**MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on

Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr J T Pennington – Chairman, Cllr S Veasey – Vice-Chairman, Cllr J A Clarke , Cllr R C Joinson, Cllr M Oliphant, Cllr G Page,

and Cllr D Sutton.

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Cllr J Hawkins, 2 members of the public, and Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs T J T Rowe.

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.

There were no questions or comments from members of the public present at the meeting.

**1. (12.17) APOLOGIES**.

Cllr F Palk, Cllr R Thorp and Cllr D G Webber.

**2. (12.17) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.

Cllr Sutton declared a prejudicial interest in planning application **3951/17/FUL** – Application for 10no. New dwellings and retention of existing office building – **Tor Hill Quarry, Ipplepen Road.**

**3. (12.17) APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 13th November 2017 meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2017 were proposed by Cllr Veasey and seconded by Cllr Sutton and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. (12.17) MATTERS ARISING**.

a) **Dangerous trees at Compton narrows.**

Cllr Oliphant told the meeting that she was waiting to hear from the Devon County Council Highways officer Lisa Edmonds. Cllr Hawkins suggested that Cllr Pennington contact Lisa Edmonds.

b) **Village Hall Council joint meeting re room booking**.

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee did not want a meeting with the Parish Council and the bills for the use of the Village Hall by the Neighbourhood Plan Group had been returned by the Village Hall Treasurer, with a note to state that the Parish Council had to pay for all its uses other than those for its monthly meetings.

Cllr Clarke was concerned that Marldon was the only Council in the Totnes and Rural Area Youth Engagement (TRAYE) project area that did not make provision for their Youth group to meet in their Village Hall. Rattery and Harberton were about to join the group and had made accommodation available, Marldon should too.

Cllr Pennington proposed that the Parish Council did not charge the Apple Pie Fair for the electrical work of £160.00 in Jubilee Meadow. However the meeting agreed that the invoices for the Neighbourhood Plan meetings and others from the Village Hall Committee should be returned, as these were for meetings of Council Committees.

Cllr Sutton suggested that all the Parish Councillors attend the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee in January and the AGM in May.

Cllr Pennington was disappointed to hear that Cllr Sutton did not receive notice of Village Hall Council meetings nor their minutes; he would raise this with their Secretary Vivienne Arscott.

It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Page that the Parish Council investigates the deeds of ownership of the Village Hall in Marldon.

c) **Dog Bin Compton**

Cllr Pennington would chase this matter again; Cllr Oliphant told the meeting that a general bin would be acceptable.

**6. (12.17) POLICE MATTERS**.

Cllr Pennington told the meeting that Cllr Palk had reported that 2 barns had been set fire to in Compton recently. Owners of the barns would be taking measures to raise security.

**7. (12.17) FINANCE.**

Cllr Pennington reported that the Finance Committee had met to discuss the budget and precept for 2018/2019 and he distributed copies of the budget to the meeting. Another meeting of the Finance Committee would be required to look at the Parish Council’s insurance with regard to the additional play equipment etc. proposed by the Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting noted that the precept required would be £12,342 for 2018/2019 (an increase of 0.36% on 2017/2018).

**It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Veasey that** **the budget be accepted and that application be made to South Hams District Council, being the charging authority for the District including the Parish of Marldon, for payment of the sum of £12,342 being the amount due under precept to meet the General Expenses of the said Parish for the financial year 2018/19.**

The following payments were approved:-

**Payments- Main a/c:**  £ Clerk – Mrs T Rowe net salary November 2017 296.55 Expenses – Mrs T Rowe - November - Photocopy paper 7.99 304.54

Clerk PAYE to HMRC 74.20

Citizens Advice South Hams – grant 250.00

Stephen Holley – Lengthsman 30/08 – 15/11 390.00

Robin Cox - P3 paths 30.85

MEG 118.36 Parish Council 5.61

**BANK ACCOUNTS as at 30th November 2017**

Main Account: £25,844.91

P3 Account: £734.42

Environment Account : £435.09

NS&I Investment Account Balance at 31.12.2016: £20,920.14

(gross interest p.a.=£124.94)

A request form the Marldon Village Hall Committee for payment of bills totalling £92.25 for meetings of the Parish Council, other than the monthly meetings, was held in abeyance pending a meeting with the Village Hall Council. It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Page that a meeting between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee be held, in private or in public or members of the Parish Council attend the next Village Hall Committee meeting, whichever was acceptable to the members of the Village Hall Committee, to discuss this and other matters concerning the Village Hall.

