

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the COUNCIL MEETING 5 May 2022

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

Apologies: Cllr. R Berry (*Members agreed the long-term absence of Cllr Richard Berry due to ill-health*).

In Attendance: Cllrs Mrs A Davis, Cllr F Tucker M J Measures (Clerk to the Council).

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

Minutes of the Meetings

The Minutes of the Meeting 3 March 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

The meeting for April was cancelled being inquorate

Police Report

Copies have been sent to Members who asked if the format could include all types of

Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Tucker reported that the NDC Planning Dept is under extreme pressure. He apologised on behalf of the District Council for the non-collection of waste bins in certain areas. He asked for anyone who would like to comment or give information concerning the proposed Local Plan to contact NDC as soon as possible.

Cllr Mrs Davis commented on the continuing enhancement of the North Devon Link Road and said the work had slowed recently as dormice were just waking from their winter hibernation. There is also a shortage of staff. Larger vehicles are now saving some costs by using a different eco-friendlier fuel.

Correspondence

Relevant information correspondence has been sent to Councillors.

Finance

There was no meeting in April and invoices for payment were agreed for the two months. North Devon Council £457.30 (*Apr*); North Devon Council £457.30 (*May*); C F Wallis £135.00 (*Apr*); C F Wallis £135.00 (*May*); Admin/Accomm £54.43 (*May*); Devon Association of Local Councils £182.00 (annual fees); Internal Auditor £50.00. It was agreed to increase the grant to £300.00 towards the Jubilee Celebrations. Balance at 5 May 2022 is £5433.79

End of Year Accounts. The Chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption meaning the Parish Council will not have to have an external audit. (a) The Clerk read the Annual Governance Statement and Members answered "yes" to the nine questions; the Chairman signed the Statement. (b) The Chairman then signed the Accounting Statement.

It was agreed to appoint Claire Hummerston as the Internal Auditor and the audit will start next week.

Planning Matters

75095 - Stables Brooklyn Milltown. Temporary permission for erection of demountable lodge

Following discussion, Members commented on the visual impact and that it will look out of place and not be in keeping with the existing stable-block. How long is "Temporary"?

Voting for Refusal: FOR x 6, Against x 1, Abstain x 1.

Recommend : REFUSAL

Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis said there are some signs and other furniture to be put up on footpath 14. The Clerk reported that no grant funds have yet been received from Devon County Council P3 Scheme

Highways. No report

Chairman's Discretion

None

Meeting closed at 20.25