

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday 13-3-2017 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs: Palk, Mrs Clarke, Pennington, Page, Joinson, Veasey

ALSO PRESENT: 6 members of the public, Cllr Hawkins and Clerk to the Council: Jayne Owen.

Before the meeting started members of the public had the opportunity to air any concerns and ask questions, which would be noted by members and if necessary raised during the meeting.

1.(3.17) APOLOGIES

Cllrs: Webber, Smith & C. Cllr R Rowe.

Tribute to Angela Cox

Elected July 1989- Feb 2017 = 27 years and 7 months

Following the resignation of Travis Butler, always concerned about the preservation of Marldon & Compton unique environment, she became the Councils Environment Chairman in April 1995.

Founder member of the Marldon Environment Group (MEG) on which she played a leading role as Chairman until her death, and also as our tree warden. She played a leading role on drawing up the large map of Marldon on display on the notice boards. In 2000 lead the Best kept S. Hams village competition on which we gained the runner up prize.

She represented the Parish Council on the Village Hall Council for many years, and was an active member of various groups at Marldon School and also at Marldon Church where she was a choir member for many years. She also generously assisted many Marldon people in many different ways, especially when they were unwell.

Angela was a much respected stalwart of Marldon Parish and love by all.

Trevor Pennington

A 2 minute silence was held as a mark of respect.

2.(3.17) Approval of minutes

February meeting minutes were approved

3.(3.17) Matters Arising

- Car Parking around church and village hall, still awaiting replies from letters sent.
- Moorview parking - Situation has not improved, Cllr Clarke has phoned/talked to site manager who gave an undertaking that they would not cause parking issues. There were concerns raised over parking provision for the site when building complete.
- Dangerous trees in Compton narrows, Cllr Palk had discovered the property had been sold, but occupiers had not moved in yet. Clerk to write letter to request that the trees be cut.
- Cllr Veasey to arrange a Cemetery meeting, cemetery needs to be consecrated to be available for use.
- Cllr Veasey confirmed that the combination locks had been purchased and was liaising with MEG to fit

4.(3.17) Police Matters

The Parish Council had received a number of complaints regarding possible drug activity within the vicinity of Downalong in the village. Clerk to inform police

5. (3.17) FINANCE

The following payments were approved:-

<u>Payments - Main a/c:</u>	£
Clerk net salary and expenses February	383.31
Clerk PAYE	81.00
Fitting of Security Posts and Combination Locks - Veasey construction	362.40

BANK ACCOUNTS as at 31st January 2017

Main Account:	£22,116.73
P3 Account:	£696.13
Environment Account :	£668.30

NS&I Investment Account Balance at 31.12.2016: £20,920.14
(gross interest p.a.=£124.94)

6.(3.17) REPORTS

County Council Report - None

South Hams District Council Report

Plymouth, West Devon and South Hams Councils Local Plan was approved by the councils in March and is now open to the general public for consultation. It covers housing development and industrial development in great detail especially in the Plymouth area, and Totnes and Dartington. The plan will govern development over the coming years. However no specific sites for large scale development are outlined for Marldon and Compton.

The Council has decided not to proceed with the implementation of a Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) to run council services as it was considered that it would involve too many financial risks.

Meg Report

15th Feb:

Due to rain no work was carried out by MEG members. Steve Holley started clearing Village Road gutter and grids of soil and leaf detritus. This was requested in preparation for the grids to be cleaned by gully suction before the 7th March.

16th Feb:

One member continued with the long job of cutting back the overgrowth along the fence line in Broomhill Meadow.

17th Feb:

The abandoned car on Broomhill Meadow approach had finally been removed by contractors on behalf of South Hams D.C.

22nd Feb:

The annual 'Thank You' for the members of MEG and associated workers was held at the Smokey at lunchtime. A variety of sandwiches, chips and a free drink was enjoyed by all who attended.

Steve Holley completed his work cleaning the full length of Village Road.

Steve Veasey concreted a new security post in front of the entrance gate to Broomhill Meadow. It is hoped that Dave Berlyn will soon be able to remove the rotting bales, weather permitting to allow the area to be clean and tidied up.

1st & 8th March:

No work has been possible by MEG due to the bad weather.

Robin Cox has spent many hours repairing and overhauling MEG equipment.

Steve Holley has started work in Compton on drain clearance work, similar to his much appreciated work in Westerlands.

It was also noted that Earnie Wills had damaged some of his equipment whilst trimming the hedge of the new cemetery, it was agreed that Cllr Veasey would write to thank him for the work he does and suggest that he could invoice for the damage incurred.

7.(3.17) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was felt that the process was going well but there were issues with SHDC not being supportive. Cllr Hawkins mentioned that other parishes were having the same problems.

8. (3.17) PLANNING

0101/17/HHO: Rear extension at 9 Meadow Park, TQ3 1NR - approved

0124/17HHO: Demolition of Stable Block & build new house at Byfields, TQ31RU - approved

0233/17/HHO: First floor extension at 35a Furzegood, TQ3 1PH - approved

0590/17/FUL: Installation garage doors, Lower Westerland barns TQ3 1RU - approved

Wildwoods Lane development - refused on grounds of access and situated next to a light industrial unit

9. (3.17) CORRESPONDENCE

- Information received re the new SHDC website, updated to be more user friendly and no need to log in to perform simple tasks.

- Concern from residents about the removal of bus services. Information received to advise of new bus services being provided and timetables.
- A letter had been received requesting the relocation of the Parish notice board at Compton, Councillors to look at condition of board and suggested location and report back to next meeting.
- A request was received from the Village Choir to use the meadow for a BBQ on the 16th July. Clerk to check if meadow being used by other groups before permission is given.

10. (3.17) LEISURE and PUBLIC GROUNDS

Cllr Clarke shared the report from the Youth Worker: the youth club has been involved in a photography project, which had included 2 sessions in each parish using their own style and approach. In Marldon there was a study on selfies using modern technologies in different social situations. The drug and alcohol awareness work continues and there is a growing sense of duty to peer mentoring.

11. (3.17) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

The planned yellow lines in Westview Road had not been completed yet but it was noted that preparations were in place for completion soon.

It was reported that Westview No.1 lamppost had a rust hole at ground level, and needs to be reported.

There were issues of gullies being blocked and a car being dumped by the Scout Hut, this area is the property of Devon & Cornwall Housing Association, and needs to be reported.

Cllr Hawkins shared that Parishes around Dartmouth spend TAP funds on drainage clearance, it was agreed that this should be looked into at the next round of TAP fund applications.

There are pot holes in Kiln Lane.

There have been complaints about the fir trees opposite the Nether Meadow footpath by Peters Field, Cllr Page to assess problem and ascertain who owns the trees.

12. (3.17) STREET NAMING & NUMBERING OF NEW DEVELOPMENT OPPOSITE MOORVIEW

There have been complaints received about the naming of the site. It was agreed in the Parish Council minutes (July 2016) that the new development should be called Westerland Green. New regulations were debated on 23/2/2017 in an act of Parliament. There has been no liaison with the Local/Parish Council, and the agreed procedures have not been followed. Letter to be written to Kate Hamp to inform that the correct procedure has not been followed, with a copy to the developer.

13. (3.17) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW. None

14. (3.17) BUSINESS at the DISCRETION of THE CHAIRMAN - None

15. (3.17) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS- none

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 10th April 2017

Signed Chairman 10-4-2017