

**Minutes of the meeting of Lea Marston Parish Council  
Held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.00pm  
At Lea Marston Hotel**

Cllrs present :           Martin Watson           (Chairman)  
                                  David Reilly  
                                  Ruth Swinnerton  
                                  Bob Bryson  
                                  Julie Hobster

In attendance :         Louise Baudet (Clerk)

**83/17 Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

**84/17 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**85/17 Declarations of interest**

There were no interests declared.

**86/17 Minutes of previous meeting**

RESOLVED :   that the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017, having been circulated and read, be signed as a correct record subject to the amendment of Minute No 80.1 to read 'pheasant rearing' not 'pheasant shooting'.

**87/17 Progress reports**

- 87.1 Millenium bench – the Clerk reported that Town and Country Maintenance had not responded to emails, calls and letters and it had to therefore be assumed that they did not want to undertake the work they quoted for. Councillors agreed to locate someone else to undertake the work.
- 87.2 Community Payback – the Clerk confirmed that they had confirmed receipt of the completed forms from in May and that work should have started in the parish. Cllr Reilly agreed to make contact with them to establish the scheme of works. Items to be completed included painting the phone box and clearing the ground, clearing the brambles at the Victory Hall site and levelling ground out ready for planting of the

community garden, tree planting at Victory Hall site for community garden, litterpick and tidy playground area, Old Kingsbury Raod. Cllr Reilly reported that TVWT had donated two benches and it was agreed that one should be concreted into the laybye on the Old Kingsbury Road by the bus stop and the other would be placed within the Community Garden when done.

- 87.3 Dog Fouling – the Clerk reported that a further letter had been sent to the Caravan Park asked their help addressing the issue of dog fouling in the locality, but no response had been received.
- 87.4 Trees – Cllr Reilly reported that Warwickshire County Council had cut back the Hornbeam located on the left hand side of the Bridle Path and the trees in Church Lane which were overhanging at the back. He went on to say that the Council had informed him that the trees on the Green were satisfactory. The tree stump will be grinded when ready and having spoken to Clint Parker, Cllr Reilly reported that Warwickshire Council will replant.

### **88/17 Transfer of land from Pro Logis**

Cllr Reilly reported that Pro Logis want to have talks about the outline plans for the site, the latest plan being for four units and that these would be closest to the village. Councillors were concerned about the proximity, particularly with the loading and unloading of HGV's and did not feel that the proposed bunds and lighting addressed the concerns raised.

Cllr Reilly went on to report that it was hoped that the land would legally be transferred to the Parish Council in January 2018. Solicitors were still negotiating details of the contract, which included the condition and usage of the access road. Councillors discussed the Pumping Station which is located on the land and were informed that this is now a bat roost and TVWP are keen to be involved in this. Upon transfer the Parish Council would need to erect notices alerting members of the public not to enter due to the dangerous conditions of the building. Cllr Reilly went on to talk about a parcel of land owned by the Environment Agency by Kingsbury Water Park, past Middleton Hall Trust up to Ventura Park as a wetland reserve.

Once the land ownership has been completed the Parish Council will need to discuss the long term lease with TVWT.

### **89/17 Finance**

#### **89.1 Accounts for payment**

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

#### **89.2 Bank reconciliaition**

The Clerk reported that the current bank balance was £13,451.10 and details of the reconciliation and analysis would be forwarded. The current income and expenditure was within the agreed budget for the year.

#### 89.3 Precept

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they would need to start considering the draft budget at the next meeting and requested that consideration be given for any items of expenditure required in the next financial year. Councillors discussed the reason for the increase of Precept the previous year which was not as a result of the Parish Councils request, but due to a reduction in the number of homes in the parish. It was noted that this HS2 compulsory purchases ongoing, the number of properties may be less again and Councillors suggested contacting Bab Tahern at NWBC to establish if they had a forecast of the number of properties. It was noted that funds would need to be ear-marked to contribute towards the maintenance of the land being transferred. TVWT would be supporting the Parish Council prepare a bid to the HS2 Community Benefit Fund.

#### 89.4 HSBC

The Clerk reported that she had received a communication from HSBC bank that legal documents were being held on behalf of the Parish Council and that these were the deeds to the playing fields. The Clerk agreed to collect them from HSBC.

#### 89.5 Risk Assessment

The Clerk circulated updated Risk Assessment which was approved (Appendix B).

### **90/17 Planning**

90.1 It was noted that the application for Beeden Farm which had been refused by NWBC had been appealed and would be reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate.

90.2 Councillors discussed proposals put forward by Mr Taroni for holding 28 car boots in Haunch Lane (instead of 14 on Hams Hall and 14 on Haunch Lane) and Cllr Reilly highlighted that there were certain benefits to this in terms of traffic management, parking. Haunch Lane would not be used as the access to the site and this would be put on the A4097. The proposals seemed to limit the impact of the car boots on residents in terms of noise, visibility and traffic etc..

90.3 The Minerals Plan would be going to Cabinet at County Council – Cllr Reilly reported that the Government Inspector may possibly take out the site at Lea Marston ; decision pending.

### **91/17 Communications**

91.1 The Clerk distributed details of communications received (Appendix C) :  
Item 5 - Rural Development Programme England, open to bids till end of Jan. Min grant £35k. Examples cycleway, museum. Must link to an LEP priority  
Item 10 – Cllr Bryson would contact Cheryl McCall about the book being written about Lea Marston Hotel and the parish

Item 12 – Cllr Reilly would be attending the event of Mayor Terry Walters at NWBC Civic Suite on 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6.30pm and had already responded.

