**MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on

Monday 13th August 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 R Thorpe and Cllr D Webber.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 6 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 relative of the applicant for the planning application at 2 Meadow Park, Marldon, explained that she was attending the meeting to clarify any points as necessary when this application was considered.

Residents whose property adjoined the site of the Meadow Park application had sent a letter of objection to South Hams District Council and a copy of this to the Parish Council. This letter was circulated to Councillors at the meeting. They explained that they had experienced problems with the log burner at the property in Meadow Park in the past and were concerned that this was now proposed to be moved closer to their boundary. They also felt that the ridge height of the new garage was excessive. They had spoken to the applicant and he had agreed to lower the ridge height and move the log burner away from the boundary.

A resident of Pembroke Park told the meeting that Devon County Council Highways workers had repaired potholes in Pembroke Park in March 2018 and had left a mess at that time. They had now returned and carried out repairs in Pembroke Park again leaving the remains from their repairs in the road; the Clerk would report this to Devon County Council Highways.

**1. (08.18) APOLOGIES**.

Apologies were received from Cllr Sutton.

**2. (08.18) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.

There were none.

**3. (08.18) APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 9th July 2018 meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 2018 were proposed by Cllr Veasey and seconded by Cllr Palk and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. (08.18) MATTERS ARISING**.

a) **Dog Bin Compton**

Cllr Pennington had been in touch with the locality officer Dai Antill at South Hams District Council. Mr Antill had reported that the street cleansing officer had visited the site and in his view there was insufficient need for a bin in Compton. Cllr Oliphant would continue to keep a litter diary to prove the need for a bin. It was proposed by Cllr Oliphant and seconded by Cllr Palk and agreed by the meeting that an officer from the District Council be invited to a site visit to look at this again.

b) **Speed Reduction**

Nothing further to report – remove from matters arising.

**c) Snow Warden Scheme**

Cllr Page had a map of the grit bins in the Parish but was compiling his own more comprehensive version. He asked the meeting for proposals for new bins and it was noted that new bins were required at:-

1. the top of Moorview
2. the bottom of West View Road and
3. Compton Pool.

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 and he would chase this with Stephanie Webb.

**f) National Trust Parking in Compton**

The Clerk had received a letter from the National Trust and their General Manager Mr Gary Calland had agreed to attend the September meeting of the Parish Council to discuss concerns and share his thoughts on the car parking at Compton Castle. It was agreed that the September meeting would start at 7.00pm at the entrance to Compton Castle – a later public session would be scheduled when the meeting returned to Marldon Village Hall.

**g) Communities Together Fund – Parish Council bid for 2019**

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider possible projects to be submitted for this fund. Cllr Page suggested the new Marldon Environment Group storage (considered later in the meeting) and Cllr Veasey suggested new fencing at Tor Field Play Area. Both these projects were also to consider monies from Cllr Hawkins locality fund and Cllr Pennington‘s District Council Fund.

**5. (08.18) POLICE MATTERS**.

Cllr Veasey told the meeting that he had reported finding a used syringe and tablets in Smallwell Lane to the police and officers had attended within 20 minutes.

**6. (08.18) FINANCE**

The following payments were approved for the month of August 2018:-

**Payments- Main a/c:**  £ Clerk – Mrs T Rowe net salary July 2018 305.99

Office Allowance July 2018 12.00

Postage (including annual accounts registered post) 15.00 332.99

Clerk PAYE to HMRC - July 76.40

Plandscape (Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance Ltd) – July 114.00

Stephen Holley – Lengthsman (9th May – 17th July 2018) 447.89

South West Water – account for supply at Jubilee meadow 53.11

Robin Cox – P3 account 42.84

 - MEG account 60.56

 - Parish Council 22.06

**BANK ACCOUNTS as at 31st July 2018**

Main Account: £25,182.10

P3 Account: £553.77

Environment Account : £543.64

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 £47,298.23

The Clerk noted for members that this balance included recent receipt of 2 years of reclaimed VAT amounting to £1,191.32.

**7. (08.18)**  **REPORTS:**

**District Council Report.**

Cllr Pennington told the meeting that he had concerns with regards to the District Council’s expenditure on advisors e.g. £150,000 proposed to be spent on consultants for projects to build on District Council properties throughout the South Hams towns. This and the tendering for Waste Services were both being discussed under confidential cover and the District Council had agreed in 2017 that the internal operators would not be part of the tendering process.

Cllr Pennington had asked Lisa Buckle the District Council’s Finance Officer for the costs involved in this process; there were currently 2 firms showing an interest in taking on the waste services. Cllr Pennington had also sent questions to Helen Dobby the Waste Operations Manager asking what the costs of the current internal operations were.

Cllr Pennington felt that more information was needed before a decision was made. Following a question from Cllr Thorpe it was noted that a Freedom of Information request could not be made while the tendering process was on-going.

**M.E.G.**

Marldon Environmental Group Report

Work carried out in this month: July 2018

11th July

Four members went to Jubilee Meadow and car park to continue the tidying up in preparation for the Apple Pie Fayre. Two members went to inspect the local footpaths for any required work; two members went litter picking around the village.

18th July

Five members, including one new member, went to footpath 18 to mow and strim from Farthing Lane to Moorview. Two members walked the footpaths to repair/replace broken way signs. Two members went litter picking around the village.

25th July

Five members went to Peters Field to clear back the vegetation in the approach to the field to enable the grass cutters to get their equipment in. Part of the internal hedging was also cut back. Two members went to Footpath 18 to start refurbishing the seat by the Christmas Tree Farm. Two members litter picked around the village and one member cut the paths around Broomhill.

