

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11 June 2015
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

The Meeting started at 19.05

Thirteen members of the public were present in connection with the amended planning application 59023. The Agent, representing the applicant explained the amended description, the amended location plan and additional information. He said the proposed development has been reduced from 15 to 12 dwellings with 5 of these being allocated for local residents (3 low-cost open market with a fixed value of £120,000 and 2 social rent). He said the proposals include a traffic-calming scheme for the road through Prieford and that there has not yet been a response from Devon County Highways and the Environment Agency. He answered questions from the public and Councillors.

Members of the public who oppose the development said the scheme is too large; it sets a precedent for future development in the Parish; the road junction still causes a considerable problem; there is no information regarding street lighting. A member of the public spoke in favour of the development saying the Parish needs some affordable housing.

Members Present: Cllrs G Tamlyn, C Latham, C Wallis, R Berry, S Button, A Skentelbery

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S Darling, T Bigge.

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

Thirteen members of the public.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Tamlyn (Minute 4544)

4541. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Public/Parish Meeting 21 May 2015

These were agreed and signed as a true record

4542. Police Report

No report

4543. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Tucker said he is pleased that action is being taken locally and nationally to ban "legal-highs". He informed Members that, in line with other Councils, North Devon Council will be charging for pre-application advice to include enquiries for extensions and conservatories.

4544. Planning Applications

59023 – Land adj. Ring O'Bells Prieford. Outline application for proposed residential development of 12 houses with some matters reserved (amended description, amended location plan and additional information).

Having listened and taken part in the public discussion, Members considered the amended application. They expressed considerable concern regarding the access at the junction with the "main road" where there is no room for improvement and commented on the speed of traffic going through the village at present. In light of there being no information or comment from Devon County Highways or the Environment Agency, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to ask NDC to **DEFER** this application pending the reports/comments from Devon County Highways.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending and eleven left the meeting at 19.50

59340 – The Old Barn, Kings Heanton. Extensions to dwelling **Recommend : Approval**

59349 - Combe House, Muddiford. Erection of sun room **Recommend : Approval**

59359 – Downlyn, Milltown. Extensions to dwelling **Recommend : Approval**

Cllr Tamlyn declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting. He did not speak or vote on this application. Cllr Latham acted as Chairman.

Cllr Tucker left the meeting at 20.03

4545. Correspondence

Correspondence is sent to Members by e-mail. No other correspondence.

4546. Finance

The following invoices were passed for payment. £73.19 (admin. expenses April/May); £569.72 (North Devon Council, Clerk's salary April/June, admin fee,VAT); £418.50 (C Wallis, work through TAP Fund).The Clerk reported the balance at 11 June as £9337.97 (Includes DCC P3 grant of £2000, TAP Fund and election budget)

Comments on the end-of-year accounts have not yet been received from the External Auditors

4547. Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

The Clerk reported that these documents need up-dating and he will draft the necessary changes for consideration by Members.

4548. Local Government Boundary Commission Report

Members expressed concern that, under the proposals, the County Councillor (Mrs Andrea Davis) will be responsible for 26 parishes in North Devon, an increase of over 60%.

Cllr Mrs Davis has always provided an excellent service to the Parish but it is considered, that with this extensive increase in the larger area she will be required to cover, it will place a serious burden on her.

4549. Reports from Councillors

Footpaths/Trees. Cllr Wallis reported that following a meeting with the DCC Rights of Way Officer there is a need for repair work to a bridge on footpath 26. Members agreed this should be done as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 20.27

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