**MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY 10th AUGUST 2020 @ 7.30pm**

**VIRTUAL Meeting**

Parish Clerk: Mrs S J Watt MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL, MARLDON VILLAGE HALL POSTBOX, VILLAGE ROAD,

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 30 JULY 2020

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Marldon Parish Council on Monday 10th AUGUST 2020 @ 7.30pm. This will be held online and accessed for Councillors only via

<https://zoom.us/j/99758548353?pwd=OEh4Qm5OUG4vU2htcXZVMWliWURZdz09>

If you are unable to access the internet or unable to attend the meeting, it is required that you inform the Clerk of your apologies in the normal way. Please note the six month absence rule still applies and has not been amended by the recent legislation.

**Members of the public** wishing to attend are requested to contact the Clerk by 5pm on Monday 10th August 2020, names and addresses will be required prior to the access information being provided. There will be no Public Forum at this meeting. However, members of the Public can submit questions and queries in writing to the Clerk at clerk@marldonparishcouncil.org.uk 48hrs prior to the meeting

**AGENDA**

Please note under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting has been advertised as a ‘virtual’ Meeting as permitted by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392.

Prior to the start of this meeting proper;

 THE CHAIRMAN WILL SET OUT THE PROCEDURE FOR THIS MEETING

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Approval of Minutes** 13th July 2020. Chairman will sign a copy and return to The Clerk.
4. **TORFIELD:** Playpark update. Funding applications – s106, Community Grant (Lottery) & other grant making organisations, Public Works Loan

Torfield General use update. Two enquiries regarding use of Recreation Fields. Both intitially for Jubilee Meadow which were declined as the Meadow cannot be used during the Summer months as this would impact on the Cricket Square. Torfield has been suggested and made ready for both activities, one being Walking Football and the second, the junior football team run by a local Police Officer. This in no way deters from the need to hold the Public Consultation on all the Recreational/Leisure/Sport areas in the Parish. (The Clerk)

1. **MARLDON CRICKET CLUB:** Cllr. Page assisted by the Clerk.

The Parish Council to Consider the following:

1.  Cricket Club to cease any works on the hedges and trees. If there is any work required the Cricket Club will inform the Clerk.

2. It is proposed that the Parish Council purchase certain items of machinery to maintain the grass at Jubilee Meadow.

3. The Cricket club to have use of said equipment and maintain the grass during the cricket season.

4. The Parish Council will maintain the grass during the winter months.

5. The Parish Council will not charge a hire fee to the Cricket Club.

6. The Parish will donate an amount to the Cricket Club, if permitted, from the next budget.

7. The Cricket Club will provide the Clerk with a fixtures list and any re-arranged home fixtures or cup matches, together with practice days.

8. The Parish Council will look to the provision of a wooden structure Pavilion to house the cricket clubs kit, machinery, the Council’s electrics and a room for changing. It is understood there will be no washing or toilet facilities. Approval will have to be sought from the NT by the Parish Council.

1. **LENGTHSMAN:** The new lengthsman will be undertaking a familiarisation schedule in August with our current lengthsman who is finishing with Marldon on 1st September 2020.
2. **POLICIES & PROCEDURES:** Cllrs. have received these documents for perusal. To be adopted at this meeting.
3. **VILLAGE HANDYMAN:** It has been suggested by the Clerk, that the Parish Council contract or employ a Village Ranger – this person would regularly patrol the parish and identify areas which need maintenance, have been damaged, walls which need repairing etc., as per Local legislation, this person would come under the remit of the Clerk and the Village Ranger would report any problems or emergency repairs directly to the Clerk, who will either authorise immediate action or bring to full council for consideration. The Parish has many areas which have been neglected over the years and areas which do need regular maintenance over and above what MEG so very kindly do for the Parish.
4. **DONATIONS:** The Clerk has produced a Grant/Donation procedure for any donations or annual grants to be considered. Cllrs. have received a copy of this document. Applications should be received prior to the 1st October each year for the RFO to consider and then to bring to full Council in preparation for inclusion in the budget for the following year. Payments to be made in April and September on a first come first serve basis. The Clerk has received a request for assistance to help a six year old boy in the Village who has a life limiting condition. Unfortunately, the Council is not legally permitted to make donations or grants to ‘individuals’ no matter the cause. It can, however, donate to an organisation which benefits the Community. The Clerk is asking, on this occasion, if Councillors would be prepared to make a personal donation to assist this young boy and his family. The GoFundMe Page is: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/therapy-dog-for-george>

The Clerk has already passed the family details of the Marldon Land Charity which is set up to help those in the village who need financial assistance.

1. **JUBILEE MEADOW:** The hire document will be circulated to Cllrs. However, we need to establish whether we ‘give’ Jubilee Meadow to Marldon/Compton organisations for free or whether a ‘nominal’ fee should be paid to cover electricity, water and general upkeep.

There has been a request from the Apple Pie Fair Committee to use Jubilee Meadow on Saturday 12th September 2020 for a quest/Village Treasure Hunt. There are concerns as to social distancing and numbers attending (only up to 30 people can meet at this time), also parking and how that can be managed safely during the pandemic. Furthermore, it is believed that the Village Hall will not be open until at least the New Year to protect the pre-school children who currently have use of the main hall.

1. **VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION:** The Parish Council is formally requested to consider supporting the Village Hall Council in their application for s106 funds to help with the fundraising for the extension. The Stage 2 application for the ACRE funds which the Village Hall have been successful in their Stage 1 application, now requires evidence of match funding from various resources. If the Village Hall failed in its final bid, the s106 money allocation would remain in the s106 fund for the benefit of the Community of the Parish as per the DoV (Deed of Variation).
2. **CLERK’S REPORT:** s106 update/Finance payments/.Internal Audit. External Audit basic Assessment.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS & QUESTIONS To receive any written representations or previously submitted questions from Members of the public

1. County Report/District Report
2. Police Update:
3. Date of next meeting to be discussed

Signed: S J Watt – Clerk/RFO Date: 30th August 2020