

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING 6 February 2020
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

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

Apologies: Cllrs. C Latham, A Harvey-Bryant. Cllr Mrs Davis.

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

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

5034. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5 December 2019

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

5035. Police Report

A copy of the Police Report which includes the crime figures had been sent to Councillors

5036. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Tucker gave information from North Devon Council and emphasised the need to be vigilant concerning scams either by telephone or computer.

A copy of the report from Cllr Mrs Davis was sent to all Councillors. It includes a reminder of how to report a highway problem (telephone 0345 155 1004); budget proposals; Devon-wide review of waste management; Devon Registration Service – applicants to the Government's EU Settlement Scheme; permit to help care and health workers “to do their jobs”. *(A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes) (Cllr Mrs Davis left the meeting at 19.45*

5037. Correspondence

Relevant correspondence has been sent to Councillors. Road closure notices for Guineaford, Kings Heanton and Townriden Barton; Climate Action Week 22-26 March; dog-fouling in Kings Heanton. (This matter should be reported in Marwood Matters and the public are asked to report anyone seen not clearing-up their dog's mess).

5038. Finance

Invoices agreed for payment: January: North Devon Council £457.30 (*Dec*); C F Wallis £130.00; C F Wallis £550.00 (*telephone kiosk*). February: North Devon Council £457.30; Admin £55.00 (*Dec/Jan*); Marwood Methodist Church £250.00 (*Annual Hall Hire*); Marwood Methodist Church £286.00 (*Cemetery maintenance*); Marwood PCC £286.00 (*Cemetery maintenance*). The balance at 6 February 2020 is £4781.64

Precept 2020/21. The Clerk confirmed the precept request of £7400.00 and also confirmed that North Devon Council will no longer give a grant towards hall hire and cemetery maintenance.

Internal Auditor. It was agreed to appoint Clare Hummerston as the internal auditor

5039. Planning Matters

70945 – *Blakewell Cottage Muddiford. Variation of condition 2 to allow for an amended design and materials*

Recommend : Approval

70972 – *Jasmine Cottage Milltown. Extension to dwelling*

Recommend : Approval

70845 – *Glebelands Marwood. Conversion of barn to dwelling.* **Recommend : Approval**

Highways Act 1980 Section 116, proposed application to Stop-Up lane past Blakewell Mill Farm Muddiford, was noted.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Chairman will write to North Devon Council concerning the interpretation of planning statements relating to the Local Plan.

5040. On-going Matters

Telephone Kiosk. The work is almost complete and due to weather conditions only requires a small amount of painting.

Prixford Traffic Calming Scheme. The tarmac has been completed but the line-painting still needs to be carried out. Cllr Chugg will contact the developer.

Footpath 45. Cllr Sue Button confirmed that no further developments can take place for another five years and the application is protected from the January 2026 cut-off date. It was agreed not to contact the Secretary of State to proceed with this matter but to keep the project on file for future reference.

Muddiford Inn/Ring O' Bells. Cllr Higdon gave a detailed report of the current situation concerning both public houses. Ring O' Bells: the group is now constituted as a Community Benefit Society (CBS) which means that the pub will be run for the benefit of the community as set out in the Rules; professional support has been engaged; a survey has been carried out of those on the data base; a full business and financial plan has been produced. The full report is attached to the Minutes and will be on the Parish Council website.

North Devon Council issued an enforcement notice against Mr Philip Milton for unauthorised material change of use of the residential use of the public house (Ring O' Bells). Mr Milton has appealed against this notice and written representations must be with the Planning Inspectorate by 28 February 2020.

5041. Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis has spoken with Sheelagh Darling regarding the completion of the DCC forms for the P3 funding. The Clerk will apply for the funding when the information is completed.

5042. Chairman's Discretion.

None

Meeting closed at 20.55

Chairman..... date.....

