

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the COUNCIL MEETING 20 January 2022

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

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Davis.

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

Disclosable Interests. None

Chairman's Discretion. Recycling. Date of Meeting.

5152. Minutes of the Meetings

The Minutes of the Meeting 2 December 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record.

5153. Police Report

The Police Report, copy sent to Members

5154. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Tucker commented on NDC purchase of Green Lanes; the proposed meeting with Torridge Council regarding affordable housing; development of Shapland/Petters site.

5155. Correspondence

Relevant correspondence has been sent to Councillors. Litter workshop report. Public Bus Services. Road Closures. Cllr Bend reported information received from Euroforest concerning the closure of the B3230. It read *"the closure will be from Monday to Friday, between 9.30am and 3.00pm, starting Monday 24th January, finishing on the 4th March There is no compensation involved in the works".*
"Some signage will be put up with contact details".

5156. Finance

The following were agreed for payment: North Devon Council £457.30 (Jan); Marwood Methodist Church £250.00 (hall hire); Marwood Methodist Church £250.00 (cemetery mtce) Marwood PCC £250.00 (cemetery mtce); Admin/Accomm £60.00 (Nov/Dec/Jan). Balance at 20 January 2022, £3703.82. The Clerk showed the latest bank statement and the Chairman initialled the accounts ledger.

Terms of Service. The Clerk gave a short presentation concerning pay awards and Office Accommodation Allowance. After some clarification and much discussion it was agreed to consolidate an increase in the Office Accommodation Allowance (unchanged since April 2015) with the annual pay award and taking into account other factors the net increase is £2.80 a week from 1 April 2022, which does not affect the proposed precept request.

Precept 2022/23. The Council were required to ratify their decision taken in December 2021 to increase the request for precept by £300.00 to a total of £7800.00 There was an honest and meaningful exchange of views and opinions particularly concerning the amount of balance which should be carried forward. The Council agreed (6 votes FOR, 2 votes AGAINST) to confirm the request for precept for 2022/23 of £7800.00

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5157. Planning Matters

74466 – Milltown House. Extension and alterations to dwelling with associated works

Recommend : Approval

74609 – 1 Whiddon Court Milltown. Extension to dwelling

Recommend : Approval

74561 – Church Farm House Bittadon. Change of Use for siting of caravan for farm employee.
Members commented as an adjoining Parish.

Recommend : Approval

5158. Councillor Vacancy.

Notices advertising the vacancy will be put on notice boards and in Marwood Matters with a closing date of 25 February 2022

5159. Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Sue Button, in conjunction with Cllr Wallis, have completed the appropriate forms to be sent back to Devon County Council ,and gave them to the Clerk. Cllr Wallis reported that several signs remain to be put up.
Highways. The reported pot holes were repaired but have already started to break up.

5160. Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.

The Council is not planning independent celebrations.

5161. Chairman's Discretion

Refuse Collection and Recycling. The Council wish to record their thanks and gratitude to the Refuse and Recycling Teams for their work in the difficult times during the Covid 19 period. It is much appreciated.

Meeting Date. The next scheduled date for a Council Meeting is 3 February but as this is only two weeks away it was agreed to cancel this meeting and to meet on 3 March 2022.

Meeting closed at 20.45

Chairman.....



Date.....

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