

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the COUNCIL MEETING 14 June 2018
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

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

Apologies: Clls. S Button, R Berry, PCSO Kingdon

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

Two members of the public

Disclosable Interests. See Minutes 4868 and 4870

Chairman's Discretion. Dog fouling

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 10 May 2018

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 10 May 2018

Both these Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Police Report

Members had received a copy of the Police Report which showed one crime of burglary other than dwelling (theft) and one use of threatening/abusive words

Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Tucker said there are several vacancies in the NDC Planning Department and Mike Kelly retired last month. Cllr Mrs Davis gave each Member a copy of her report which contained information of the £93million scheme for the North Devon Link Road; Tour of Britain 2018 going through North Devon; £16million for improvements to road surface and surface water management. *(a copy of the full report is attached to the Minutes).*

Correspondence

Correspondence has been sent to Councillors. NDC Parish Forum on Tuesday 3 July; North Devon Records Office, meeting at Barnstaple Guildhall on Tuesday 26 June; NDC Watersports Development Survey; Library improvement public consultation; Save Our Hospital (SOHS), NHS Question time on 22 June at Brannams Site Lecture Theatre of Petroc College (13.00-15.00), open to all. *Cllr Mrs Davis left the meeting at 19.53*

Planning Matters

Members agreed to move this item up the Agenda.

64843 – Land North of The Shippen, Milltown. Erection of dwelling.

Members commented on the "local needs" aspect of this application. The Clerk read comments received from two separate responses who are opposed to the application. Following discussion Members were unanimous in recommending Approval. Members feel it is essential that the needs of local residents should be fully supported when considering "local needs" applications. In this case there are strong reasons for the applicants to stay in the Parish.

Recommend : Approval

The two members of the public and Cllr Tucker left the meeting at 20.00

64955 – The Old Saw Mill, Prieford. Extension to dwelling

Recommend : Approval

64977 – Lower Metcombe Farm, Marwood. Erection of one agricultural building (straw bedded livestock and covered feed).

Recommend : Approval

Cllr Chugg declared an interest and did not speak or vote

Finance

Invoices agreed for payment; £100.00 C F Wallis (May); £32.90 Admin/Accom.; £457.30 North Devon Council. Balance at 10 May is £8643.68.

On-going Matters

Footpath 45. Local residents are being contacted collecting evidence of use.

Traffic Calming in PRIXFORD. Cllr Mrs Davis had commented in her report that the recorded mean speed of traffic through PRIXFORD is 22.6mph compared with 24.2 mph in 2010.

Flooding in the Parish. Following the flooding in Milltown in January this year, the Clerk recently obtained a grant from Devon County Council Highways Community Enhancement Fund for a contribution to those who assisted with the work of clearing the detritus. Members agreed the total payment of £600.00 to all those involved. The Clerk stressed that the grant was only available to Parish Councils and there is no cost to the Parish Council. He reiterated that if residents set up a Community Group, funds are available through the Community Resilience Initiatives Grants and/or Emergency Flood Resilience Grants. E-mail info@devoncommunities.org.uk or on 01392 248919. He will contact local residents to assist with setting up a Community Group. *Cllr Wallis declared an interest and did not speak or vote.*

Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. Work continues on bridleways and footpaths via P3 Scheme

Highways/Transport. Members continued to express concern about the number and size of pot-holes throughout the Parish. Devon County Highways carry out a 5% audit of work and where repairs fall short the contractor is required to undertake the correct repair at their expense

Chairman's Discretion

Members commented on the increase in dog-fouling. A notice will be placed in Marwood Matters reminding dog owners of their responsibility to clear up their dog's mess

*The meeting closed at 20.32
M J Measures*