

Marwood Parish Council
Public Meeting
Thursday 21 May 2015

There were nine members of the public present and two matters were raised.

1. Planning Application 59224 Outline Application for 5 dwellings at the lane to Varley Farm. A Member of the public said he was expressing his and local concerns and made the following points: The plans are vague; there is no benefit to the community; the properties are all for the open-market (no affordable homes); there is no indication concerning traffic calming; access point is unacceptable; mature hedgerows will be removed and replaced by smaller ones.

2. Traffic problems in the lane leading to Prixford Barton Farm. Three members of the public registered their concerns regarding the damage to property caused by large lorries going to/from Prixford Barton Farm, some very early in the morning. The Parish Council was asked to investigate the decision made some years ago concerning the access to the Farm land. A comment was also made concerning the large pile of vehicle tyres which can be easily seen. The Parish Council agreed to investigate these matters.

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING 21 May 2015
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

Members Present: Cllrs G Tamlyn, Mrs S Darling, T Bigge, C Wallis, M Darling, R Berry, S Button, A Skentelbery

Apologies: Cllr C Latham.

In Attendance: Cllr Mrs Davis. Cllr F Tucker. PCSO Kingdon. M J Measures (Clerk to the Council) Nine members of the public.

4534. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 23 April 2015

The Minutes were AGREED and signed as a true record.

4535. Police Report

PCSO Kingdon commented that there has been a decrease in the number of reported crimes from 99 to 79 in the past year. The reported number of burglaries is also down.

4536. County and District Councillor Reports

The Clerk gave each Member a copy of County Cllr Mrs Davis' report (copy attached to the Minutes) and she emphasised the importance of the Boundary Commission Proposals. She said that the number of Parishes she will represent will increase from 16 to 26.

Cllr Mrs Davis left the meeting at 19.47

Cllr Tucker said the Civic Centre is almost completely vacated. The consultation period for the Local Plan has now ended. He also stressed the importance of commenting on the Boundary Commission Proposals.

4537. Correspondence

Correspondence is sent to Members by e-mail. The Clerk reminded Members of the Code of Conduct Training on 29 May at the Civic Centre and of the Councillor Training at Barnstaple Town Council on 20 June.

4538. Finance

The following invoices were agreed for payment: £163.88 (DALC Annual Subscription); £50.00 (Internal Audit Fee); £166.49 (Community First Insurance); £70.20 (Clerk's Admin. Election Expenses). The balance at 21 May is £10635.87; this includes the half-year precept and NDC grants and £2000 DCC P3 Scheme.

The Clerk read the comments of the Internal Auditor which concluded, *“the finances appear well managed and that supporting financial records are appropriate to the size and type of Council”*. The Annual Financial Return and their requests for additional information, will now be sent to the External Auditors.

4539. Planning Applications

59224 – Outline application for erection of five dwellings at lane to Varley Farm PRIXFORD.

Members looked at the site/location plans, which is an outline application, and made the following comments: the application is beyond the confines of the village; poor access at the point onto the road through PRIXFORD; additional traffic flow onto a busy narrow road; removal of existing mature hedgerow; no immediately local facilities. **Recommend : Refusal**

4540. Reports from Councillors

Footpaths/Trees. Cllr Mrs Darling said it is good to receive £2000 from DCC

Highways/Transport. No report

Rural Alliance. No report

The meeting closed at 20.32

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

