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Draft Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council meeting held Long Marston Village Hall April 17th, 2023

Members Present: Cllr. Ian Johnsey (Chair), Cllr. Bill Tempest, Cllr. Margaret Clarke, Cllr. Davis

Also present: Four members of the public

1.Apologies

1.1 Apologies received from Cllr. Hodges and Cllr. Whittaker

2.Declaration of Interest

None declared.

3.Public open Session

3.1 Member of the public introduced himself a representing the Conservative Party for District Councillor at the upcoming council elections.

3.2 Resident mentioned the confusion over the Parish name – Marston Sicca or Long Marston. Clerk confirmed Long Marston is recorded within SDC but recognise the name of Marston Sicca.

4.County and District Councillor Reports

4.1 Cllr. Perteghella confirmed a meeting had been held with Cllr. Tempest and the Clerk at SDC to discuss the wards and boundaries including Meon Vale and Fernleigh Park. More details and options will be discussed with full council in due course.

4.2.Members were reminded of the need for voter ID on May 4th elections.

4.3 All were reminded due to change in the Ward, this would be the last meeting Cllr. Perteghella would attend as District Councillor. The Parish Council gave a unanimous thank you for all the hard work and support over the years.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

Members considered Minutes of meeting held on March 20th, 2023, to be an accurate account. Minutes were approved and signed.

6.Clerks Report

6.1 Meon Vale Asset Transfer. Council members confirmed the meeting of April 25th with Quinton Parish Council to discuss the details relating to the joint ownership of the assets. Members reviewed the map of assets to be transferred including section of the Greenway. Its for debate at the meeting.

6.2 Clerk discussed the process for the May 4th election and the value of obtaining General Power of Competence (clerk to send information on this prior to next meeting).

6.3 social media Policy to be adopted at Annual meeting of the Parish Council in May.

7. Ground Maintenance Tender

7.1 Council members agreed to remove the Barley Fields area and Marston Meadow from the current tender. This was due to past issues with cutting to Barley Field, consistent work and cost advantage. Clerk to inform the contractor.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Clerk advised members of a grant request from Tudor Grange School for monies towards a children's playhouse. Councillors unanimously agreed to award £300.
8.2 From the Grant money already agreed for the Coronation, £950 would be awarded to the Masons Arms as a contribution towards the activities.
8.3 A resident suggested a small celebration be held at Marston Meadow for trees planted to commemorate the Coronation. Members agreed with a date set for May 2nd at 2pm.
8.4 Clerk advised members the surveyor who has agreed to review Long Marston Village Hall is scheduled to visit the site w/c 25th April.
8.5. Members discussed a request from agent representing Lagan Homes to meet and discuss their ideas. Members suggested that this would need be organised on the basis of a listening exercise only. Clerk to organise.
8.6 Clerk confirmed the Diocese had been contacted re the Glebe Field.

9. Marston Meadow

9.1. The remit for the Working Group was discussed including immediate priorities. Members considered the plans sent by Lodders, and with only a tiny clip of land that includes pipework, the council agreed it would be sensible to continue with plans to erect a gate to the site.
9.2 Members agreed the Working Group was providing valuable input to the site, reviewing various options and cost analysis.

10. Climate Change and Biodiversity Event.

10.1 Members received the comprehensive report from Cllr. Whittaker. The report included the allotments (part of the asset transfer). The budget request for raised beds etc., to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
10.2 Members were brought up to date with developments for the June 10th Big Green Day. A more detailed report would be sent before next PC meeting listing speakers etc., The Council had already agreed a budget to support the event.

11. Finance

11.1 Clerk/RFO produced EOY accounts including full bank reconciliation, balance for community centre, CIL schedule and Budget Plan. Council approved accounts, clerk to organise internal audit.
11.2 Clerk/RFO mentioned potential extra solicitors bill relating to the final transfer of land to Marston Meadow. Lodders are initially trying to get the costs covered by Lagan but council agreed to pay should the need arise to get the matter concluded.
11.3.Following items of expenditure were approved.

11.4 Payments Made

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
04/04/2023	Parish Clerk	BP	904.48	PAYE
11/04/2023	Groundwork UK	BP	1258.11	NP grant repayment
11/04/2023	Avon Pub Co.	BP	950.00	Coronation Grant
11/04/2023	HMRC	BP	226.00	Tax PAYE

11.3 Online Payments for Approval

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
17/04/2023	Npower	BP	191.65	Streetlights
17/04/2023	Uberdoodle	BP	671.42	Website/Newsletter
17/04/2023	WALC	BP	528.00	Subscription
17/04/2023	Long Marston VH	BP	48.00	Hall Hire
17/04/2023	Parish Clerk	BP	29.23	Stationery
21/04/2023	HSBC	CHG	20.37	Bank Charges

11.4 Community Centre Payments Made

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
04/04/2023	Scottish Power	BP	679.24	Electricity Supply
05/04/2023	Water Plus	BP	71.77	Water Supply
11/04/2023	HMRC	BP	821.58	Tax & NI

11.5 Community Centre Payments for Approval

Date	Payee	Cheque No	£	Details
30/04/2023	Biffa Waste Services	BP	120.86	Bin Collection
30/04/2023	Mrs S Hillier	BP	*****	PAYE
30/04/2023	British Gas	DD		Gas Supply

12. Planning matters discussed:

12.1 21/02405/REM Phase 4c Meon Vale. Council members discussed the reasons to rescind the original no objection response to this application. Cllr. Tempest gave a detailed report and councillors felt the lack of open green space, proposed felling of trees and removal of hedgerow contributed to the decision to object.

12.2 23/00796/HHPA, 16 Rumer Close, Single Storey rear extension and internal modifications.
Decision: Support

12.3 23/00138/ VARY Airfield House. Council members originally supported the application (20/02745/OUT) based on the housing mix. Members object to the variation making all houses affordable, noting affordable housing should be spread amongst open market housing to give a balanced community.
Decision: Object.

13. Councillor Reports

13.1 Cllr. Davis confirmed after the period of Purdah, Reg. 16 will start with regards to the Neighbourhood Plan.

13.2 Cllr Clarke confirmed the Play Area to Barley Fields was OK but with review of the flooring. It was also confirmed that the position of Chair to the Marston Meadow Working Group had been passed to Steve Barker. Councillor recognised this would be the last meeting for Cllr. Clarke and thanked her for all her hard work.

14. Date of next meetings:

14.1 Annual Parish Council Meeting May 15th, Long Marston Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.18pm

Debbie Woodliffe, Parish Clerk/RFO