**MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on

Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** 3 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.

A member of the public reported someone sleeping in a van at Broomhill; Cllr Page was aware of this as the gentleman concerned informed the Parish Council if travellers were in the area.

Mrs Bolster from Cobblestones told the meeting that she was in contact with Cllr Oliphant concerning the speed reduction group and the use of the speed gun.

**1. (01.18) APOLOGIES**.

Cllr R Joinson, Cllr F Palk, Cllr D Sutton, Cllr D G Webber and County Cllr J Hawkins .

**2. (01.18) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.

 There were none.

**3. (01.18) APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 11th December 2017 meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2017 were proposed by Cllr Veasey and seconded by Cllr Oliphant and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. (01.18) MATTERS ARISING**.

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

Cllr Oliphant told the meeting that she had heard from the Devon County Council Highways officer Lisa Edmonds that the trees at Compton narrows were not considered dangerous; Cllr Hawkins might have this information in writing. The ownership of the land was unknown and it could be costly to ask a tree surgeon to carry out a survey of the trees.

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

Cllr Pennington had received correspondence from the Village Hall Committee Secretary, Vivienne Arscott and the date of their next meeting would be Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm. Cllr Pennington read out the relevant section of the Village Hall Committee minutes from 9th November 2017 and it was agreed that members of the Parish Council would attend the meeting on 18th January to properly discuss issues concerning the Village Hall, particularly with regard to its use by the Youth Group. It was noted that all monies raised by the Apple Pie Fair went towards the Village Hall.

All agreed that more information was needed on the ownership of the hall and the membership and powers of the trustees.

c) **Dog Bin Compton**

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

**5. (01.18) POLICE MATTERS**.

Cllr Pennington told the meeting that 6 barns in the local area had been set fire to recently.

**6. (01.18) FINANCE.**

The following payments were approved:-

**Payments- Main a/c:**  £ Clerk – Mrs T Rowe net salary December 2017 296.55 Expenses – Mrs T Rowe - November - Postage 17.70 314.25

Clerk PAYE to HMRC 74.20

**BANK ACCOUNTS as at 29th December 2017**

Main Account: £24,326.65

P3 Account: £703.62

Environment Account : £428.97

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

 (gross interest p.a.=£124.94)

**7. (01.18)**  **REPORTS:**

**District Council.**

Cllr Pennington reported that due to the Christmas holidays there had been few meetings at South Hams District Council. The budget for 2018/2019 would be discussed in the next month and would be finally set by the District Council at their Full Council meeting in February.

Cllr Pennington told the meeting that he had been extremely disappointed to learn that the decision to close the toilets in Totnes had been taken by officers not members and he would be raising this at the next meeting of the District Council.

**M.E.G.**

Work carried out : December 2017

13th December

Three members went to Footpath 5 to extend further the laying of gravel which had been started the previous month; 25 additional bags were spread. However due to the cold and wet weather it was decided to call a halt at that point.

20th, 27th and 3rd January were taken as a well earned Christmas break with work planned to recommence on 10th January 2018.

Steve Holley had spent 4 ½ hours rebuilding and re-pointing the wall to Footpath 18 on Moorview.

Drainage channels on Footpath 13 had been cleaned out.

Cllr Pennington thanked the members of the Marldon Environment Group for their hard work which was very much appreciated.

**8. (01.18)**  **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING.**

Cllr Veasey told the meeting that the Neighbourhood Plan meeting scheduled for the following day due to Cllr Sutton being unwell; another date would be advised when a booking for the Village Hall was available.

**9. (01.18) PLANNING.**

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| Cllr Pennington told the meeting that an application which had been considered by the Parish Council in May 2017 would be considered by the South Hams District Development Control meeting that week. This being **1239/17/FUL** - Retrospective application for erection of horse walker, Totnes Road to Westerland Lane. The Parish Council had recommended refusal of this application and Cllr Pennington would speak at the Development Control meeting to put the Parish Council’s view.The Clerk advised that application **3161/17/TPO** Felling of one Beech Tree, 1 Churscombe Green had been refused. |
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**10. (01.18) CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. A letter of thanks had been received from Citizens Advice South Hams for the grant of £250.00 from the Parish Council.
2. An email request had been received from a local metal detectorist to detect on Jubilee Meadow. The Parish Council were content for this to take place with the following conditions:-

i) that a copy of the detectorist’s public liability insurance is sent to the Parish Council

ii) there is no use of the cricket square

iii) divots are replaced as well as possible

iv) the Parish Council is given notice of when the detecting is to take place.

