organise a lease agreement to the charity.

## **10. Parish Council Development**

The agenda points noted, Parish Council as a landlord, the creation of a separate management company to run the assets and criteria for borrowing. The Clerk will provide council members with full details on each category prior to the next meeting.

## 11 Finance

Clerk/RFO produced bank reconciliation and payments requiring approval. Summary as follows:

BANK REC DATA as at 16/10/2023

Total Bank Balance = £149,213.

Total Reserves = £115,434.85

11.2 Council members approved the following:

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
2/10/2023	WH Smith	DC	14.98	stationery

11.3 Online Payments for Approval:

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
16/10/2023	HP Instant Ink	DC	22.49	Printer Ink
16/10/2023	Npower Commercial	BP	262.42	Street Lighting
16/10/2023	Thos. Fox	BP	148.80	Grnd. Maintenance
16/10/2023	Parish Clerk	BP	8.25	Printer Paper
16/10/2023	Uberdoodledesign	BP	477.50	Website/IT support
16/10/2023	HSBC	CHG	8.00	Bank Charges
16/10/2023	I.Johnsey & Co	BP	1865.00	Grnd. M allotments
31/10/2023	Parish Clerk	BP	313.33	PAYE

11.4 Community Centre Payments Made

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
03/10/2023	Water Plus	BP	51.02	Water supply
03/10/2023	Mrs H Leedham	BP	438.25	Pavilion Stock
03/10/2023	Scottish Power	BP	686.04	Electricity supply
04/10/2023	S. Hillier (Philip Denis)	BP	219.72	Pavilion Stock
06.10/2023	British Gas	DD	16.06	Gas supply
09/10/2023	NEST	DD	134.23	Pension Payment
14/10/2023	S Hillier (Philip Denis)	BP	466.96	Pavilion Stock

11.5 Community Centre Payments for Approval

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
16/10/2023	SK Hillier	BP	90.19	Pavilion Stock
16/10/2023	H Leedham	BP	181.70	Pavilion Stock
16/10/2023	Fatboys Catering	BP	117.42	Kitchen Equipment
29/10/2023	Biffa Waste	DD	120.86	Waste bins
31/10/2023	SK Hillier	BP	****	Pav. PAYE
31/10/2023	R Ellis	BP	****	Pav. PAYE

## 12. Planning matters discussed:

23/02600/FUL Pear Tree Close. Decision: No Objection

23/02582/PVN, Tudor Grange Primary Academy Meon Vale. Decision: No Objection

23/02481/PVN, Prior Products, Station Road. Decision: No Objection

23/02466/LBC, The Grange, Long Marston. Decision: No Representation

23/01794/OUT, Phase 1B Long Marston Airfield. Decision: Object

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**13. Council member reports**

13.1 Cllr. Davis provided members with an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. The examiner has studied the plan and response was very positive. Some minor changes were suggested and once concluded, the next stage will be public referendum campaign.

13.2 Cllr. Parrott mentioned in lieu of the costs submitted following the survey of the village hall, a survey may be prudent to determine public opinion. In the meantime, some immediate work may need to be undertaken in the hall.

13.3 Cllr. Craige and Cllr. Whittaker will be working on Climate Change/Biodiversity tasks over the coming weeks and will report back to full council with suggestions.

**14. Date of next meetings:**

13.1 Ordinary Parish Council Meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> Long Marston Village Hall

Meeting closed 21.50.

Debbie Woodliffe, Parish Clerk/RFO