

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the COUNCIL MEETING 12 April 2018
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

Prior to the meeting Alan Cruden signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was co-opted as Councillor to the Parish Council. Members and Clerk welcomed him.

Members Present: Cllrs. C Latham, C Spear, S Button, R Berry, D Chugg, C Wallis, A Skentelbery, Mrs S Darling, A Cruden

Apologies: PCSO Kingdon

In Attendance: Cllr. Cllr Mrs Davis (*from 20.05*), Cllr F Tucker.

M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

Disclosable Interests. None

Chairman's Discretion. None

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8 March 2018

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Police Report

Members had received a copy of the Police Report which showed one crime common assault

Reports from County and District Councillors

The Clerk gave Members a copy of the report from Cllr Mrs Davis which includes; additional £4.4 million for road repairs in Devon; Kilacleave Recycling Centre upgrade; construction of a new junction to the East of Tiverton on A361; update on information on Section 106 funds for traffic calming at Prieford. (*copy of the full report is attached to the Minutes*). Cllr Tucker reported that John Moores is the new Chairman of NDC. Mike Kelly and Graham Townsend will be retiring and there are nine vacancies in the Planning Department.

Correspondence

Correspondence has been sent to Councillors. No more to report.

Planning Matters

64628 - *The Cottage, Kings Heanton Lane. Erection of field store.*

Recommend : Approval

64638 – *Blakewell Court Lane, past Blakewell Mill Farm. Demolition of existing garages and store and erection of double garage with workshop/store with games room above.*

Recommend: Approval

64630 – *The Cottage Prieford. Erection of porch to side elevation and installation of additional dormers to both roof slopes.*

Recommend : Approval

64746 – *Muddipuddle Farm Muddford. Demolition of one agricultural building and change of use to enable erection of one building to provide smokery, store, food processing and food distribution.*

The mass of building, being twice the size of the existing building, and in particular the height being 3.5m, will be exacerbated when the building is raised to a new level above the flood plain. (the application narrative and the elevated plan drawing, differ).

The application for a building to house a commercial processing plant, which cannot be sustained by the small holding alone, will necessitate the import of materials from outside the area thus causing significant commercial vehicle movements both delivering and collecting on an already busy stretch of road. There is poor vehicular access. To create a commercial processing plant is inconsistent with the local village activity and environment and there could be possible environmental concerns affecting local residents.

Recommend : Refusal

Finance

Statement of Accounts 2017/18 show a closing balance of £5980.39

Invoices agreed for payment: £190.00 C F Wallis (repairs to Guineaford bridge); DALC £180.80 (*annual subscription*)

Balance at 12 April is £6209.59 (*includes £600.00 annual P3 grant from DCC, and part of Transparency Fund*)

Certificate of Exemption, External Auditors. The Clerk explained that as a small authority with income/expenditure of less than £25,000.00, the Council can certify themselves as exempt and there is no requirement to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor. The Chairman and Clerk (as RFO) signed the Certificate of Exemption and the Clerk will forward it to the external auditor.

Annual Governance Statement. Section 1 of the Annual Financial Return has to be completed and returned to the external auditor. Councillors answered “yes” to all eight questions asked on the form concerning the systems, control and risk assessment of the Council's finances. The Chairman and Clerk (RFO) signed the Statement to be returned to the external auditor.

All other sections of the Annual Financial Return will be completed by the Clerk and put to Council for approval and then passed to the internal auditor.

Footpath 45

The Clerk gave Cllr Sue Button all the relevant papers as she is now Lead Member for this matter and she will contact the resident land owners

Section 106 Funding – traffic calming in Prieford

There was much discussion concerning the traffic survey data originally provided by the developer. Cllr Mrs Davis said that as DCC is responsible she will arrange for a new traffic survey and all reference should be made to her in future.

Flooding in the Parish

The Clerk reported that he received several photos of the flooding from members of the public. A meeting with DCC, Environment Agency, Parish Council and residents will be arranged. Members of the public could form a “Community Group” and possibly obtain funding from DCC (information is on the DCC website).

Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis said work has started on the repairs to bridleway 28

Highways/Transport. No report

Chairman's Discretion

None

The meeting closed at 20.40

M J Measures

