

**MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING 14 March 2019**  
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

**Members Present:** Cllrs. C Latham, C Spear, A Skentelbery, C Wallis

**Apologies:** Cllrs. S Button ,Mrs S Darling, D Chugg, R Berry,

**In Attendance:** Cllr Mrs A Davis (*left the meeting at 19.45 to attend Shirwell*), Cllr F Tucker  
M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

**Disclosable Interests.** None                      **Chairman's Discretion.** None

**4945. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14 February 2019**

Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

**4946. Police Report**

The Clerk sent Members a copy of the Police Report which showed no reported crimes in the Marwood area.

**4947. Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Mrs Davis reported that next year's budget provides more money for children's services, adult care and roads. The county's overall spending on services will rise from £479.4 million to £494.0 million. This will add about £53.10 a year on a band D property. Following a meeting with NDDH there has been some positive action concerning the problems associated with the hospital roundabout. There is a shuttle taxi service between Fairview car park and the hospital; the hospital car park has been redesigned and enlarged; staff members have removed their cars from the public car park.

(A copy of the full report is attached to the Minutes)

Cllr Tucker reported that NDC has agreed to provide a new Leisure Centre and are currently looking at costs. He said there is a need for new Councillors to be elected to carry on the work of parishes and district councils.

**4948. Correspondence**

Correspondence has been sent to Councillors.

A letter from the Officer of the Police and Crime Commission, in response to a letter sent by the Clerk to the Council, regarding traffic speeds through Milltown and Muddiford.

Ms Hernandez has appointed a local member of her team to look into the matter and report to her and the Parish Council.

North Devon Council reported that J & J Bins (dog-bin waste collection) has ceased operating. Any decision by NDC to provide a dog-bin service in the future will need to be based on a full financial evaluation and business needs assessment.

**4949. Finance**

Invoices agreed for payment: North Devon Council £457.30; Admin £27.50 (*March*);

Balance at 14 March, is £5171.43. It was agreed that C F Wallis continue to carry out work for the Parish under the DCC Parish Paths Partnership Scheme.

The Clerk reported that NDC has agreed to keep the Parish Grant Fund the same for the next financial year; the Parish Council will receive £822.00

**4950. Planning Matters**

No applications received

**4951. On-going Matters**

Telephone Kiosk. The information concerning the possible use of the kiosk has been advertised in Marwood Matters. One response has been received to date.

Internal Auditor. It was agreed that Clare Hummerston continue to act as Internal Auditor

**4952. Parish Elections**

The Clerk reminded Members that the elections for Parish and District Councillors will,be held on 2 May 2019. Election Nomination Packs will be available from NDC Lynton House from Monday 18 March to be completed and returned by 16.00 on 3 April 2019.

**4953. Reports from Councillors**

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis said the branches on some of the trees on the village green need to cut back as they are nearing the overhead cables. The Clerk will arrange.

Highways/Transport. No further report

**4954. Chairman's Discretion.** None

*Meeting closed at 20.15*

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

