

# MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL (DRAFT)

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday 10-4-2017 at 7.30pm

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cllrs: Palk, Webber, Pennington, Page, Joinson, Veasey, Thorp

**ALSO PRESENT:** 6 members of the public, Cllr Hawkins, C. Cllr R Rowe 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.(4.17) APOLOGIES**

Cllrs: Smith, Mrs Clarke

## **2.(4.17) APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR**

The appointment of Delyth Sutton was proposed by Cllr Pennington, seconded by Cllr Veasey and agreed by the Council

The appointment of the Tree Warden post - Cllr Page was proposed by Cllr Webber, seconded by Cllr Thorp and agreed by the Council

The appointment of Chair of the Public Footpath Committee - Cllr Page was proposed by Cllr Webber, seconded by Cllr Thorpe and agreed by the Council

The appointment of Cllr Sutton to be the representative for the Parish Council on the Village Hall Council was proposed by Cllr Webber, seconded by Cllr Palk and agreed by the Council

## **3.(4.17) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March meeting minutes were approved

## **4.(4.17) MATTERS ARISING**

- Car Parking around church and village hall, Letters to be resent.
- Moorview parking - No update available.
- Dangerous trees in Compton narrows, not completed as yet. Clerk to inform Highways.
- Cemetery meeting to be arranged after Easter, Council to request representation

from Church to attend meeting.

- Notice Board at Compton, need to contact Mr Tom Sharples for the opinion of the Compton Residents Association
- Village Choir request to use Meadow for BBQ on 16<sup>th</sup> July, this was agreed in principle, providing the Meadow was not in use on that date, (clerk to check cricket fixtures) and that the guidelines for use of the Meadow are adhered to, which includes no vehicles on the field. Clerk to inform and forward the guidelines for use of the Meadow.
- It was noted that the Double Yellow Lines had been extended at the West View Junction with Marlton Cross Hill
- It was queried on the status of the Wildwoods Lane development, clerk to investigate.
- Street Naming & Numbering, Agreed that no consultation had taken place between Parish Council and Developer in connection with Westerland green/Moorview. Clerk to check Kate Hamp had received letter previously sent.

#### **5. (4.17) POLICE MATTERS**

There were several crimes reported on the Police website which included theft from buildings and theft from and damage to vehicles, anti-social behavior. It was reported that action had been taken by the Police in connection with Downalong. There was concern that the money allocated for refurbishment of the property may have been misused and it was agreed that the case should be reviewed by SHDC. Cllr Pennington to write.

It was agreed that the Devon and Cornwall Housing Association should be informed about the anti-social behavior and abandoned vehicles in Furzegood.

#### **6. (4.17) FINANCE**

The following payments were approved:-

<b><u>Payments - Main a/c:</u></b>	£
Clerk net salary and expenses March	330.93
Clerk PAYE	74.00
Committee Room Hire for Neighbourhood Plan	9.00
SHDC Annual Payroll Service Charge	120.00
Marlton Cricket Club: Meadow Maintenance Sept 16 - April 17	480.50
SLCC - ILCA Online Clerks Training Course	118.80
Lengthsman Fees Feb/Mar 17	195.00

**Payments - P3 a/c:**

R Cox - Fuel, Mower parts & Timber	28.85
G Page - Volunteer Thank you	45.40

**Payments - MEG a/c:**

R Cox - Screws, Poo bags, Keys, Parts & Springs	29.28
G Page - Volunteer Thank you	40.00

**Income - P3 a/c:**

Devon CC P3 allocation	200.00
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**BANK ACCOUNTS as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Main Account:	£21,274.59
P3 Account:	£862.72
Environment Account :	£525.74

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

It was requested that for future invoices that the Cricket Club provide a breakdown of work completed.

It was noted that Volunteer Thank you expenses for MEG was for the Annual Thank You for the volunteers.

**7.(4.17) REPORTS**

**County Council Report**

Cllr Pennington thanked Cllr Rowe for her hard work over the last four years, as due to boundary changes she would be up for election on a new seat in Totnes & Dartington. The Parish Council wished Rose well in her election campaign. Cllr Rowe thanked everyone for their friendship, wished them well and was campaigning hard for re-election.

No major decisions have been made by the council due to end of year/life of the council. The council are still campaigning for a fairer funding system for school pupils. Pot holes can be reported to Highways via DCC. Roads signs are in poor order and need tidying up.

It's been difficult to balance the budget for people services which includes older/vulnerable people and childcare as needs continue to increase.

Progress has been made with the Littlehempston Cycle Path, but requires £315,000 funding, the Pedestrian crossing at Marldon School will be discussed at the site meeting in the Village Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> July.

