

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the COUNCIL MEETING 5 December 2019

Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

Prior to the Meeting a member of the public addressed Councillors concerning the problems associated with the proposed road-works and closure of the B3230 She said that so far no official notification has been issued by Devon County Council Highways and there have been changes to the dates for the work. She asked if one-way traffic-lights could be used; if there could be weekend and evening opening of the road; sufficient workforce to complete the job on time; possible weekend and/or night working. She also asked for the public to be kept fully informed by means of newsletters and for information regarding the signage of the proposed diversion.

Members Present: Cllrs. C Spear, C Latham, S Button, A Bend, D Chugg, R Berry, A Harvey-Bryant

Apologies: Cllrs. C Wallis, M Higdon. Cllr Mrs Davis

Six members of the public

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

Proposed closure of B3230

In order to assist members of the public who had attended, Council agreed to move this item up the Agenda. Cllr Spear had been in close contact with Devon County Council Highways exchanging several e-mails in order to obtain answers to the many questions raised by members of the public,(mainly through lack of information from DCC).

He read the e-mails in detail sent and received which provided much of the information required. A precis of this information will sent to Marwood Matters for inclusion on the website and also attached to the Minutes of the Meeting.

Members of the public thanked the Chairman for the detailed information and they left the meeting at 19.53.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7 November 2019

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Police Report

The crime figures are still being sent with Marwood being incorporated with several other areas of North Devon. There is website (police.com) which can be searched showing a breakdown of crime locations.

Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Tucker gave information from North Devon Council thanking Parish Councillors for attending Parish Forum on planning matters .

No report from Cllr Mrs Davis who was attending full Devon County Council Meeting.

Correspondence

Relevant correspondence has been sent to Councillors. A letter from a resident in Kingsheanton concerning dog-fouling. Cllr Tucker gave out notices to be displayed around the Parish. Notification that the Muddiford Inn is now temporarily open. There is some concern regarding the responsibility for the defibrillator. The Clerk will investigate.

Finance

The Clerk reported that due to the change in financial regulations the Parish has had to change its bank mandate from a Personal Account to a Business Account. A new cheque book and paying-in book have been issued. Two unrepresented cheques have not cleared the old account and have been cancelled.

Invoices agreed for payment: North Devon Council £457.30(Nov); Admin.(Nov) £74.23
(includes training/ election) North Devon Council £457.30 (Oct re-issue)

Balance at 5 December 2019, £8272.07

Precept 2020/21. The Clerk reported that North Devon Council Strategy and Resources Committee has approved in principle to remove the Parish Grant for 2020/21. This is the grant for cemetery maintenance and hall hire. Following the initial discussion for the precept next year, Members recommend no increase in the precept and would set aside a budget for the clearance of debris and some drain cleaning associated with serious inclement weather
Cllr Tucker left the meeting at 20.35

Planning Matters

66135 – *Barleycott, Muddiford. Outline application for erection of one local needs dwelling and access (some matters reserved) (amended plans)* **Recommend : Approval**

70827 – *The Fold Milltown. Erection of garage* **Recommend : Approval**

Application 66342, erection of on local needs dwelling at land north of Merewood Close will be heard by NDC Planning Committee on 11 December, Cllr Spear will attend.

On-going Matters

Telephone Kiosk. No further report

Prixford Traffic Calming Scheme. Some work has been carried out. Cllr Chugg will contact the contractors

Footpath 45. No report

Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. No report.

Highways/Transport.9 Including B3230) see Minute 5024

Parish Forum on Planning. Several Members attended and comments ranged from interesting and informative to lack of control of the meeting.

Chairman's Discretion.

Due the New Year holiday it was agreed to hold the **next meeting on 9 January 2020**

Meeting closed at 21.00

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