

Marwood Parish Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday 26 March 2013

Present: Cllrs. Mrs S Darling, M Darling, G Tamlyn, R May, C Latham, J Glanville

Apologies: Cllrs. C Spear, C Wallis, T Bigge

In Attendance: Cllr Mrs A Davis, Cllr F Tucker. M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting 7 February were agreed and signed as a true record.

County and District Councillors Reports: Cllr Tucker said the next meeting of the Rural Alliance will be to discuss the Local Plan and there is a new dead-line for comments on Part 3 of the Plan. Cllr Mrs Davis reported on the Council Tax freeze and spending boost. Almost £9 million extra will be spent on Devon County Council services and a further £1.2 million will be spent on pot-hole repairs and winter maintenance. The Council is expecting to receive a total of about £2.5million towards the cost of temporary repair and clean-up following last year's floods.

Planning Applications:

55364 - siting of one non-illuminated free-standing sign at the junction of the road leading to Chapel Farm.

Recommend: Refusal

55370 - Erection of concrete underground slurry store at Honeywell Farm, Muddiford. **Recommend: Approval**

Reports from Councillors:

Finance: Balance at 26 March is £9024.84 (this includes over £2600 of P3 Scheme money which has not yet been able to be used due to the wet weather).

Parish Footpaths: Cllr Wallis had reported the cost of outstanding work.

Rural Alliance: Next Meeting is about the Local Plan

Community Hall: Cllr May said the Fullabrook Wind Farm CIC approved a grant of £200,000 towards the cost of the new hall, subject to the Marwood Community Hall Charity funds being made available. Cllr Tucker said that the Trustees and Committee should meet to find a way forward. Cllr Mrs Darling commented as a Trustee and emphasised the responsibilities and duties of the Trustees to ensure that the Charity funds are only used for the provision of a new hall for the inhabitants of Marwood Parish.

Cllr Tamlyn asked Cllr May if a true business plan has been produced to include hire-charges, running costs, shared equipment, etc. Cllr May said this has not yet been done. There followed a robust and meaningful discussion and exchange of views and opinions. It was commented, that it seems the entire project hinges on whether approval can be obtained to use the access road to the school. Cllr Mrs Davis said that Devon County Council has spent a great deal of time and money investigating this matter, without success and they can go no further. Cllr May said, a member of the Management Committee, who is a solicitor, is also investigating this matter.

Cllr May was asked by the Council to obtain the latest information concerning the access road and to pass it to the Trustees and Parish Council.

9th May is AGM/Public Meeting/Council Meeting

Chairman's Discretion: A special meeting should be arranged to discuss part 3 of the Local Plan.
Meeting closed at 20.27 M J Measures