

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th May 2022, 7pm in the Village Hall.

Present - Cllr. Ward (Chairman); Cllr. Camden Ward; Cllr. Sharland; Cllr. Derek; Cllr. Jenny; Cllr. Isla; 26 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Locum Clerk)

1) Election of Chairman

a) Invite nominations and elect a Chairman for the year. Cllr Ward nominated Cllr Sharland - all agreed by show of hands.

b) Receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Chairman.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ward for his time as chairman -

2) Election of Vice Chairman -It was RESOLVED that Cllr Ward act as Vice Chair

3) Confirm appointment of signatories for cheque payments and authorised internet bank payments.

Cllrs Sharland , Taylor and Ward

4) Appointment/Confirmation of Committees

i. Planning Committee - Cllrs Hore , Sharland and Ward

ii. Finance Committee - Cllrs Taylor Ward and Camden Ward

iii. HR Committee Cllrs Taylor , Sharland and Ward

iv. Open Spaces Committee - Cllrs Hore , Sharland , Clarke and Camden Ward

v. Charity Committee (under the new law there needs to be a committee within the Council to operate charity business) - not applicable.

5) Appointment to Working Groups - postponed to June 2022 agenda.

P3 Footpath Warden

Flood Group

Snow Warden

6) Co-option to Council - to receive and decide on any applications for co-option to Council.

Linda Balster and Jon Waring introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of what they could bring to the Council

Cllr Sharland proposed - all in favour.

7) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence - County Cllr. Hawkins.

8) 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 Hore - Planning

9) 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 spoke about Marlton Youth club - some members have attended . It has been running for over 6 years now, every Friday evening with trips and activities . It does not charge and incorporated educational items too . The age group 11-15 with 30 young people involved giving Life skills, mental health and well-being. The Parishioner thanked the PC for support over the years.

A letter was read out requesting a skate park/pump track with very good reasons why this should be seriously considered . The youth club is about getting the voices of young people heard.

Another Parishioner also spoke in support of the youth club and all their activities.

An additional Parishioner also supported the youth club and how good it is for keeping children in touch with each other when they move from primary to secondary school. The past few years has shown the importance of this type of connection.

The Chairman thanked the youth leader and the young people for coming to Council with their ideas.

Parishioner commented on the pleasant atmosphere at the Council meeting - He took over maintaining the grassed area around the church, potential if it could all be cut back. He is a volunteer. Parishioner offered to lend a hand - get a working party to assist.

10) Chairman's Report (for information only) - Cllr Sharland mentioned Christmas tree planning application and read the last paragraph in the letter from the solicitors letter

11) County & District Councillor reports - none received.

12) Minutes - to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April and 26th April 2022. and To approve and sign the amended minutes 15th March 2022.

The Chairman signed all three sets of Minutes with all in agreement

13) Open spaces -

- i. Playground checks - to note that Phil Hart is no longer doing these checks and a nominated Councillor has taken this on resulting in no further charges to be made to Council. Noted.
- ii. Jubilee Meadow; to receive an update on the pavilion and Rhino Play, Cllr. Camden-Ward to report.
NT came and met with Cllr Hore and Taylor and the locum Clerk- hopefully confirm by the end of May - 2 out of 3 quotes received so far. Agenda next meeting. Electrician will be down to upgrade the electrics this month.
- iii. Replacement notice boards - Cllr. Hore to update. To agree actions and associated expenditure. The state of the Compton notice board was noted as beyond repair. Nether Meadow board is also in a poor state of repair, both made of wood. Proposed to purchase 2 x aluminium notice boards £760.80p each, from Greenbarnes. All in favour by show of hands.

14) Policies for adoption -

- a) Asset Register Policy
- b) Internal Control Statement
- c) Risk Assessment Open Spaces
- d) Tree Management Policy

Cllr. Sharland proposed acceptance of all policies - all agreed by show of hands.

15) Asset Register - to be updated. Next meeting.

16) PLANNING:

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

- a) 1322/22/PHH Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed larger home extension measuring 7.30m x 3.90m height, 7 Marlton Grove.

No comment

Planning Decisions:

17) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Plandscape - overdue account	£0.69p	Cq
	Devon Tree Services	£384.00	Cq
	Philip Hart - play inspections	£125.00	Cq
	Devon Audit Partnership (overdue)	£936.00	Cq
	Locum Clerk expenses March	£686.80	Cq

Income: First half precept £22825.00 BACs

Bank Reconciliation circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. This may not be possible due to the tardiness of the Bank of Ireland. Updated totals to be presented if available.

Council to resolve to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr, Sharland

18) Replacement Clerk to the council - Cllr. Taylor to report. Reported that interviews have been undertaken and identified based on references to be submitted. The HR committee can take these actions.

19) Information Commissioners Office - Cllr. Sharland to report. This is to do with the ongoing FOI request from the ICO who have asked for clarification on some items. A few more points have been requested for clarification so this is still ongoing.

20) Clerk's report -

The Clerk mentioned the pump track at Bampton and added she would forward details to assist the Council

PART II

Council is 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.

21) Grievance - to receive an update on the progress of the grievance against Council. Cllr. Sharland updated councillors on the progress of the grievance. An independent panel has now been appointed.

22) Litigation - to receive an update on this matter. Received and is in progress.

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on tbc 2022 at 7.00pm (venue to be advised)

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....

Date.....

