

Marston Sicca Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held Long Marston Village Hall 6th January 2025 at 6.30pm

Members Present: Cllr. Ian Johnsey (Chair), Cllr. Bill Tempest, Cllr. Davis, Cllr. Steve Barker, Cllr. Colin Parrott, Cllr. Cliff Brown
Clerk: Debbie Woodliffe

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. Whittaker

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Parrott and Cllr Barker declared a non- pecuniary interest in Marston Meadow

3. Annual Budget

3.1 Members debated income and expenditure to date, reviewed reasons for any deviation from the budget plan and confirmed the Pavilion would no longer feature in the PC budget. Members also considered the impact on parish council funds for maintaining assets and the pending Meon Vale assets that will be transferred to the PC early 2025.

3.2 Members reviewed the taxbase, the 2024/25 precept (number of dwellings in the current financial year), and following additional development to Meon Vale and Shackleton Village, identified the number of dwellings relevant to the 2025/26 financial year.

3.3 The total amount of reserves was reviewed with members confirming the funds can now be used as originally ear marked following the conclusion to some land transfers. In addition, the new bus shelter can be funded from accrued funds for open space, and from retained CIL funds.

3.4 Following detailed appraisal of anticipated expenditure and realistic income summary, members resolved to increase the precept to £48k. As the number of dwellings has increased, the impact is minimal, changing from £27.46 to £28.30. The precept would be sufficient to ensure services and assets are maintained, with reserves used to support ongoing projects.

3.5 The full budget summary will be posted and continue to be included in the monthly financial reports.

4. New Staff Member – Meon Vale Village Hall administrator

Members resolved to formerly appoint a member of staff to administer the day-to-day operations of MV village hall. The hourly rate was agreed based on 8 hours per week with a review to take place in three months. Clerk to confirm the post and inform payroll.

5. Public Open Session

No members of the public present

Meeting closed 8.27pm

Debbie Woodliffe.

Clerk/RFO

