

Minutes of the meeting of Lea Marston Parish Council
held on 3rd July 2018 at 7.00pm at Nether Whitacre Village Hall

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

In attendance : Louise Baudet (Clerk)
 Kevin Oakley (resident)

70/18 Apologies

RESOLVED : An apology for absence was received and accepted from Cllr Ruth Swinnerton due to illness

71/18 Public participation

There was no public participation.

72/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

73/18 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2018, having been circulated, be signed as a correct record.

74/18 High Speed Rail 2

Cllr Reilly reported that the Environmental Statement is due to be published in September. He also went on to say that he understood a temp railhead would be used for Phase 2b and that the line would be re-routed and may be closer to the village. There may be proposals for a Transformer site which will provide the electricity for the trains in North Warwickshire, which would be a permanent fixture. Councillors were concerned about this, however it would need to be discussed through the consultation mechanism after the Environmental Statement is issued. The Parish Council was disappointed that the Transformer site had not been mentioned at the Special Management Zone meetings, and the information had been then publicly announced ; it was agreed that this had damaged the relationship with HS2.

75/18 Transfer of land

Cllr Reilly reported that they were awaiting amended documentation with clarification over what constituted emergency access to the road included in the land, as this may not be restricted to blue light access. There was also discussion about restrictions on weight limits eg lorries. There were also conditions regarding the use of the land and not being for commercial benefit ; in the context of Tame Valley Wetlands Project this is not viewed as commercial as it is a registered charity.

76/18 Progress reports

- 76.1 Millennium bench – awaiting quotations as requested
- 76.2 Noticeboard- Councillors discussed the relocation of the noticeboard and Cllr Reilly agreed to contact Highways at Warwickshire County Council as their permission would be required to move.
- 76.3 Community Garden – Cllr Hobster reported that the trees had now arrived. Community Payback had undertaken works and the hedge and brambles had now gone. Cllr Reilly had asked Kevin Oakley to quote to project manage preparation of the groundwork ie drainage, water pipe, concreting and slabbing at a cost of £1000. This was approved in principle with a written quotation to be provided and approved at next meeting. This would involve sub contracting works and a quotation would also be obtained for this. Estimated total cost would be £3000 and affordability was discussed this being from the allocated Neighbourhood Planning funds which would no longer be used and also reserves. The project would need to be costed up and where possible it was agreed to obtain grant funding.
- 76.4 Highway signage – speeding signs in Church Lane were discussed and Cllr Reilly would speak with Highways regarding a cost for this and for funding from the Road Safety Fund. County Council would not be reviewing the speed.

76/18 Finance

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

77/18 Planning

- 77.1 Cllr Reilly commented on the Minerals Strategy and an objection on the basis of the consultation method and content, which had not considered the impact of High Speed Rail 2. Councillors discussed issues around the entrance to Kingsbury Water Park and the congestion from traffic due to visitors wanting to park near to the Visitor Centre ; consideration was given as to how this would change with HS2.
- 77.2 Councillors noted that the Planning Inspectorate had not yet made a decision about Mr Breeden’s appeal and they have between 6 to 8 weeks from the date of the hearing to review. There was no update regarding any decision.

78/18 Communications

Details of communications had been circulated. It was agreed to book Cllr Watson onto the Planning course with WALC.

79/18 Councillors reports

- 79.1 Grass cutting – North Warwickshire Borough Council had confirmed that they would be cutting the grass. There were concerns from Councillors and residents that it had not been cut for a month.

79.2 Street Lighting – the request for public street lighting was discussed and reference made to the decision of the Parish Council that there was insufficient demand from residents and it had not been budgeted for. The Clerk highlighted the ruling regarding 6 month waiting period before reconsidering a change of resolution.

80/18 Clerk vacancy

The Clerk confirmed her resignation from the Parish Council with effect from 31st August 2018, and it was agreed to advertise the position in the parish newsletter. The Clerk would continue to support the Council until a new Clerk is appointed.

81/18 Date of next meeting

Date of August meeting to be confirmed.

82/18 Termination of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed (Chair)

Date

Appendix A

LEA MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL								
CHEQUE PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL AT JULY 2018 MEETING								
Creditor	Purpose	checked	Amount (ex VAT)	Claimable VAT	non-claima VAT	Total (inc VAT)		
JUNE								
Mrs L Baudet	Salary June	y	194.69	0.00	0.00	194.69		
HMRC	PAYE payments	y	48.80	0.00	0.00	48.80		
Warks & Sol Training P'ship	GDPR Replacement cheque	y	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00		
Nether Whitacre Village Hall	Annual room hire	y	198.00	0.00	0.00	198.00		
JULY								
Mrs L Baudet	Salary July	y	194.89	0.00	0.00	194.89		
HMRC	PAYE payments	y	48.60	0.00	0.00	48.60		
Mrs L Baudet	June & July Office Allow, expenses, r'burs.	y	150.05	0.00	0.00	150.05		
Cllr D Reilly	Reimbursements	y	90.00	0.00	0.00	90.00		
Warks & Sol Training P'ship	Planning training	y	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00		