

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING 12 December 2013
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

Members Present: Cllrs Mrs S Darling, G Tamlyn, C Latham, C Spear, R May

Apologies:, Cllrs C Wallis, J Glanville, T Bigge. Cllr Mrs A Davis, Cllr F Tucker.
PCSO Dale Kingdon.

In Attendance: M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None

Notification of Chairman's Discretion: Dates of Meetings

4392. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14 November 2013

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

4393. Police Report

The Clerk read the police report. One reported crime; theft of a motor-cycle.
Poaching: *"if you suspect persons are on land without permission of the owner at any time and they are poaching, please contact the police immediately. If they are carrying firearms or you hear shots, phone 999. No one should be shooting during the hours of darkness"*.

4394. County and District Councillor Reports

The Clerk gave each Member a copy of Cllr Mrs Davis' report (copy attached). She emphasised the costs of highway maintenance; re-cycling programme, public transport consultation. She is arranging a "walk-through" the Parish with Devon County Highways Officers, Cllr Latham, the Clerk and June Tamlyn to look at traffic issues.

4395. Correspondence

Most correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors by e-mail.
A letter from a resident in Middle Marwood concerning the speed of traffic was noted and will be considered when the traffic issue is discussed

4396. Planning Applications.

Members agreed to consider a late application as the decision date is before the next meeting
56684 – Mrs P Chapple. Crockers Lodge Milltown Muddiford.
Erection of conservatory at the front of the property

Recommend: Approval

4397. Finance Matters

a) the following invoice was agreed for payment:
Administration costs (September – November) £47.95
b) The balance at 12 December 2013 is £10,504.30. The Clerk showed Members the bank statement and accounts ledger confirming the balance and the Chairman initialled the ledger.

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- c) The Council confirmed the grant of up to £2000.00 to Marwood Community Hall Charity towards the cost of the new Community Hall
- d) Following discussion, the Council agreed to keep the precept at £4000 for the year 2014/15 even though the grant from North Devon Council has been reduced by 35%. There has been no increase in the precept since 2009/10. It was also agreed to keep the same level of grants (as this year) for the hall hire and cemetery maintenance.

4398. Proposed South Ilfracombe development

Members expressed concern that the proposed development will create an increase in traffic through Guineaford/Prixford and Muddiford/Milltown. They are also disappointed that the Parish was not asked to comment on the application. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Manager with the Council's comments.

4399. Reports from Councillors

- Parish Footpaths. No report
- Roads/Highways. Pot-holes have been reported
- Rural Alliance. No report
- Community Hall. Cllr May said there is still a need to obtain approval for the new car park

4400. Chairman's Discretion

Dates of meetings for 2014. 9 January, 13 February, 27 March, 8 May, 12 June, 24 July, 4 September, 9 October, 13 November, 11 December
The meeting closed at 20.08

Chairman..... date.....