**92/17 Councillors reports**

- 92.1 Cllr Reilly updated the Parish Council on the following :
- \* funds of £35k in the 2018/19 budget had been allocated for a Lengthsman Scheme to cover Coleshill, Curdworth, Lea Marston and Water Orton. He was in discussions with TVWT re allocating staff to undertake the work and would require one of the Parish Councils to manage the scheme.
  - \* funding of £50k is available for flood management and TVWT are putting together a proposal to set up and manage flooding in the area
  - \*Lea Ford Cottage – hole in roof that needs mending which Coleshill and District Civic Society are prepared to fund and repair, and also TVWT are interested. He also discussed the Walled Garden which required building work where it is crumbling, and a grant will be required to repair this.
  - \* North Warwickshire Cycle routes being reviewed
- 92.2 Cllr Swinnerton requested that the Clerk contact Sheila Faulkner, NWBC Planning for an update. She asked Cllr Reilly for an update on the signage for the HGVs who confirmed that there had been no progress and it was subject to funding ; some signage in situ but needs overgrowth cutting back.
- 92.3 Councillors wished Warwickshire Council to confirm when the pavements in Marston would be restored – agreed to send Cllr Reilly photos ; only half of the top coat had been laid. Cllr Swinnerton reminded the meeting that the pavements in Church Lane needed to be completed as well. Cllr Reilly asked for the photos to be sent to him to take up with WCC.

**93/17 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**94/17 Termination of meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed ..... (Chair)

Date .....

## APPENDIX A

CHEQUE PAYMENTS NOVEMBER 2017							
Creditor	Purpose	checked	Amount (ex VAT)	Claimable VAT	non-claimable VAT	Total (inc VAT)	
Mrs L Baudet	November	y	233.47	0.00	0.00	233.47	
HMRC	PAYE payments	y	58.40	0.00	0.00	58.40	
Abbey Office Park Ltd	Repair of 2 bus shelters & cleaning Sept	y	520.00	104.00	0.00	624.00	
NorthWarks Borough Council	Grounds maintenance	y	677.99	135.60	0.00	813.59	
Louise Baudet	Office allow, internet, reimbursements	y	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	
			<b>1514.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1754.46</b>	

## APPENDIX B

Inserted separately

## APPENDIX C

### Lea Marston PC – communications reported at Nov 2017 meeting

	Date		From :	Purpose	Action
1	9.11.17	E	Abigail Richmond, Bham Airport	Receipt of two submissions from Parish Council	
2	8.11.17	E	John Crossling, WALC	Flood Risk Management – 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7pm	
3	8.11.17	E	Alison Gregory, WALC	New pricing structure for courses from January 2018	
4	6.11.17	E	Ian Thomas, Railhead Gp	Special Management Zone meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	
5		E	John Crossling, WALC	Rural Development Programme England, open to bids till end of Jan. Min grant £35k. Examples cycleway, museum. Must link to an LEP priority	
6		E	Charity Commission	Reminder – Victory Hall submission	
7	5.11.17	E	Yola	Site stats – 32 visitors	
8	3.11.17	E	WPCC P Selcombe	News and updates	
9	1.11.17	E	Amanda Tonks	Resources Board Agenda 13.11.17	
10		E	Cheryll McCall	John Blakes – book on Lea Marston and involvement with Parish Council	
11	1.11.17	E	WALC	Clerk and Induction training 11.11.17 at Curdworth	
12		E	Mayors office, NWBC	No reply to invite to Mayor Terry Walters at NWBC Civic Suite 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan at 6.30pm	
13		E	WCC HS2	Autumn HS2 Bulleting from WCC	
14	31.10.17	E	WCC Highways	Road closures in Fillongley	
15	30.10.17	E	WALC	Newsletter Autumn 2017	
16		E	Dave Harris, NWBC	Planning and Devt Board 6.11.17	

17	27.10.17	E	Tahir Ahmed, HS2	Groundworks investigations in Lea Marston – for information	
18		E	Ian Thomas, Railhead Grp	Special management Zone meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	
19	26.10.17	E	WALC	Clerks toolkit – bitesize training	
20		E	Dave Adams, Community Payback	Confirming that they received the form required from us in May. Under impression project had started and if not suggested ringing Sue Chaplin 02476 482825	
21		E	Leys and Whitacre Residents Group	Update and information	
22		E	John Crossling, WALC	WALC AGM reminder	
23	23.10.17	E	John Crossling, WALC	NALC legal topic note re Data Protection fees	
24	19.10.17	E	John Crossling, WALC	Forward from NALC national consultation about unauthorised gypsy encampment	
25		E	John Crossling, WALC	Legal Topic notes - councillor disqualifications; Right Homes Consultation and data protection	
26	18.10.17	E	Bham Airport	Extension to consultation deadline	
27		E	Fiona Wallace, NWBC	Appeal consultation re Blackgreaves Farm clay pigeon shoot	
28		E	Rural Services Network	Newsletter	
29	16.10.17	E	Tame Valley Wetlands	Newsletter	
30	15.10.17	E	Ian Thomas, Railhead gp	HS2 Traffic Notice	
31	12.10.17	E	John Crossling, WALC	Healthwatch conference	
	12.10.17	E	NWBC	Part time temporary lights A446	