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With the school holidays over and as we begin to attempt something that could be considered 'normal' it is vital that we remain vigilant. With the lack of local testing facilities at the moment it is even more important. People in our community returning from hospital remain very vulnerable and at the same time as we begin to go out more, we all need to stay safe ourselves too. Please take care and encourage others to do the same.

IF HOWEVER YOU DO NEED ANY HELP details of the Parish Council and the MM Team are on the Parish Noticeboards and our website.

Marwood Church is now open for Services

Churchwarden: Margaret Greenslade 01271 372065
20th Sept 9.30am (HC) - 27th Sept 6pm Evening Prayer
11th Oct 9.30am(HC) - 18th October 6pm Evening Prayer
1st November 9.30am (HC)



THE MUDDIFORD INN - OPEN

Please go to our website,
www.muddifordinn.co.uk or follow us on
Facebook, email info@muddifordinn.co.uk or
phone 01271 850008 for updates and menus.

MARWOOD HILL GARDEN

For updated information please look on their website
<https://www.marwoodhillgarden.co.uk/>

Blakewell Fisheries and the other local shops that have been open and delivered throughout the summer are still open and need our support.

MARWOOD SCHOOL

Marwood School has welcomed everyone back to the new school term. Do look at their Newsletters to find out how they have adapted to the changes needed to keep everyone safe!

<https://www.marwood.devon.sch.uk/school-community/newsletter/>

SPRINGFIELD NURSERY

<https://www.facebook.com/springfieldnursery.marwood/>

If you would like to find out more please call on 01271 329028 Anna May

LIBRARIES - The next Mobile Library visits to Marwood Church Car Park are 22nd September and 20th October at 14.10. They are likely to still be on a Click and Collect basis. Please look at the website for all information

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/coronavirus-updates>

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10 September 2020 Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford (Full meeting report on the MM website)

Members Present: Cllrs. C Latham, S Button, A Bend, D Chugg, R Berry, C Wallis. *In the absence of Cllr Spear, Cllr Latham acted as Chairman. The Clerk of the Council thanked Councillors for attending the meeting*

Apologies: Cllrs. C Spear, A Harvey-Bryant, M Higdon. Cllr Mrs A Davis, Cllr F Tucker

In Attendance: M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

Police Report: A copy of the Police Report sent to Councillors for Marwood is included in the Braunton rural information.

Finance: Invoices agreed for payment: North Devon Council £457.30 C F Wallis £120.00 (Sept); Jimdo £108.00 (annual website fee). Balance at 10 Sept 2020 is £3354.7

Planning Matters 72039 - Land at Bittadon. Approval for erection of agricultural storage building. Members commented that based on the size of the building it is vastly disproportionate to the size of the holding and its construction in stone and slate is not in keeping with any other building in the area. **Recommend: Refusal 71980** - Sunray, Milltown. Outline application for erection of one local needs dwelling (some matters reserved).

Following discussion Members commented that although the dwelling would be close to public facilities (the school and community hall) it is considered that two dwellings on a farm do not constitute a rural settlement and that its location, site and access within the overall boundaries wouldn't be within the guidelines for a local needs dwelling. (Voting: 1 x abstain) **Recommend: Refusal**

Future Council Meetings: Discussion on this subject was somewhat curtailed in light of the new government guidelines issued that day regarding the number of persons allowed to gather at one time. Members had not met for several months and were kept informed in that time by the Clerk sending Monthly Bulletins. Members thanked the Clerk. However, following discussion it was agreed that the next meeting should be held in November 2020, if possible. Legislation states that Parish Councils need only meet three times, plus the AGM in May, each year. The use of virtual meetings was discussed and the Clerk was asked to investigate although this was not fully supported. Members asked the Clerk to continue sending the Monthly Bulletins.

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis reported that along with cutting and strimming in the Parish he has repaired gateposts at Westcott Barton and that other repair work has to be carried out on the bridge at Guineaford. It was agreed that he continue to cut the grass verge in Kings Heanton.

Highways/Roads. The Clerk received a letter and photos regarding the damage being caused to property and the road in Whiddon Lane by heavy goods vehicles. It was agreed to ask County Cllr Mrs Davis if a sign could be erected stating 'no access to heavy-goods vehicles'.

Chairman's Discretion. Councillors and Clerk send best wishes to Cllr Spear who is unwell. *Meeting closed at 21.15*

CAN WE HELP? As a community we have the opportunity to work together to support and resettle a refugee family into our parish. We have the chance to make a real difference to the lives of a family who have had to flee their country. With the support of The Pickwell Foundation, a local charity, we would work with the Government's Community Sponsorship Scheme to provide a safe place for a displaced family who can then rebuild their lives.

There are a number of refugee families who have already benefitted from this scheme across North Devon and I believe that our community can do the same. I have heard lots of wonderful stories about our local villages and towns coming together to make this a real success.

Would you be interested in helping with this project and finding out some more information?

If so, please email me, thank you Katie katiestanway@hotmail.co.uk