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Draft Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parish
April 17th, 2023

Present: Members of Marston Sicca Parish Council, Representatives of Parish Organisations and members of the public.

1.Apologies

1.1 Apologies received from Cllr. Hodges and Cllr. Whittaker and member of the Village Hall Committee.

2.Report from the Community Police Officer.

A report was not available by the CPO confirmed information would be provided for meetings going forward.

3.Report from Parish Council Chairman.

The chairman gave a review of the year, noting some of the challenges faced by the Parish Council but also some of its achievements. Reference was made to Meon Vale, the Pavilion and the negotiations to secure key assets, and Marston Meadow. The latter has seen considerable work undertaken, replacing or newly planting trees and hedges to the space. Both major projects have been ongoing but finally able to see conclusion in sight. The chair thanked all the volunteers that have supported the various schemes operated throughout the year.

4. Reports from Parish Organisation

4.1 a resident of Meon Vale provided details of Meon Eco Group (MEG). This has a strong biodiversity theme and is open to all. Currently has 10 members and generally meet once a month. The group has recently planted woodland trust trees and hedges. They have also acquired free water butts and compost bins. Currently concentrating on areas of wildflowers.

4.2 the organiser of the Gardens Club confirmed another eventful year had taken place with members able to visit larger and more intimate gardens. Membership is informal and open to all those in the parish.

4.3 report from the WI noted how members enjoyed getting back together again after the long break due to covid and were delighted to greet 4 new members. WI meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month which usually involves a talk or demonstration.

The LMWI is a member of the Warwickshire and the National Federation of Wis. This collectively countrywide totals a membership of 180,000. There is typically an annual vote for a Resolution to endorse change to help family life. This year it is to be ' clear fivers for people and wildlife'.

4.4 Coopers charity explained its origins and the support given to grant applicants who require assistance to attend University. Grants are modest but extremely helpful. The charity is seeking a clerk.

4.5 WRCC mentioned bus service assistance service to parish residents.

Meeting ended just prior to the start of the Parish Council Ordinary Meeting.

Debbie Woodliffe
Parish Clerk.