**11. (01.18) LEISURE AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.**

Play Equipment Tor Field

The Clerk had accepted a quotation for repairs to the slide at Tor Field and was waiting for notice of when work would begin.

Cllr Clarke was to call a meeting of the Leisure Committee, members agreed that this would take place on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.30pm and would look at the Grounds Maintenance contract.

Cllr Clarke told the meeting that Kerry McCabe the Totnes and Rural Area Youth Engagement (TRAYE) worker was currently taking children out on activities when the Village Hall could not be used. These activities cost approximately £5 per child compared with £1 for each child when the hall was available. Kerry had looked at using the Berry Pomeroy Village Hall, the Clerk would pass contact details for booking the Berry Pomeroy Hall to Cllr Clarke.

The next meeting of the TRAYE group would be held on Monday 22nd January 2018 at 5pm at the Rushbrook Centre.

Both Harberton and Rattery were to become members of TRAYE and would be applying for funds from the TAP fund.

Kerry McCabe had activities planned for the Youth Group right through the year to December 2018.

**12. (01.18) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE.**

Cllr Oliphant reported that she, Robin Cox, Cllr Pennington and Cllr Hawkins had attended a meeting at County Hall that day where various Highways matters had been discussed including traffic calming on Vicarage Hill. There were also possible schemes to include Marldon Cross Hill over time and a crossing outside the school had been discussed. A raised area with speed cushions was proposed to start with.

A traffic survey had counted less than 240 vehicles per hour with a mean speed of 20.6 miles per hour and therefore Devon County Council officers believed that a crossing outside the school was not justified.

Cllr Veasey told the meeting that the speed camera had been placed outside the shops where vehicles had to slow to pass parked cars. Cllr Oliphant explained that another camera placed by the school had seemed to produce identical data so she had queried this and had asked for the data to be re-sent.

Data from the Totnes Road had showed a percentage of speeding vehicles.

Cllr Thorp told the meeting that Cllr Hawkins had been very helpful in getting action on extra yellow lines for the village that he hoped Cllr Hawkins would be able to help with the traffic calming issues.

Cllr Oliphant told members that the proposals needed to be financed and Devon County Council had no monies available.

Cllr Pennington stated that there might be monies available in next year’s TAP fund.

Cllr Veasey told the meeting that double yellow lines were needed opposite the entrance to the Bowling Green.

Cllr Oliphant asked if the Parish Council could fund part of the cost of the scheme, which was £30,000 for this one item. Cllr Pennington was reluctant to use Parish Council funds and told the meeting that there were other available funds at South Hams District Council. Devon County Council had said that there were no Section 106 funds available for Highways projects in Marldon.

Cllr Oliphant wished for the Parish Council to write to Devon County Council Highways to say that the Parish Council would pay a percentage of the crossing scheme but Cllr Pennington wished to look at all other sources of funding before taking this decision.

Cllr Pennington continued that the residents opposite the school would have to be consulted and this matter would be taken forward to the next meeting; Cllr Hawkins was investigating other avenues of Highways Capital funding.

Cllr Oliphant asked Cllr Pennington if there was money available from the South Hams District Council Sustainability Fund.

Cllr Clarke reported a Western Power van parked in Moor View and Cllr Veasey suggested that Cllr Clarke report this to Western Power.

Cllr Pennington was also concerned that parked vans on the junction of Moorview cul-de-sac were blocking visibility.

Cllr Sutton had passed on details of a recent incident in the Ipplepen Road where a scaffold lorry had got stuck where the road dropped at the entrance to Slip Lane; the tarmac had broken away at this point and the Clerk would report this to Devon County Council Highways.

Cllr Veasey reported a pothole at Kiln Cross by the horse mounting block and in Kiln Road by Carriage House down to the T junction.

The meeting noted that the hedge by Manyflowers in Five Lanes Road had still not been cut back although the Clerk had sent a letter to the property owners.

Cllr Veasey told the meeting that he had received information from the site agent that the hedge between the new development and Moorview was not owned by the new houses. The housing side was the responsibility of the management trust but the road side was the responsibility of Devon County Highways. The Clerk would check this with Devon County Council.

**13. (01.18) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW –** None.

**14. (01.18) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR –** None.

**15. (01.18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday 12th February 2018.

**16. (01.18) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS** – None.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.