**MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on

Monday 9th July 2018 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr J T Pennington – Chairman, Cllr S Veasey – Vice-Chairman, Cllr J A Clarke , Cllr G Page, Cllr F Palk, Cllr M Oliphant, Cllr D Sutton ,

Cllr R Thorpe and Cllr D Webber.

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Cllr J Hawkins, 7 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 from Kiln Road told the meeting that she felt the planning application at The Bramblings (0029/18/FUL) would have an unacceptable impact on the surrounding properties through noise and access issues. It would also be detrimental to wildlife including bats, buzzards and slowworms at the site. There would also be the issue of danger to small children from the vehicles.

The access road was originally an agricultural right of way when the land was purchased and a member of the public questioned whether the planning officer had actually visited the site.

The Chairman told the public present that the Parish Council had recommended refusal of this application for a variety of reasons.

Residents told the meeting that the original use of the land had been set by South Hams District Council as personal, not commercial. There were no passing places on the access track and a resident stated that any vehicles needing to pass each other would have to come on to his land to do this.

Cllr Sutton read out advice that she had received by telephone from the local area Fire Officer Gary Steer. He advised that fire engines were not as wide as a bin lorry. The Fire service required the application to adhere to Building Regulations and have water access. If there was no water access the building would be required to have sprinklers installed.

**1. (07.18) APOLOGIES**.

There were none.

**2. (07.18) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.

There were none.

**3. (07.18) VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR.**

Agenda item 5 was taken at this point in the meeting.

The Clerk told members that there were 2 applicants for the vacancy on the Parish Council, Mr Neil Stevens and Mr Stewart Oetegenn. Details of both candidates had been circulated to the Parish Council.

A ballot was taken and Mr Stevens was co-opted into the vacancy on the Parish Council.

**4. (07.18) APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 11th June 2018 meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th June 2018 were proposed by Cllr Veasey and seconded by Cllr Clarke and signed by the Chairman as a true record, with the following amendment minute **9. (06.18)** should read “Peter Ward” not Rawlings.

**5. (07.18) MATTERS ARISING**.

a) **Dog Bin Compton**

Cllr Oliphant had received an email from South Hams District Council officers, stating that the locality officer Dai Antill would contact Cllr Pennington concerning this matter. Cllr Oliphant had also been asked to keep a litter diary.

b) **Speed Reduction**

Cllr Oliphant told the meeting that training had taken place and the group had been reactivated. Paperwork was being sorted for a speed reduction group in Marldon; a Traffic Officer was to attend to comply with Health and Safety issues.

c) **Potholes at Widdicombe Lane.**

Cllr Palk told the meeting that some of the potholes in Widdicombe Lane had been filled opposite the Widdicombe Farm entrance but not all had been repaired. It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Oliphant that the Clerk would write again to Meg Booth the Head of Devon County Highways concerning potholes and outstanding road repairs in the Parish.

**d) Snow Warden Scheme**

Cllr Page was waiting for the Clerk to provide a list of grit bins in the Parish. Cllr Veasey told the meeting that a new grit bin should be provided at the top of Moorview. The Clerk would email details to Cllr Hawkins.

**e) Extension of the Churchyard**

Cllr Veasey reported that this matter was still going through the Parochial Church Council procedures.

**f) National Trust Parking in Compton**

The Clerk had sent a letter to the National Trust. Cllr Oliphant told the meeting that the tenant at Compton Castle was aware of the problem with parking. The Clerk would chase a reply from the National Trust.

**h) Marldon Apple Pie Fair (28th July 2018)**

Cllr Pennington raised concerns about the traffic emerging from Tor Field on to the Ipplepen Road; this had been raised with Devon County Highways as part of the Apple Pie Fair Traffic Plan. The Clerk would contact Devon County Highways concerning the repairs needed to the edge of the Ipplepen Road at this point and would copy in Cllr Hawkins.

**i) Building work in Pembroke Park.**

The Clerk had reported the building work in Pembroke Park to South Hams District Council planning enforcement but told the meeting that due to the build up of cases at the District Council it might be some time before this could be dealt with.

**j) Section 106 monies.**

The Clerk had received details of the Section 106 monies for Marldon from officers at the District Council and this had been circulated to members.

Cllr Pennington told the meeting that all the Section 106 monies from the Moorview development should be allocated to Broomhill Meadow and this should be requested from the District Council in writing.

Cllr Pennington was to propose a motion at the District Council, that on every application where Section 106 monies were considered the ward member and the Parish Council must be consulted.

Cllr Pennington requested that it be minuted that both he and District Cllr Rowe had not supported section 106 monies from Marldon being used for the South Devon Link Road; he had not been allowed to speak on this matter at the District Council.

The Clerk had received an email from Alexis Huggins at the District Council who was unable to answer questions about the South Devon Link Road contribution as she only dealt with contributions related to Open Space, Sport and Recreation and any necessary highways contributions were requested by Devon County Council.

