

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING 6 October 2016
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

Members Present: Cllrs. C Latham, S Button, R Berry, Mrs S Darling, D Chugg

Apologies: Cllr A Skentelbery, T Bigge, C Spear, C Wallis. PCSO Kingdon
Cllr Mrs Davis, Cllr F Tucker.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. See Minutes 4680 and 4684

In Attendance: One member of the public. M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

4675. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1 September 2016

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

4676. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Mrs Davis was at a full Council meeting in Exeter and the Clerk reported on her behalf
The highways contract has been awarded to Skanska and will run from 1 April 2017 to
31 March 2024. It is anticipated that a large number of current SW Highways staff will be
eligible to transfer to Skanska. The contract covers routine, reactive, emergency and
planned highway maintenance.

4677. Police Report

The Clerk reported that PCSO Dale Kingdon is now back at Braunton covering the
Marwood area. No crimes were reported in the last month. Monitoring traffic speeds in
Muddiford has just started.

4678. Correspondence

Consultation on the 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement: Certificate of
Registration from the Information Commissioner's Office.

4679. Finance

Invoices passed for payment: C Wallis £100.00 (*Sept*) ; Grant Thornton £120.00 (*Audit
Fee*). Admin/Acc £59.05 (*Aug/Sep*). The Clerk reported the balance at 6 October as
£7939.80 (*this includes the second half-year precept and grant*).

The Clerk showed Members the current bank statement and the accounts book, which
the Chairman initialled to confirm the balance.

4680. Planning Matters

Members agreed to consider a late application.

Cllr D Chugg declared a pecuniary interest and left the room. He did not speak or vote on the
application and returned after the recommendation.

*61870 – Mr & Mrs B Chugg. Reskura Prieford. Remove existing fire damaged pitched roof
and replace with pitched roof together with additional dormer and roof light to front
elevation.*

Recommend : Approval

A letter from NDC Planning Department stating that in the Enforcement Services a
member of staff has left and that the department is currently unable to meet some of
the service standards for investigations. An advertisement for staff is in place.

4681. On-going Matters

Parish Notice Board

The Clerk looked at the use and condition of the notice board at Marwood School. Although in reasonably good condition, Members agreed to purchase a replacement board similar to those now in use by the Council. The Clerk will arrange.

4682. Closure of BT telephone Kiosks

BT is seeking to remove public payphones. The consultation ends on 21 December 2016. The one identified kiosk in the Parish is located outside the Ring O' Bells Prieford where it is recorded that no calls were made in the last twelve months. The Parish Council has already bought the kiosk in Guineaford.

Members discussed the possible future use of the kiosks and it was considered that they could be used to house defibrillators. The kiosks will need to be repainted. The Clerk will investigate cost and the necessary training and the matter will be further discussed at the next Council meeting.

4683. Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths Devon County Council is in the process of relaunching the Road Warden and Community Self-help Schemes and have asked if they can use the details of the work carried out in this Parish by Cllr Wallis as an example to enable others to do similar sorts of schemes. Members were pleased that Marwood will be the example.

Highways. Members continue to express concern at the time taken to complete the repairs although further work has needed to be carried. There is still a problem in that where tractors and lorries have needed to get close to the road edge, deep ruts have been formed which need to be treated.

4684. Definitive Map Review.

Devon County Council Informal consultation: Schedule 14 application: additional of a byway open to all traffic (BOAT) at Hewish Down between Bowden Corner and Whitefield Hill. Grid ref: SS 5674 4091 to 5757 4082. Cllr Berry gave the Members some background information to assist them when making their comments/recommendation. *Cllr Berry declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. He did not discuss or vote on the subject. And returned after the recommendation was made.*

Members were aware that a similar application for a BOAT was made in 2006. There are no public rights of way along the private farm track and it is considered that should if it be turned into a BOAT it will encourage motor-cycles. Members studied the plan and proposals and following discussion it was agreed **not to support the proposal by Devon County Council to provide a byway open to all traffic.**

4685. Chairman's Discretion.

Marwood Pre-School. It was reported that the pre-school has reached a critical point this term in being able to continue due to the small number of children at this young age although there are at least seven new children hoping to join in January. Members agreed that this is an important and worthwhile activity and that it should be supported. The Clerk will contact the Pre-School Chairman (elect) and the matter will be discussed fully at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.50

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

