

# Marston Sicca Parish Council

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## **Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Meon Vale Village Hall 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 7.30pm**

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

Clerk: Debbie Woodliffe

Also present: 6 members of the public and Dist. Council Stuart Keighley

### **1. Apologies**

Apology received from County Councillor Cliff Brown and Cllr. Tom Jackson

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Barker and Cllr. Johnsey a non-pecuniary interest in Marston Meadow.

### **3 Public Open Session**

3.1 A representative from Meon Vale Residents Association provided feedback following their recent participation in a meeting concerning the Task & Finish Group. During the session, the Residents Association reiterated their concerns regarding areas, such as the Meon Vale woodland, that may require substantial long-term maintenance costs should they be transferred to a management company. Additional concerns were expressed about the local enforcement plan, particularly highlighting insufficient monitoring of developments and associated enforcement issues. It was noted that inadequate monitoring of sites could result in planning conditions being easily breached.

3.2 A Meon Vale resident referenced a spray art initiative, which will receive funding from the WCC Youth Service.

3.3 Another resident shared updates on football activities at the Meon Vale playing field, confirming positive feedback regarding the relocation of the goals and ongoing coordination with pavilion staff.

3.4 The trustee Chair of the pavilion charity extended appreciation to the parish council for funding the café's new dishwasher and acknowledged the continued support received.

### **4. To approve Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026, were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

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

5.1 C. Councillor Cliff Brown was unable to attend the meeting but did circulate a brief report.

5.2 D. Councillor Stuart Keighley provided his report to council members, summarising:

(i) More planning applications are being submitted to Stratford District Council due to the inability to show a 5-year housing supply, as highlighted by the Borden Hill inquiry.

(ii) Funding considerations for Parish Councils & potential changes to recipients of CIL funds

(iii) Potential changes to Climate Change directives

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(iv) Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) – Review of the role of enforcement. Marston Sicca Parish Council to respond to the consultation by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

(v) Local Government Reorganisation – There is a proposal to change from a two- tier Local Government (County and District) to a single tier (Unitary). There are currently two proposals being debated, the first, which is promoted by County Council is a single Council to cover the whole area. The second, which is favoured by District Council favours a South Warwickshire Unitary and a North Warwickshire Unitary. The latter would align with current plans for development and protect South Warwickshire identity.

## **6. Chairmans Comments.**

Postponed to March meeting

## **7. Clerks verbal report on ongoing matters**

7.1 Councillors resolved to omit reference to maintenance of window repairs and building insurance contribution from the lease agreement. Clerk to inform the PC solicitors.

7.2 Council members received an update on Meon Vale Village Hall's energy supplier issues. Bryt Energy's system problems prevented invoicing since late 2025, so an interim payment was made to support the switch to Octopus. The issue remains ongoing.

7.3 Three contractors will be provided with ground maintenance template to tender for works within Long Marston and Meon Vale.

7.4 Members had resolved to appoint a clerk assistant with specific focus on Meon Vale assets. This has been included in the 2026/27 budget based on initial 4 hours per week. A meeting was held to discuss the clerk's duties and to prepare a working framework starting April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.

## **8. Finance**

8.1 Council members received the bank reconciliation and itemised payments for approval in advance of the meeting (detailed on the agenda).

Resolved: Payments were approved.

8.2 Members reviewed a funding request for an industrial dishwasher at the Pavilion recreational hub.

Resolved: £2700 approved for its purchase to support recreational facilities long-term.

8.3 Members reviewed two further funding requests from the Pavilion trustees, the first was to formerly approve the reimbursement of £984.77 towards the water bill (the allotment usage erroneously being combined with Pavilion usage), and £4500 grant to offset the impact of compulsory VAT registration.

Resolved: both funding applications were approved.

8.4 Clerk provided updated trading figures pertaining to Meon Vale village hall bookings.

## **9. Policies**

9.1 and 9.2 review and adoption of Events Policy and revised Risk Management Schedule

Resolved: Policies approved.

## **10. Ground Maintenance**

Resolved: Include Meon Vale Playing Field in tender template for reference.

## **11. Meon Vale & Community Assets**

11.1 Council members considered the options for remedial work to Meon Vale village hall toilets.

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Resolved: Plan B will be included in the funding application for Project 1 due to its simplicity and cost-effectiveness.

11.2 For Project 2 (Marston Meadow green space play area), two quotes (£20k–£30k) have been received; a third quote is needed. Clerk to follow up.

11.3 Members reviewed dates for a meeting with Quinton PC on Anti-Social Behaviour in Meon Vale.

Resolved: Defer until all key stakeholders, including housing associations, are contacted.

## **12. Planning Matters**

12.1 – 26/00072/FUL, PDK Exhibitions, Unit 1 Birds Business Park, Station Road, CV378RP.

Proposal: Creation of insulated storage building to store exhibition material.

Resolved: No objection

12.2 – 25/04010/OUT (26/00082/ADJCON), Land north of Broadway Road, Mickleton.

Proposal: Outline planning application for the erection of up to 170 dwellings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system and the creation of vehicular access to the Broadway Road.

Resolved: Object. Summary of objective points: Marston Sicca PC, as an adjoining parish strongly object to this speculative unallocated application. It is outside the village boundary and is in no way a sustainable location for 170 dwellings.

## **13. Parish Councillor Reports**

13.1 Cllr. Steve Barker proposed installing separate water meters for Meon Vale allotments inside the tap housing, with installation costs under £200.

Resolved: Council agreed to install the meters to avoid incorrect charging of the pavilion and approved material procurement up to £200.

13.2 Cllr. Barker reported to council that Meon Vale VH's main storeroom is overcrowded and needs storage racks.

Resolved: Approve purchase of storage racks, with spending capped at £200.

13.3 Cllr. Parrott confirmed the Long Marston fete will be on June 6, 2026. The church will lead operations, supported by the Masons Arms. Also, the guttering to LM village hall has been fixed.

## **14. Correspondence**

14.1 Members were advised of the resurgence of cars hitting the bollard in Barley Fields. The matter to be investigated.

14.2 Clerk confirmed the PC were in receipt of emails sent to SDC from Meon Vale Residents Association. The first related to SDC Task and Finish Group and the second was in response to the Planning Enforcement/Local Enforcement Plan.

14.3 Receipt of quotations to support funding application.

## **15. Next meeting date and time**

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm at Long Marston Village Hall

Debbie Woodliffe

Parish Clerk

7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