However, she had given details of the Officer Report presented to the development management committee and this had included the contribution towards the link road and so the District Councillors who voted to approve the application would have been aware of this.

In relation to funds for Open Space, Sport and Recreation the following funds have been secured/requested:

Moorview (34/2184/13/O)

£53,580 towards the provision or improvement of playing areas benefiting the residents of the parish and/or community facilities in the parish. Proposed project: Torfield, Ipplepen Road play area.

£83,895 towards the provision and/or improvement of sport and recreation facilities benefiting the residents of the parish. Proposed project(s) to be decided via Marldon OSSR Plan.   Funds received and held by SHDC.

RMC Quarry (34/1890/15/O)

£14,000 towards improving public open space at Jubilee Meadow.

S106 signed, funds not yet received by SHDC.

Torhill Quarry (3951/17/FUL)

£10,000 towards improvements to OSSR facilities at Tor Field and/or Broomhill Meadow. Requested, planning application not yet determined.

**6. (07.18) POLICE MATTERS**.

There was no police report.

**7. (07.18) FINANCE.**

The following payments were approved:-

**Payments- Main a/c:**  £ Clerk – Mrs T Rowe net salary June 2018 317.79

Office Allowance June 2018 12.00

Postage (including annual accounts registered post) 18.25 348.04

Clerk PAYE to HMRC - June 79.60

Plandscape (Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance Ltd) – June 114.00

CPRE 36.00

**BANK ACCOUNTS as at 29th June 2018**

Main Account: £24,580.36

P3 Account: £553.73

Environment Account : £543.60

NS&I Investment Account Balance at 31.12.2017: £21,018.72

 (gross interest p.a. for 2017 =£98.58)

Total Balance held by Marldon Parish Council £46,696.41

**8. (07.18)**  **REPORTS:**

**District Council Report.**

Cllr Pennington reported on the Asset Management and Income possibilities on District Council owned land in Totnes, Salcombe, Kingsbridge & Ivybridge. This had been an agenda at the June Executive Meeting under “Confidential Cover”. A number of District Councillors had considered it would have been more appropriate to have been discussed more openly. It would involve an initial cost of £150,000 to obtain expert outside advice if the schemes under confidential cover received consideration. Totnes Town Council had concerns which had been reported in the press. At the executive meeting an amendment was agreed that the item would be placed for consideration at the Full Council meeting on July 26th and that relevant Town and Parish Councils and ward members would be consulted.

The item was also on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda and Cllr Pennington was able to secure agreement for it to be an agenda item on the Audit Committee, on which he was Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Pennington had received a report from a resident of Village Road of rats escaping from Downalong House, which had been empty for 10 years.

Cllr Pennington proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Webber that a letter be sent to Mr Hans Wardle and Mr David Sexton at Environmental Health, South Hams District Council, asking them to investigate the reports of rats at this property. A meeting was to take place on the 12th July involving South Hams Council officers at 2:30 pm at the site and Marldon Parish Councillors also hoped to attend.

A member of the public had reported the construction of a wall alongside the highway by Martlets near the post box on Westerland. Cllr Pennington had requested the Planning Authority at South Hams to examine whether planning consent was necessary. Cllr Pennington proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Clarke that a letter be sent to Sheena Denhams, South Hams Enforcement officer, concerning the new wall asking that it be investigated whether the wall and fence required planning consent and also whether the construction was on Devon County highways land. The Clerk would copy Dai Antill and Lisa Edmonds from Highways into this communication.

Cllr Pennington proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Page that an email be sent to the planning officer Lucy Hall concerning the planning application at Bramblings requesting a site meeting and stating that the site of the access needed clarification. The Parish Council maintained all its previous objections to this application and as well as requesting a site meeting requested that this be considered by the District Council Development Control Committee for determination.

It was believed that the entrance to the property which was given planning consent in 1994 was different to that currently included in the new application. It was proposed by Cllr Veasey and seconded by Cllr Clarke that the Fire Service be asked to visit the site and view the access.

**County Council Report.**

Cllr Hawkins had held meetings with Meg Booth the Head of Devon County Highways but there was still no money for a 20 mph zone in Marldon.

Cllr Hawkins had £1,000 which could be spent on local projects in Marldon and Cllr Veasey suggested that this could be used for new fencing for the play area in Tor Field. Cllr Veasey would email Cllr Hawkins with details so that a grant could be obtained.

*Cllr Hawkins left the meeting at 9.15 pm*

**M.E.G.**

Marldon Environmental Group Report

Work carried out in this month:

13th June:

Four members went to footpath 5 to strim and mow from Ipplepen Road to Coopers Farm. Two members renewed fingerpost signs on footpath 5. Two members litter picked around the village.

