

Minutes of the meeting of Lea Marston Parish Council
Held on 3rd April 2018 at 7.00pm
At Nether Whitacre Village Hall

Cllrs present : Martin Watson (Chair)
 David Reilly
 Julie Hobster

In attendance Louise Baudet (Clerk)
 Brian Round (resident)

39/18 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Swinnerton (illness) and Cllr Bryson (holiday)
RESOLVED : that the apologies for absence from Cllrs Swinnerton and Bryson be accepted.

40/18 Public participation

- 40.1 Mr Round raised the problem of the flooding by Cummings Farm with water overflowing into ditch and pavement ; Severn Trent had been out to look at this already as the manhole was bubbling water by the Post Box. Marston Fields Farm was discussed and the flooding from the lakes overflowing. Matter to be brought to the attention of Warwickshire County Council/Severn Trent.
- 40.2 Mr Round raised the issue of the Container Bases and Cllr Reilly stated that this was still with the Enforcement Officer at Warwickshire Council. James Taroni had requested a meeting and the Chair/Vice-Chair would attend. Hearing would be held in June to consider request for an extension and they had extended the deadlines for the residents to comment. The use of the containers was discussed and it was noted that the Police would not disclose whether there had been any criminal activity taking place. Cllr Hobster stated that she had rang A-Plan and raised concerns about the height of the stacking of the blue containers on health and safety grounds and this had prompted a visit to the site from A-Plan. However, the white containers remain the same height. The Clerk to contact A-Plan.
- 40.3 Mr Round asked if the Licensing Authority had been contacted and it was confirmed that the Parish Council could not submit a complaint and they had to be submitted by individuals. Those present would submit individually

41/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared

42/18 Minutes of previous meeting

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43/18 Transfer of land to Parish Council

There had been confirmation received that ProLogis were prepared to change the layout of the site as requested (DC1 repositioning), and there would be no parking or lighting on the village side ; when planting has matured it should obscure sight of the site in the future.

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council support the application and have no further requests.

Councillors were keen to progress the transfer of the land and the Clerk would contact the Solicitors with date options, ideally before the next meeting. The playing fields were discussed and the removal of the lock off the gate ; possibly in connection with Travellers looking at the site. Cllr Reilly reported that the Junior Team would be interested in continuing the lease of the pitch on a 12 month rolling contract. It had also come to light that there was a brick built storage on the land with water and electric, which may have potential storage use in the future. This building needs to be included in the footprint. The Chancel Indemnity Policy was discussed and agreed further clarification was needed on this. Agreed to invite Vicar to meeting to discuss future of the church.

44.18 Progress reports for information/action

44.1 Millennium Bench – Cllr Reilly reported that he had arranged a carpenter to look at this.

44.2 Community Garden/Orchard – The Clerk provided an entry received from a resident into the Community Garden competition, however, it was noted that having play equipment in there would not be feasible and equipment should remain on the playing fields. There had been two entries – the other for the development of a meadow area. It was agreed that one of the benches from Tame Valley Wetlands Trust would be placed in the garden ; the other being placed at the bus stop. Cllr Hobster outlined her grant submission and purchasing a 2year orchard pack which would have bare root trees, as well as items such as much, forks etc... The grant would need match funding by 25% and the Parish Council agreed to do this and also use the County Council grant fund. Clearing the area of the overgrowth was discussed and Cllr Hobster stated that some of it should be left to create natural habitat and have things like bug huts ; tree at the back to be left. The hedge at the front would be trimmed to a reasonable height.

4.3 Highway matters – Councillors discussed the Bodymoor Heath entrance to the Water Park and were disappointed that it is likely to remain 60mph due to not enough accidents. It was noted that Phase 2 of HS2 in 2026

45/18 Finance

Accounts for payment

RESOLVED : that the accounts for payment as contained in Appendix A be approved.

It was agreed to request Cllr Bryson to become a signatory.

46/18 Planning applications and consultations

It was noted that the Local Plan had been approved ; there would be no developments allowed on Green Belt.

