

**Minutes of the meeting of Lea Marston Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.00pm at
Nether Whitacre Village Hall**

CLLrs present : Martin Watson (Vice-Chair in the Chair)
 Ruth Swinnerton
 Julie Hobster
 Bob Bryston

In attendance : Mr K Oakley (resident)
 Mr B Round (resident)
 Louise Baudet (Clerk)

11/17 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Cllr David Reilly due to business commitments
RESOLVED : that the apology for absence be accepted

12/17 Public participation

Standing Orders were suspended for public participation.

Mr Round expressed his continued concerns regarding Seeney's Lane and the continued damage to the Highway due to vehicles gaining access to Cummings Farm. Those present queried the conditions of the Operator's Licence and also whether any restrictions were placed on the planning consent for the Shed in terms of vehicles. The Clerk confirmed that she had progress chased the damage with Jane Pritchard at Warwickshire County Council who had confirmed that the site had been inspected on 6th October 2016 and repair defects (266668 and 266670) had been registered for the next available patching programme. Cllr Lea had enquired regarding installing bollards at this location but Traffic and Safety had advised the location was not suitable. Cllr Hobster agreed to get a copy of the Operator's Licence.

Mr Oakley asked if the Parish Council had received any information from HS2 regarding community consultation for the Special management zone and the Clerk confirmed that no such information had been provided. He informed the Council that HS2 had already appointed contractors who had already commenced operating in the area eg Balfour Beatty, which was impacting traffic movements already. It was agreed that the issue of communication and community liaison would be discussed at the meeting of the Railhead group the following day. Feedback to HS2 needs to highlight the need to restrict HGV movements in the area..

Mr Oakley raised the issue of car boots and the Clerk confirmed that she had received notification for some of the car boots to be held during 2017. She had also chased up the agreed meeting that North Warwickshire Borough Council were going to have with Car Boot Operators and had been informed by Mr Brown that this would be held in due course within a couple of months. Mr Oakley felt that the matter needed to be raised at a higher

level and referred to a letter that he had sent previously to NWBC stating that he may escalate his concerns higher.

Residents asked about the arrangements for grass cutting stating that they hoped the problems experienced the previous year would not re-occur. The Chair informed them that all arrangements were in hand and that the Parish Council had accepted a quotation from NWBC for the continuation of grass cutting, which had proved satisfactory once initial teething problems had been resolved.

Standing Orders restored.

13/17 Declaration of Interests

There were no interests declared.

14/17 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2017, having been read and circulated, be signed as a correct record.

15/17 Progress reports for information/action

15.1 Woodhouse Farm

The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Mr Brown, Planning at North Warwickshire Borough Council and requested that an spot inspection be undertaken on the premises due to suspected breaches of planning consent. Cllr Swinnerton once again reported on the activities taking place at the site stating that the companies keep changing ; concerns were also expressed regarding 18 tonne deliveries (by either Palletline or Palletways).

15.2 Deeds for Victory Hall site

The Clerk agreed she would visit Garner Canning Solicitors to obtain the deeds for the Victory Hall site.

15.3 Grant application

The Clerk confirmed that a grant had been approved from WALC to enable the Parish Council to comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code in terms of publishing information on the website. A sum of £615.83 had been granted this being the cost of a computer, printer, scanner and accessories (excluding VAT). The Council would need to purchase the software and laptop bag.

15.4 Car boots and fly tipping

Car boots had already been discussed under public participation. Councillors discussed the continued problems with fly tipping, in particular Hams Lane – towards Church, and discussed the feasibility of options for addressing the problems eg CCTV, allocating as a 'hot spot'. The Clerk would try and find more information about making the area a fly tipping hot spot.

16/17 Finance

16.1 Accounts for payment

RESOLVED : that the accounts for payment (Appendix A) be approved.

16.2 Quotation for repairs to Millennium bench

The Clerk had received a quotation from Town and Country Maintenance for £475 for splicing into new piece of wood, plane to size and stain, strip and apply preservative and stain over a period of three days. Councillors felt that this was not within their budget. Cllr Watson stated he had been unable to obtain further quotes – Cllr Bryson would obtain a further quotation.

16.3 S137 grant to Church

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council approve a s137 payment to the Church for maintenance of the grounds.

17/17 Planning

17.1 Warwickshire County Council Minerals Plan

Councillors gave retrospective ratification to the response to the consultation submitted by Cllr Reilly under delegated powers (Appendix B).

17.2 Draft Local Plan

Cllr Reilly drafting a response for submission.

17.3 Other planning applications

Councillors were disappointed that the Big Family Festival had been granted a Licence and understood that Cllr Reilly would be seeking clarification regarding any conditions attached to it. Monitoring equipment would be placed in those residencies where complaints had been made regarding the noise levels.

17.4 Transfer of land to Parish Council

Discussions with Eon regarding transfer of land to Parish Council and Lea Ford Cottage – Cllr Reilly to update Councillors at the next meeting.

17.5 Planning Decisions

Councillors noted that Bio mass Gasification Plant, after much debate at Planning, had been granted approval.

Marston Fields – shooting range to be discussed at March Planning Board (hours of shooting needed clarification)

18/17 HS2

This had already been discussed under public participation.

19/17 Information items

Councillors had received details of communications received via email – no actions.

20/17 Councillors reports

Due to the large number of issues relating to Highway matters in the Parish, the Clerk suggested that she invite an Officer from Warwickshire County Council Highways to the next meeting, and also invite Nether Whitacre Parish Council.

Councillors discussed the arrangements for the workshop being organised by Tame Valley Wetland Trust for the willow structures, and agreed practicalities for the day.

Speedwatch – Cllr Reilly had obtained funding for equipment (speed gun and signage) ; volunteers would need to be recruited and trained.

Cllr Bryson would gather the results of the resident consultation and present at next meeting.

21/17 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 7.00pm at Nether Whitacre Village Hall.

22/17 Termination of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed (Chair)

Date

APPENDIX A

CHEQUE PAYMENTS FEBRUARY 2017								
Creditor	Purpose	checked	Amount (ex VAT)	Claimable VAT	non-claimable VAT	Total (inc VAT)		
Mrs L Baudet	Clerks salary	y	180.54	0.00	0.00	180.54		
HMRC	PAYE payments	y	41.00	0.00	0.00	41.00		
Louise Baudet	Office allow, internet, reimbursements	y	75.85	0.00	0.00	75.85		
Town & Country Maintenance services	Filling of grit bins	y	258.08	0.00	0.00	258.08		
St John's Church	s137 payment - upkeep of grounds	y	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		
Louise Baudet	Advance payment of £850 *		850.00	0.00	0.00	850.00		
	Transparancy fund for IT equipment plus plus VAT element on above - underspend to be returned after purchases	y						
	Laptop, scanner, printer, mouse, keyboard, software, bag, ink							
			1905.47	0.00	0.00	1905.47		