Steve Holley mowed the grass verges at Churscombe roundabout, Vicarage road and Vicarage Hill between Nether Meadow and Meadow Park Road.

20th June

Five members went to Vicarage Road to mow and strim both sides of the footpath from Five Lanes roundabout towards the Old Smokey House public house.

One member mowed the bridle path by Broomhill meadow. One member litter picked around the Village Road locality.

27th June

Three members went to Churscombe Road and strimmed the verge from the roundabout to the entrance to Brockhurst Park. Two members went to survey and clean/repair signs and fingerposts on the footpaths.

Steve Holley strimmed and cleaned up the grass verge on Vicarage Hill.

4th July

Three members went to Jubilee Meadow to cut back the overgrowth around the perimeter as part of the preparation for the Apple Pie Fayre. They also did some work in the car park. One member trimmed down Leader Lane. One member litter picked around the village.

Steve Holley continued with mowing around Churscombe, Vicarage Road, Five Lanes and opposite Pembroke Park.

This month over 50 hours of voluntary work had been carried out.

**9. (07.18)**  **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING.**

Cllr Sutton reported that the Neighbourhood Plan group needed clarification of the Section 106 monies available for Broomhill Meadow. The group was still awaiting one more quote for the works at this site.

A meeting was planned to complete the Neighbourhood Plan grant form.

**10. (07.18) PLANNING.**

**0923/18/HHO** – Householder application for the construction of a new detached garage with pitched roof and finishes to match existing elsewhere on the Moorview development – **29 Moorview Crescent, Marldon TQ3 1BR**

**Recommend Refusal on the grounds of loss of a parking space, and would be not in keeping with and to the detriment of the street scene.**

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**0178/18/FUL –** READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans and amended description) Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and formation of 3 new build detached dwellings - **Winsland, Churscombe Road, Marldon TQ3 1NA****Recommend Approval.****1909/18/HHO –** Householder application for proposed loft conversion and associated internal works – **6 Moorview, Marldon TQ3 1PL** |

**Recommend Approval.**

**11. (07.18) CORRESPONDENCE.**

The following items of correspondence had been received:-

1. **Details of South Hams District Council 5 year Corporate Strategy and a request for residents to “share their thoughts” – this had been circulated to Councillors on 8th July 2018**
2. **National Guide on Dementia Friendly Communities – sent to Councillors on 21st June 2018**
3. **Minutes of Village Hall Committee meeting and the agenda for their 12th July 2018 meeting - sent to Councillors on 21st June 2018**
4. From South Hams District Council details for 2018/19 of the re-launch of the previous Town and Parish (TAP) Fund across the County as the Communities Together Fund. The deadline for applications would be noon on Friday 14th December 2018**.**
5. **Details and an application form for the Parish Council to join the CPRE. It was proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Oliphant that Marldon Parish Council take out an annual membership of the CPRE at a cost of £36.00.**

**12. (07.18) LEISURE AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.**

Public Grounds Report from Cllr J Clarke:-

The Youth Club held their first session on Tuesday 3rd July in the large hall. It was reported that there were many new faces at the session, so word must have gone around that they had more space. They were able to play games and did some outdoor sports on the field.

The Village Hall had now offered Kerry Mccabe the Youth worker a slot on Friday evenings between 5-7pm. Kerry thought this would work well but needed further consultation with the young people. If this went ahead it would mean having the large hall twice a month. Kerry has been consulting with parents, carers and the young people from each area about why they come to the youth club and what could be improved. She has had some good responses, which she would collate together and present to the Steering Group.

Kerry and County Cllr Jaqui Hodgson had been informed about the possibility that TRAYE could apply for the grants available from the police, which Cllr Hodgson was investigating. The scheme is the “Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioners’ Small Grant Scheme”.

Cllr Thorp reported that the allotments were all growing very well with the exception of plots 3 and 12 which were being dealt with.

**13.(07.18) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE.**

Cllr Page reported that the buddle hole at the junction of Kiln Lane and Smallwell Lane needed clearing; the Environment Group would deal with this.

The Clerk would report the issue of vans parking on the pavement corner of Moorview Crescent to the Police as this was blocking the visibility splay.

A white van had been abandoned on Vicarage Hill and had been clamped; the Clerk would report this vehicle to South Hams District Council together with a caravan which had been left on the road opposite Cox’s garage.

Cllr Page would ask the lengthsman to go to Compton and strim the grass in the next week.

Cllr Oliphant suggested that the Community Payback team could clean the sides of the road in Compton. The Clerk would seek details of the scheme from Devon County Highways.

The 5 bar gate and pedestrian gate at the top of Church Hill needed at new gate clasp; Cllr Page would ask the Environment Group to look at this.

**14. (07.18) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR (for noting only)**.

There was none.

**15. (07.18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday 13th August 2018

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed By..................................................

 Cllr T Pennington (Chairman) – 13th August 2018