Awaiting decision on the appeal submitted by the Shooting Lodge.

47/18 Information items

Councillors received details of communications as contained in Appendix B :

- Cllr Grant Fund – Cllr Reilly would get this amended to reflect expenditure on the Community Garden as opposed to the playing fields.
- The Clerk clarified the s137 annual figure per resident

48/18 Report from Cllr David Reilly (WCC)

There was no report from Cllr Reilly.

49/18 Councillors reports

The Good Citizen Award was discussed ; no action

Cllr Reilly offered the Parish Council metal posts to deter illegal entry onto private property and Councillors agreed that placed in front of the gate to the playing fields, they would be a good deterrent against Travellers. It was agreed to purchase these for £100 and Cllr Reilly would retain for safekeeping until they could be installed.

Problems continue with fly tipping by Kingsbury Water Park – Cllr Reilly would look into this.

Next Agenda- appointment of Handyman and Quotation for Street Lights following request from resident for this to be looked into.

50/18 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 1st May 2018 and Cllr Watson would contact Lea Marston Hotel regarding the use of their rooms free of charge.

51/18 Termination of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed (Chair)

Date

APPENDIX A

LEA MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL							
CHEQUE PAYMENTS APRIL 2018							
Creditor	Purpose	checked	Amount (ex VAT)	Claimable VAT	non-claima VAT	Total (inc VAT)	
Mrs L Baudet	Salary April	y	191.12	0.00	0.00	191.12	
HMRC	PAYE payments	y	47.60	0.00	0.00	47.60	
Louise Baudet	Reimbursements and office allowance	y		0.00	0.00		
	Suspension folders, ink, postage						
Water Orton Methodist Church	Bollards	y	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
			238.72	0.00	0.00	238.72	

APPENDIX B

	From	Topic	
30.3.18	Tame Valley Wetlands Partnership	Newsletter	For info
30.3.18	Warks County Council	Cllr Grant Fund - £200 playground equipment, payment processed	For info
29.3.18	Dave Harris, NWBC	Planning & Devt Board Agenda 8/4/18	For info
28.3.18	John Crossling, WALC	PKF Littlejohn website down	For info
	Steve Maxey, NWBC	HS2 Info re parapets and piers – response from Richard Habgood	For info
	PKF Littlejohn Auditors	Appointed for 5 years, all data provision and collection online/via email	For info
	Rural Services Network	Monthly newsletter	For info
	Greg Moss, Garner Canning	Chancell Indemnity insurance quote	For info
	Tame Valley Wetlands Partnership	Final of UK River Prize 2018, winner Multiple Benefit Partnership Award	For info
27.3.18	Time out Service	Services to vulnerable residents eg shopping, befriending	For info
	John Crossling, WALC	S137 notification, £7.86 per resident	For info
	John Crossling, WALC	Self Assessments for Parish Councils	For info
	Alison Gregory, WALC	Audit Practitioners Guide – updated	For info
26.3.18	LAWRAG	Copy of Decision notice	For info
	WALC	Info re proposed pay award provisional	For info
	Rural Services Network	Newsletter	For info
	SLCC Bill Robinson	Info for AGM 30 th May 2018	For info
	Tahir Ahmed, HS2	HS2 website live, Warwickshire Community site live	For info
22.3.18	NWBC	Details of parking restrictions	For info
21.3.18	LAWRAG	Notice of winning appeal Daw Mill	For info
	Dave Harris, NWBC	Full Council 22 nd April 2018	For info
20.3.18	Greg Moss, Garner Canning	Chancel Liability re transfer of land	For info
19.3.18	Alison Gregory, WALC	Checklist for contracts re GDPR	For info
15.3.18	John Crossling, WALC	NALC consultation, Standards in Public Life	For info
	Alison Harrison, Shustoke School	Info and contacts for children's project	For info
	L Bird, NWBC	Broadband update	For info
9.3.18	Select Payroll	New systems for GDPR and additional costs.	For info