

**MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Report of the COUNCIL MEETING 5 March 2020**  
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

**Members Present:** Cllrs. C Spear, C Latham, S Button, A Bend, D Chugg, R Berry, C Wallis, M Higdon.

**Apologies:** Cllr. A Harvey-Bryant.

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

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

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6 February 2020**

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

**Police Report**

A copy of the Police Report which includes the crime figures had been sent to Councillors  
The crime figures for Marwood are still included in Braunton Rural and thus do not give a clear report for the Parish.

**Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Tucker gave information from North Devon Council including; the increase of 2.7% in NDC Council Tax; the closure of Narnstaple Police Station; an important meeting of the Planning Committee on 17 March 2020; guidelines concerning the coronavirus.

A copy of the report from Cllr Mrs Davis was given to all Councillors. It includes: how to report a Highways problem (including potholes and dragon patchers); coronavirus advice: DCC Budget 2020/21; roles and responsibilities of various services; improvements on B3123 Berry Down Cross *(A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes)*

**Correspondence**

Relevant correspondence has been sent to Councillors, including: Road closure notices for Metcombe Cross to Gypsy Corner; Climate Action Week 21-28 March; Crime Commissioner's Newsletter; Connecting Devon and Somerset broadband update; new climate and environment grants scheme for Parish Councils (from 1 April 2020).

**Finance**

Invoices agreed for payment: North Devon Council £457.30 *(March)*; C F Wallis £30.00; Admin £55.00 *(Feb/Mar)*; The balance at 5 March 2020 is £4239.24. A grant of £440 for Parish Paths Partnership Scheme should be included by the end of the month.

*(Cllr Mrs Davis left the meeting at 20.22)*

**Planning Matters**

The Chairman had sent a letter to Ken Miles (NDC Chief Executive), Mike Tichford (NDC Head of Place), NDC Councillors F Tucker, M Prowse and J Yabsley, with concerns around the opportunities to deliver local needs housing in the Parish. The Chairman read his letter and the response to Councillors *(copies will be sent to Councillors by the Clerk)*.

*70561 – Millers Meadow, Middle Marwood. Erection of one agricultural building to store tractor, livestock feed and implements.*

Members discussed the location, use and size of the proposed building and voted:

FOR x 4, AGAINST x 2, ABSTAIN x 2. It was therefore recommended **Approval**

*70896 – Bolthole, Milltown. Retrospective application for change of use of land and stable block to form wedding venue.* Members expressed concerns with a retrospective application and regarding possible noise levels, increase in traffic flow, vehicle access, parking facilities, drainage.

**Recommend : Refusal**

*71130 – Whiddon Farm, Milltown. Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwelling houses (Class Q (A&B))*

**Recommend : Approval**

71180 – Chapel Farm Marwood. Construction of a covered silage clamp to create a self feed system.

**Recommend : Approval**

*Cllr Tucker left the meeting at 2050*

**On-going Matters**

Prixford Traffic Calming Scheme. Cllr Chugg contacted the developer but no reply. The Chairman will Write to Paul Knox.

Ring O' Bells. Cllr Higdon reported that police had carried out a raid under warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act and a small amount of class B drugs (cannabis) was found. The group continues to work towards ownership and is now a Community Benefit Society (CBS).

**Reports from Councillors**

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis has repaired a bridge at Milton Meadow and will be repairing another bridge at paid for by Devon County Council.

Highways/Roads. No report

Rural Alliance. Cllr Spear attended the last meeting and said there is some uncertainty that the Alliance will continue.

**Chairman's Discretion.**

The date of the May meeting will need to be changed as there will be an election for the Crime Commissioner

*Meeting closed at 21.07*

*M J Measures*