

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING 11 February 2016  
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

**Members Present:** Cllrs. C Latham, Mrs S Darling, S Button, R Berry, C Wallis, A Skentelbery

**Apologies:** Cllr T Bigge. Cllr F Tucker. PCSO Kingdon

**In Attendance:** Cllr Mrs Davis. M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

**4605. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14 January 2016 and  
Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14 January 2016**

Both sets of Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

**4606. Co-option of Councillor**

The Clerk gave each Councillor a ballot paper containing the names of the three candidates, David Chugg, Karen Down, Christopher Spear. Cllr Andrea Davis acted as Independent Observer. She collected and counted the ballot papers and gave the result to the Chairman to read out. Christopher Spear was duly elected to serve as a Parish Councillor for Marwood. The Clerk will notify all candidates.

*Cllr Mrs Darling left the meeting at 19.45 as she was unwell*

**4607. Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Mrs Davis said funding has been received to develop the North Devon Link Road. Devolution proposals are being submitted to the government. More than £8 million extra will be spent on services in Devon next year. *Full report attached to the Minutes*  
No report from Cllr Tucker.

**4608. Police Report**

No crimes had been reported in the last month

**4609. Correspondence**

Electoral Review: Final Recommendations. Cllr Mrs Davis will be responsible for Parish Councils. Barnstaple Town Council is organising a Planning & Environment School. A response from Mike Kelly (NDC Chief Planning Officer) to a letter sent by the Clerk, gives brief answers to questions raised by the Parish Council and members of the public regarding the process and decision of the NDC Planning Committee when deciding on planning application 59023 (Prixford development). Mr Kelly says he has *"written to a number of local residents explaining the background to the original consideration with particular reference to concerns relating to highways concerns"*.

In response to a letter from the Clerk on behalf of the Council, he met with Ken Miles, NDC Monitoring Officer this morning (Thursday) to discuss the concerns of Parish Councillors and members of the public, regarding the conduct, statements made, (and others omitted), at the NDC Planning Committee and at Parish Council Meetings. The Clerk asked for clarification under the The General Principles of The Code of Conduct, including *Integrity, Accountability, Openness, Personal Judgement*. Ken Miles apologised for the delay in holding the meeting and said he will follow up the comments/questions from the Clerk and will contact him later. Members thanked the Clerk for attending the meeting.

**4610. Finance**

Invoices passed for payment: Invoices passed for payment: C Wallis £210.00 (*TAP Fund*); Admin The Clerk reported the balance at 11 February as £7912.64. He showed the bank statement and accounts ledger to Members and the Chairman initialled the ledger as correct.

**4611. Planning Matters/Applications**

60563 erection of new pole for communications mast. Whitefield Hill **Recommend : Approval**

**4612. On-going Matters**

Parish Notice Boards. The Clerk confirmed the purchase cost of seven new oak notice boards for the parish will be approx £4500. Delivery will be in the new financial year. Several existing boards are in need of repair or replacement. The boards will provide easy access for public use. The purchase was agreed.

Off-site development contribution. No further information

TAP Fund- drainage clearing. Members wish to record their thanks to Chris Wallis for the amount of work he carried out clearing the debris and mud from roads in the Parish as a result of the continuous heavy rain. Several drains were also cleared.

Barnstaple Records Office. A computer problem did not allow for the full information to be received by Members

**4613. Reports from Councillors**

Parish Footpaths. The Clerk has sent the P3 Forms to DCC for the annual grant

**4614. Chairman's Discretion**

Next Meetings. 17 March 21 April 19 May (AGM and Public Meeting)

*The meeting closed at 20.45*

Chairman.....

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