

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING 26 March 2015
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

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

Apologies: Cllrs J Glanville, C Wallis. Cllr F Tucker. PCSO Kingdon.

In Attendance: Cllr Mrs Davis. M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)
Eight members of the public

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. Cllr Latham (Minute 4522))

4520. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 26 March 2015

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

4521. Police Report

PCSO Kingdon had reported that no crimes have been recorded in the past month.

4522. County and District Councillor Reports

County Cllr Mrs Davis read the information she has received from DCC Highways regarding the planning application no 59023 (outline application for 15 homes at land adjacent to the Ring o' Bells, Prieford). DCC Highways comments are as follows:

"1. The roads providing access to the site are, by reason of their inadequate width, horizontal alignment and lack of footway provision/grass verges, unsuitable to accommodate the increase in traffic likely to be generated.

2. The proposal will result in the loss of vehicle parking facilities and will, therefore, encourage parking on the highway, with consequent risk of additional danger to all users of the road and interference with the free flow of traffic.

3.

The proposed development will be located where it is remote from adequate services, employment, education, public transport, etc. and will, therefore, increase the need for journeys to be made by private vehicles which is non-sustainable and in conflict with the advice given within the National Planning Policy Framework".

Cllr Mrs Davis said that Devon County Council, as a formal consultee, can do no more than formally object, which they have done.

The applicant's representative said, at the last meeting, "Devon County Highways has already agreed the application". Cllr Mrs Davis confirmed that DCC Highways had not been consulted at the time of the last Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr Tucker was attending the Wind Farm Meeting but had reported that he has received several letters from the public on this application

4522. Planning Applications

59033 – Honeywell Farm. Erection of one wind turbine with tower hub height of 36.6m and blade tip height of 46.3m with associated works including cable run.

Cllr Latham declared a pecuniary interest as a relative and left the meeting at 19.50. He did not speak or vote on the application and returned after the vote had been taken. Standing Orders were suspended to allow the applicant and three members of the public to speak. When Standing Orders were re-instated the Parish Council discussed the application and voted to **recommend REFUSAL** (4 FOR, 1 ABSTENTION).

Cllr Mrs Davis and seven members of the public left the meeting at 20.09

58974 – Land at Whitefield Hill, Muddiford. Erection of stable block and change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian.

Recommend : APPROVAL

4523. Finance

There were no invoices for payment. The Clerk showed Members the account ledger (which the Chairman initialled) and the bank statement confirming the closing balance at 31 March as £5430.22. The Clerk presented the Annual Financial Return which was agreed by Members and signed by the Chairman. He read to Members the eight points of the Annual Governance Statement which all were agreed to answer "YES" in the appropriate columns and n/a in column 9. The Clerk also presented the Bank Reconciliation and breakdown of payments/receipts where there is a 15% or more, variation. These are required by the External Auditor. The comments from the External Auditor for last year included two comments regarding a minor omission and a transposed figure (neither had any affect on the final figures). These were reported by the Clerk at the time (but were not in the Minutes), when he needed to inform and explain to Members that the Audit Fee was £480.00, The External Auditors are now asking for these comments to be reported in the Minutes. The Clerk informed Members that the half-year precept and grant has been paid into the accounts and that Devon County Council Rights of Way has awarded the Parish Council a grant of £2000.00 from the P3 Scheme Funds (Parish Paths Partnership).

4524. Elections 2015

Some Members have a question concerning the Expenses Form issued by NDC but this will be looked at after the election.

4525. Reports from Councillors

Footpaths/Trees - No report

Highways and Transport. No report

Community Hall. Cllr May said the Hall will be officially opened in June.

4526. Dates of Meetings

The Annual General Meeting/Annual Public Meeting/Parish Council Meeting will be held on 14 May 2015.

4527. Chairman's Discretion.

The Chairman thanked those Members who are not standing for re-election for their contribution to the Parish over a number of years. He wished success to those Members standing for re-election.

The meeting closed at 20.36

Chairman..... Date.....