**7. (12.17)**  **REPORTS:**

**County Council.**

Cllr Hawkins reported that he was making a donation of £800.00 from his County Council fund towards the Totnes and Rural Area Youth Engagement project (T.R.A.Y.E.) following a request from County Cllr Hodgson. He had been trying to contact the Headmaster of the Primary School in Marldon for some time and now had a meeting scheduled for 29th January 2018, however he had been informed that there were no education Section 106 funds available towards a zebra crossing in the village; there were also no funds available for this from Devon County Council.

Cllr Hawkins reported that Central Government had allocated £1.75m towards Highways repairs in Devon in the budget.

Cllr Hawkins had attended 2 meetings at Cox’s Garage in Marldon and he had requested that the white lines at this site be repainted. A traffic order for double yellow lines had only just gone through, so these would be a future addition on the road at the garage.

Devon County Council was now looking at new proposals for the following year and Cllr Hawkins urged the Parish Council to let him know as soon as possible of any items for inclusion in the next year’s Highways plans.

Cllr Hawkins had received the speed survey costings from County Council officers. The Traffic Order would cost £3,000, design costs would be £10,000, signing and lining £8,000, traffic calming at Marldon Cross Hill £30,000 and a zebra crossing £30,000. The total plan for the village would cost £135,000. Another meeting was planned at County Hall at 2.00pm on Monday 8th January for Councillors to question the costings and to see if the County Council could make suggestions as to where the funding could be found. Cllr Hawkins was investigating as to how to get projects, such as the traffic calming in Marldon, put into the County Council Highways Capital budget.

Cllr Hawkins also reported that Devon County Council had recently voted to ban single use plastic from County Hall.

**District Council.**

Cllr Pennington reported that at a meeting of the District Council’s Executive Committee the previous week, their budget for 2018/2019 had been on the agenda for discussion only. Cllr Pennington had been unable to attend. Cllr Pennington noted that items totalling £70,000 form the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had not been included on the agenda.

**M.E.G.**

Work carried out: November 2017

15th November

Four members went to Broomhill Meadow to bag up gravel that had been donated by Cllr Frank Palk. Some was used to fill the muddy holes in the grass verge in front of the new telephone aerial installation, some was spread behind the access gate to Broomhill and the steps from Village Road to Tor Field were re-gravelled. One member litter picked round the village and three members walked Footpath 19 (Beacon Hill) as part of the annual P3 Devon County survey.

17th November

Two members went to Footpath 1 to deal with some dangerous barbed wire on an access gate identified by the P3 survey team the previous week. The access was made safe and would be monitored over the next few months.

21st November

Dave Berlyn cut Broomhill Meadow and the Bridleway, which was very much appreciated.

22nd November

Four members went to Footpath 5 to lay gravel on the section bordering Plane Tor. In all approximately 110 bags of gravel were transported, emptied and raked out along the path; a sterling effort on a dull, windy day. One member cleared the underpass of leaf detritus following a cyclist warning of slippery conditions. Two members litter picked around the village. Steve Holley did some verge clearance in Compton.

28th November

Robin Cox and Cllr Page attended a 4 hour P3 workshop and lunch in Ivybridge, an annual event.

29th November

One member bagged up the remaining gravel from Broomhill gateway and this was used by four other members to gravel a very muddy approach to the steps on Footpath 17, the steps were also re-gravelled. One member litter picked around the village.

6th December

Three members went to Footpath 13 to strim and clear out drainage ditches to prevent run-off affecting the footpath and properties in Pembroke Park. One member litter picked around the village.

Steve Holley cleaned the wall/approach into Footpath 18 off Moorview and started to re-build and re-mortar and re-point the wall after it was found to be in danger of collapse during the P3 survey. This was still in need of some work which would be completed that week. Steve Holley also started to clear the road side under the hedge line. He completed about 30 metres out of 200 metres in total. He asked for further advice on this task which Cllr Page would discuss with Robin Cox, possibly involving Dave Berlyn to assist with his tractor equipment, this in order to clear the line down Moorview on the development side of the road.

This month about 60 hours of voluntary work had been completed.

Cllr Pennington proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Marldon Environment Group for their hard work which was very much appreciated; this was seconded by Cllr Sutton.