#### South Hams District Council Report

West Devon Borough Council, South Hams District Council and Plymouth City Council have compiled their 'Joint Local Plan 2014-2034'

Any responses to the above must be received at South Hams Council not later than 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Under Section 5 'Strategy for thriving towns and villages policy area', the 'strategic objective SO8 - indicative levels of new housing in sustainable villages', there are 3 categories:

1. Villages able to accommodate around 30 dwellings each of which Marldon is listed
2. Villages to accommodate around 20 dwellings each
3. Villages able to accommodate 10 dwellings each

A letter to be sent from the Parish Council that due to agreed plans for dwellings in the Village, the Parish Council agree that Marldon should be moved from category 1 to category 3 (able to accommodate 10 dwellings).

At the South hams Highways and Transport Orders Committee meeting in March, it was unanimously agreed that a full site meeting would be held by the Committee on July 7<sup>th</sup> to examine the need for pedestrian crossing outside Marldon School and also the full HATOC meeting will take place in Marldon Village Hall. A resident support leaflet will be distributed prior to the meeting.

A dog bin has been ordered for Compton

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup>, Guest Speaker :Angela Gilbert of Compton Castle.

## Meg Report

15<sup>th</sup> March:

Four members went to Strainey Tor to repair steps of f/p 5. Two steps were fitted with new risers and other re-graveled. Several more steps were noted for further replacement/improvement. One member cut the grass pathways on Broomhill Meadow.

21<sup>st</sup> March:

Many members, past and present attended the funeral of Angela Cox, a founder member and steadfast supporter of the Marldon Environment Group.

22<sup>nd</sup> March:

Four members returned to f/p 5 at Strainey Tor. Three steps were recut and fitted with new risers and re-graveled. Two members went litter picking around the village. Three members went to survey green lanes (Mill Lane and Windmill Lane)

28<sup>th</sup> March:

One member mowed the grass pathways in Broomhill Meadow

29<sup>th</sup> March:

The meet was cancelled due to rain, however two members went to Mill Lane, Compton to repair a broken road sign and then on to f/p 13 to free a sticking gate to Vicarage Hill.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April:

Two sets of explorer scouts from Torquay Boys Grammar School, under supervision cut back brambles on Tor Field as part of their achievement awards. This venture arranged between the school and MEG, was led by Robin and was very successful. Future co-operation is very likely. The work done will enable reseeding and further recovery of the lower field from brambles.

5<sup>th</sup> April:

Three members went to Broomhill Meadow to burn some of the brushwood cut from the fence line. Spring closers were also fitted to the top gate behind Pembroke Park. Two members went to complete the green lane survey.

This month 48 hours of voluntary work have been completed.

G Page

Cllr Pennington gave thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for all the work done by the MEG group. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the Scout Group. It was queried when Tor field will be mowed, clerk to contact contractor.

#### **8. (4.17) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was reported that the group met with an officer from SHDC to clarify what was needed and the way forward, and how it fits in with Joint Local Plan. The meetings continue monthly.

#### **9. (4.17) PLANNING**

0798/17/HHO: Rear 2 storey extension at Vine Cottage, TQ3 1TD - approved

0225/17HHO: 2 storey extension & decking at 18 West View Road, TQ3 1NG - approved

Wildwoods Lane development - query on withdrawn/refused, clerk to check

#### **10. (4.17) CORRESPONDENCE**

- Overgrown path in Peters Field. Need to cut back but bird nesting season, highlighted as a health & safety issue. Cllr Page to look into.
- Concern from residents re buildings at Christmas Tree Farm. Clerk to write to planning to ascertain situation
- 2 Benches at Top Shops, and bench at West View are in a bad state. MEG to assess and organise renovation work
- Dog waste in Compton, request that bin to be put in place, bin has been ordered.

#### **11. (4.17) LEISURE and PUBLIC GROUNDS**

No report

#### **12. (4.17) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE**

With recent works along the ring road, increased traffic from Ramshill Road through Westerland, road very muddy and needs to be cleaned. Clerk to contact SHDC/DCC/Roadform to arrange for small road cleaner vehicle to attend.

Pot Holes in Kiln Road to be reported and previously reported lamp post to be checked.

It was reported that at Martletts there is 4" pipe with sewage running across the road. Clerk to inform Environmental Health at SHDC.

Sign Post for Widdicombe Lane in Compton needs replacing. Clerk to contact Highways.

13. (4.17) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW. None

14. (4.17) BUSINESS at the DISCRETION of THE CHAIRMAN

Annual Parish Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April

15. (4.17) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Signed ..... Chairman 8-5-2017