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Draft Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Meon Vale Village Hall 15th June 2026 7.30pm

Members Present: Cllr. Ian Johnsey (Chair), Cllr. Bill Tempest, Cllr. Steve Barker, Cllr. Mark Salter, Cllr. Tom Jackson

Assistant to the Clerk, Carol Watts

County Councillor, Cliff Brown

District Councillor, Stuart Keighley

Also present: 12 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. Noel Davis.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Barker declared a non-pecuniary interest in Marston Meadows (a parish council owned asset).

3. Public Open Session

3.1 The Parish Council were asked to publish reports submitted by the County and District Councillors on the Parish Council website.

3.2 As most public comments related to planning matters, the Chair, with council members' agreement, suggested closing the open session and reopening it for questions after agenda item 11, had been debated.

4. To approve Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th May and the Annual Meeting of the Parish (parish assembly) held on 20th May, were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

5. District & County Councillor Reports

5.1 County Councillor Cliff Brown advised that pothole repairs were progressing. He explained that, due to wet weather and the volume of potholes requiring attention, the initial repairs had been temporary, but permanent repairs were now being carried out.

Although there had been no major flooding following the recent rain, the council had arranged a schedule of works to dredge drains.

Cllr. Brown has organised a meeting to take place on 24th June with surveyors concerning speed reduction they will be walking round and assessing Long Marston and Welford.

5.2 District Councillor Stuart Keighley reported on Rail Live (Porterbrook), noting that the opening of the electric track went well and that the site includes a testing track and underpass to allow trains to be tested when required. Rail Live parking is being managed by the same team as last year, with the expectation that the improved organisation will be repeated. Increased workload and capacity at Porterbrook is expected to create more jobs and apprenticeships.

Reference was made to Shackleton; concerns over CCTV, anti-social behaviour and lack of infrastructure. Alcester Police have been made aware of and are working on anti-social behaviour. It was also noted a lot of old building remain on the airfield which could be dangerous, and a lot of graffiti.

With regards to the SWLP, Councillor Keighley advised there is a lot of opposition locally, but a long-term plan has a better chance of funding. There is a lot of technical evidence and information from the planning department, but as there have been last minute changes by Warwick Council which has caused a delay, it is likely that public response will now be allowed between mid-July and end of August 2026. Cllr. Keighley will provide the parish council with any updates.

11. Planning Matters

The Chair brought forward this item to be debated before other agenda points.

11.1 7 Falstaff Drive

Resolved: No Objection

11.2 PIP for a new bungalow at Forest Farm

Resolved: No Objection

11.3 Barley Fields, PIP for 9 houses in a small section of the site. Building application for this site has previously been declined and remains outside the neighbourhood plan. A heated debate ensued over the problems with the site.

Resolved: to submit a robust objection

Public open session was reopened.

3.3 There were public objections to the newsletter being stopped querying how information would be made available to the public. Councillors reminded the public present that information would be made available on the website and could be received by those who subscribe. Moreover, a detailed questionnaire had been delivered to all Long Marston residents concerning the newsletter which had been met with apathy. Cllr. Jackson suggested he would be willing to clarify details and report back by the August PC meeting.

6. Chairmans Comments.

The Chair thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting and comments made would be noted. The public open session was closed. The meeting then returned to agenda items

7. General Power of Competence.

Resolved: The council remains eligible for GPC.

8. Summer Recess

Resolved: To have a summer recess in July, but if any urgent matters arise including planning matters, an extraordinary meeting may be called.

9. Notice of Public Rights (AGAR)

The notice of public rights had been published on the parish notice boards but were delayed in being posted on the website. To ensure the dates were aligned on all the communication platforms, the dates would be amended.

Resolved: to amend and publish on June 16th

10. Clerks report on outstanding matters

10.1 review on the situation regarding utilities to Meon Vale Village Hall postponed to next meeting.

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10.2 Lease agreement for Meon Vale Village Hall

Resolved: To provide a 10-year lease agreement to the trustees of the Village Hall Charity once charitable status has been finalised. Subject to satisfactory management of the hall over this period, the lease may be extended for a further 10 years. The terms of the lease will include the ability for the Parish Council to cancel the lease should there be sufficient reason to do so.

12. Finance

Resolved: Approval of the bank reconciliation and noted payment items on the agenda

13. Parish Councillor Reports

13.1 Cllr. Barker advised the knee rails in Meon Vale will cost £500-£700 and with council approval, will undertake the work by the end of July. He also proposed to put meters and stop taps on the water stands in the MV allotments.

Resolved: £1000 to be provided to conclude the noted works.

13.2 To receive confirmation that a grant of £500 has been awarded to the cricket club

13.3 A bare patch on the Meon Vale playing field was noted, this will be addressed by the AMC.

13.4 Matters relating to Archery on Meon Vale playing field were deferred to the next PC meeting to enable outstanding queries to be finalised. It was, however, confirmed that there is no clash in proposed dates for using the site between archery and football.

14. Correspondence

14.1 A letter from a resident concerning Barley Fields was received and discussed.

15. Next Meeting

Due to summer recess in July, the next meeting will be August 17th 2026 at Long Marston Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.15

Debbie Woodliffe
Parish Clerk