**8. (12.17)**  **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING.**

Cllr Sutton reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Group would be discussing how to apply for funds at their meeting the next day, to be held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

**9. (12.17) PLANNING.**

**3601/17/FUL** – Amendments to application 0679/17/FUL for extension to covered area – **Marldon Christmas Tree Farm.**

**Recommend Approval.** Members asked that planning enforcement were contacted for confirmation that no-one was allowed to live there.

**3838/17/HHO** - Proposed ground floor extension to the rear of property –

**15 Bellfield Avenue.**

**Recommend Approval.**

**3951/17/FUL** – Application for 10no. New dwellings and retention of existing office building – **Tor Hill Quarry, Ipplepen Road.**

**Recommend Approval.**

**4006/17/FUL** – Change of use of land to car parking to serve Units 3, 4 & 5 (amendments to approved plans for 34/0633/05/F and 34/2647/13/F) –

**Lower Westerland Barns, Westerland.**

**Recommend Approval.**

**10. (12.17) CORRESPONDENCE.**

Notification had been received from Torbay Council of planning application P/2017/1133 for an outline application for a residential led development of up to 400 dwellings (C3) together with the means of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access together with the principle of a public house (A3/A4 use), primary school with nursery (D1), internal access roads and the provision of public open space (formal and informal) and strategic mitigation. The proposal includes amendments to Brixham Road, Long Road junction and Windy Corner junction. Details of access to be determined with all other matters reserved. Land to the South Of White Rock Adjacent To Brixham Road Aka Inglewood, Paignton.

It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Sutton that comments should be submitted to Torbay Council stating the Parish Council’s recommendation that this application be refused on the grounds that there was no infrastructure to support the proposed development e.g. the local roads would not cope with the volume of traffic, there should be no development on this green field site and the proposed development did not accord with the provisions of the development plan (Torbay Local Plan 2012-2030) in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates was situated.

**11. (12.17) LEISURE AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.**

Cllr Clarke reported that she had attended a meeting of T.R.A.Y.E. on 25th November to celebrate their obtaining charitable status which would increase avenues of funding. Rattery and Harberton were to join Dartington, Staverton and Marldon in the project and an application would be made for T.A.P funding. This would be a joint application with £3,000 from Rattery, £3,000 from Harberton with £1,000 each from the remaining parishes. More youth workers would be needed. Marldon Parish Council was asked to pay an administration cost of £150.00 to Dartington Parish Council. Cllr Clarke asked Cllr Pennington if he could grant any money to the project from his District Council Locality Fund; Cllr Pennington requested that an application form be submitted.

Cllr Clarke would call a meeting of the Leisure and Recreation Committee after Christmas to discuss the setting up of a music group for the youth in Marldon. The Leisure and Recreation Committee would also discuss the grounds maintenance contract with particular reference to Tor Field; the Clerk had still not received contact from the contracts manager at K J Thulborn.

Cllr Page and Cllr Pennington both had names of alternative contractors who could be contacted.

Play Equipment Tor Field

The Clerk had received a quotation for repairs to the slide at Tor Field and members agreed that the quotation for a more comprehensive repair should be accepted at a cost in the region of £315.00. The Clerk would arrange for the works to go ahead.

**12. (12.17) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE.**

Members discussed the height of the trees on the roundabout on the A380 at the junction of Kings Ash Road and Marldon Way which were obstructing sight lines at the roundabout. The Clerk would report this to Devon County Council Highways.

The paviors at the entrance to Furzegood down to the bowling club turning were lifting the kerb up on the cross over for vehicles. The Clerk would report this to Devon Highways.

At the lower end of Furzegood the road gulley that led into the brook was blocked; the Clerk would report this to South West Water.

The hedge at Many Flowers on Fives Lanes Road still needed cutting back and this and the overgrown hedge at Compton would be reported to Devon County Highways and letters written to the owners of the properties.

The Clerk would request that the road sweeping vehicle be requested to clear the gullies in Compton; Cllr Hawkins advised that Honey Foskett at South Hams District Council was the contact for this.

The developer at Moorview would be asked to clear mud from the road in Moorview.

**13. (12.17) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW.**

The Clerk would contact the Church Warden concerning a possible extension to the churchyard.

**14. (12.17) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR –** None.

**15. (12.17) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday 8th January 2018.

**16. (11.17) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS** – None.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.