**Minutes of the meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th April 2022, 7pm in the Village Hall.**

**Present –** Cllr. Ward (Chairman); Cllr. Clarke; Cllr. Camden Ward; Cllr. Taylor; Cllr. Sharland; District and parish Cllr. Pennington; County Cllr. Hawkins; Penny Clapham (locum clerk); 15 members of the public.

1. **Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** Cllr. Hore. Apologies accepted.

**2) Declarations Of Interest:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at South Hams District Council within 28 days of the change. Cllr. Clarke agenda item 12(i). Cllr. Taylor agenda item 11. Non-pecuniary.

**3) Public Discussion** – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting or any matters the public would like the Council to consider on a future agenda. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 30 minutes. Standing Order 3 (e,f.) refers.

A reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

Parishioner about verge at the top of Vicarage Hill, which now has wild planting. She would like to see a ‘Welcome to Marldon’ sign. Locum clerk will ascertain from Highways if this is possible.

Parishioner queried the whereabouts of the previous council computer and printer. The computer was/is shared with Berry Pomeroy/the printer is currently with the locum clerk though not in use as too big.

Parishioner commented on the Westland house planning application being discussed this evening.

Parishioner regarding Love Lane which is looking unkempt/overgrown trees.

Parishioner commented on a consultation survey done in 2021.

**4) Council documents –** to consider and resolve to adopt the following documents:

1. Model Standing Orders
2. Personnel Committee, Terms of Reference
3. Co-option for councillors policy

Resolved to accept all 3 documents, proposed by Cllr. Hore, all in favour by show of hands.

**5) Chairman’s Report (for information only) –** no report this month

**6) County & District Councillor reports:-**

District Cllr. Pennington expressed concerns with the garden waste collections. Is this going to be looked at again by South Hams District as he was not allowed to put his point across at the last district meeting.

County Cllr. Hawkins replied as he also had attended the meeting with the district council – the issue of green waste was not on that agenda (overview and scrutiny committee).

Cllr. Pennington updated Council on the contract with the leisure operators for South Hams; all 4 centres are to remain open. Fusion is the leisure operator. All 4 will have solar panels installed this autumn. South Hams Council have deferred payments from Fusion for a while enabling them to remain open. Met with the governor of the NHS Trust Torbay/Totnes hospital. Attempting to get the minor injuries unit re-opened at Totnes. £10K has been donated to the national fund for Ukraine, think there are 44 Ukraine residents currently being housed in the South Hams at present.

Green waste service has restarted 28th March, just patchy at present.

**7) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th March 2022.**

Cllr. Sharland was acting chairman at this meeting and does not consider the draft minutes to be accurate. These minutes will be amended and brought to the May meeting for approval. All agreed by show of hands..

**8) Information Commissioners Office -** Council received a freedom of information request together with a subject access request 3rd June 2021. The complainant considered the original reply from Council to be inadequate and reported the council to the ICO. Under this complaint, the council have one opportunity to justify their position.

Cllr. Sharland reported as follows -

The ICO have requested this information and would support Council’s view that the data would remain confidential. Extra time has been granted to gather the requirements to the middle of May.

**9) Moved to a part 2 at the end of the meeting.**

**10) Jubilee Meadow and the application to the National Trust –** Cllr. Camden-Ward to report. To agree actions and associated expenditure. An application has gone in for an assessment for a new shed to go up on the meadow. This will cost because of change of use. The shed has been purchased and is in storage. Agenda for next meeting for an update.

**11) Cemetery –** to receive an update from Cllr. Taylor. No information to hand at present. Gates at top entrance are down; require repairing at some time.

**12) PLANNING:**

**Planning Applications** – South Hams Council has asked for comments from the Town Council on the following planning applications:

1. 0303/22/OPA (Updated site address) Outline application all matters reserved for erection of 30 homes of two, three and four bedroom sizes with associated roads, paths, landscaping drainage, 30% of which would be affordable housing, land off Moorview, Westerland, Marldon.

OBJECTION

* The site lies outside the development boundary of Marldon Parish
* The local primary school is full
* The sewage system is already under strain
* This number of homes will create an enormous amount of extra traffic on already over-used roads

1. 0811/22/FUL Provision of an agricultural livestock building and two silage clamps, Brownscombe Hill, Marldon. 1 of 6
2. 0812/22/FUL Provision of an agricultural livestock building and engineering works for a manure store, Brownscombe Hill. 2 of 6
3. 0813/22/FUL Provision of an agricultural store building, Brownscombe. 3 of 6
4. 0814/22/FUL Provision of an agricultural store building, Brownscombe. 4 of 6
5. 0815/22/FUL Provision of an agricultural grain store, Brownscombe. 5 of 6
6. 0816/22/FUL Provision of an agricultural grain store, Brownscombe. 6 of 6

OBJECTION to all 6 applications. Over development of the site.

1. 1022/22/HHO Householder application to thermally upgrade existing dormer roof and further extending dormer extension on front elevation to create an additional bedroom and bathroom, 4 Nether Meadow, Marldon.

NO OBJECTION.

1. 1304/21/ARM Revised plans received for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 34/1890/15/O RMC Quarry, the Old Kiln (out of time)
2. 1940/21/HHO Application to move front verandah and rear store room. Erection of two-storey rear extension, new conservatory and entrance porch to front elevation. Construction of four-car garage with gym/studio above, Westerland House, Marldon.

Standing orders suspended for parishioner to comment.

Standing orders resumed.

OBJECTION – Council consider this site to be over-large for the area.

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**13) FINANCE:**

**Expenditure:** HMRC payment for S. Watts, final £425.81 (refund to Cllr. Camden-Ward)

Visionict website hosting/emails/ £463.66 Cq

Mrs. S. Watt – new council laptop £288.00

DALC annual subscription £521.17

Philip Hart – play inspections £100.00

Play Inspection Co – annual check £180.00

Visonict registration of .gov domain £126.00 **Income:**

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors at the meeting. Bank statements not to hand so no reconciliation was possible.

Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. Ward, all in favour by show of hands.

**14) Banking Arrangements –** Council to consider amalgamating all bank accounts into one main account currently with Bank of Ireland, this to include the account with the NS & I. To agree actions. Resolved to action, proposed by Cllr. Hore, all agreed by show of hands.

**15) Internal Auditor for Council –** to agree the appointment of an internal auditor. Locum clerk to report.

Resolved to appoint Hania Lee of Lee Accounting to be the internal auditor for this financial year.

**16) Appointment of replacement Clerk to the Council –** to receive an update, Cllr. Taylor.

Two applications have been received and interviews will be taking place shortly.

**17) Annual Parish Meeting –** to discuss a suitable venue and date for this meeting prior to 1st June 2022.

To hold this meeting in the Village hall prior to the Annual Council meeting. Suggested time of 6pm with the council meeting commencing at 7pm.

**18) Clerk’s Report –**

1. Trees and management – policy to be sourced for the next meeting.

**Councillors’ reports (for information only)**

The Apple Pie Fair will be using the Jubilee Meadow and that they have their own public liability insurance.

Cllr. Camden Ward asked about the repair of the electricity on the field. This was considered to be urgent, possibly dangerous and Cllr, Camden Ward was asked to action the repair as soon as possible.

**EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**: reports from Councillors

**Items for Information**

The next Council meeting is on 24th May at 7.00pm 2022 in the Village Hall

**PART II**

**Council are excluding members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960.**

**Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102.**

**9) Grievance –** a grievance has been lodged against the council (all councillors).

Cllr. Sharland is dealing with this grievance according to Council’s grievance policy.

Meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed…………………………………………….. Date…………………………………………