1st August

Three members returned to Peters Field to complete cutting back the hedging and low tree branches. The metal bench in Peters Field was removed to Robin Cox’s house for welding/repair and would be re-sited when complete. One member weeded the pathways leading off Footpath 22 to Nether Meadow and Belfield Way. One member litter picked around the village.

8th August

Four members went to the pathway bordering Churscombe Park on Totnes Road to clear and cut back the vegetation growing over the footpath following a complaint of slippery conditions in the wet. The section from the roundabout at Five Lanes Road to the bus stop was tackled. A few more visits would be required over the coming weeks to complete the whole section to Leader Lane. Two members went back to the footpaths to find and repair any damage; one member mowed the Bridle Path and two members litter picked along Vicarage Hill and Road.

In addition to the above, work had been done on the approach to the underpass, Leader Lane and the seats outside the shops and the end of Westview Road had been rubbed down and were in the process of being re-varnished. The flower containers around these seats were being well maintained by the daughter of Angela Cox.

Steve Holley had cut the Ipplepen Road verges, Village Road and seat area, verges opposite Pembroke Park, Vicarage Road and Churscombe roundabout verges. Thanks had been received from the Apple Pie Committee for the Environmental Group’s work on Jubilee Field prior to the Fayre and from a resident for the work on Marldon Cross.

This month well over 80 hours of voluntary work had been completed, some in hot challenging conditions.

Cllr Page reported that the Marldon Environmental Group had obtained estimates for a storage container including delivery of approximately £1,570.00. Cllr Pennington agreed to give a form to Cllr Page to complete to apply for funding from Cllr Pennington’s District Council community fund.

A member of the public present at the meeting agreed to give Cllr Page his contact details as his company were shortly to dispose of a container and this would mean that only delivery costs would have to be met.

Cllr Page asked the meeting if anyone knew who owned the hedge at Churscombe Park as the M.E.G. group wished to cut this back. It was noted that this was outside the boundary fences of the adjoining properties and would be the responsibility of Devon County Council if it impeded the footpath.

**8. (08.18)**  **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING.**

In the absence of Cllr Sutton there was no Neighbourhood Plan report.

**9. (08.18) PLANNING.**

**1632/18/FUL –** Provision of a general purpose agricultural building (application1 of 2) – **Widdicombe Farm, Marldon TQ3 1ST.**

**Recommend approval but note that the hedges at the entrance to the property were being eroded to widen the entrance.**

**1633/18/FUL –** Provision of a lean-to extension to a general purpose agricultural building (application 2 of 2) – **Widdicombe Farm, Marldon**

**TQ3 1ST**

**Recommend Approval.**

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| **1936/18/TPO -** T61: Sycamore (4 stems from base) – Fell:T62: Sycamore (2 stems from base) – Fell; T63: Beech - reduce branch on east side over highway to height of 8 metres from ground level; T64: Sessile Oak – crown height reduction by up to 3 metres to leave tree of approx 17 metres tall, reduce lowest limb over road by 2 metres to leave limb of approx 8 metres; T2, T3: Lime - pollard to height of 15 metres, seeking cyclical permission to re-pollard back to this point when re-growth reaches 4 metres; T4: Oak – Fell, remove, dead; S1, S2, S4: Ash, S3: Beech, S5: Willow – removed from application.**Marldon House, Marldon TQ3 1SP****Recommend Approval subject to the approval of the District Council’s Tree Warden. The Parish Council requested to receive the comments of the Tree Warden before approval.****2059/18/FUL –** Erection of agricultural Storage Building – **Upper Channel View, Ipplepen Road, Marldon TQ3 1SE****Recommend Refusal as production details were not provided nor was the property a registered holding.****2181/18/FUL –** Erection of agricultural Storage Building and formation of hardcore driveway – **Churscombe Farm, 4 James Avenue, Paignton TQ3 3LZ****Recommend Approval.** |
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| **2333/18/HHO** – Householder application for single storey extension and construction of new garage with access off Nether Meadow – **2 Meadow Park, Marldon TQ3 1NR****Recommend Approval subject to the lowering of the ridge height of the roof and the moving of the log burner away from the neighbouring property’ boundary.** |

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| **0923/18/HHO** – READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans) Householder application for the construction of a new detached garage with finishes to match existing elsewhere on the Moorview development – **29 Moorview crescent, Marldon TQ3 1BR****Recommend Approval.****2458/18/HHO** – Householder application for construction of single –storey part-glazed porch to front entrance door – **4 The Gardens, Compton, Marldon TQ3 1TD** **Recommend Approval.** |  |  |

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**10. (08.18) CORRESPONDENCE.**

The following items of correspondence had been received:-

a) Devon & Cornwall Police: Annual Community Scrutiny Forum On Friday 6th July. Devon and Cornwall Police held a Connectivity discussion at Newton Abbot Police Station as part of their Annual Community Scrutiny Forum.

b) 2019/20 Local Government Finance Settlement: Technical Consultation from South Hams District Council which drew the following points to the attention of the Parish Council:-

“4.3.2 In 2018-19, the average band D parish precept increased by 4.9% (£3.02). This compares to a 6.3% increase (£3.63) in 2017-18, and is the lowest year on-year increase in parish precepts since 2015-16.

4.3.3 In view of this, the Government intends **to continue the deferral of setting referendum principles for town and parish councils**, but encourages parish councils to continue this downward trend, and will keep this area under active review”.

c) Details of the South Hams District Council Procurement project for recycling services to look at testing their frontline services for recycling and waste, street and toilet cleaning in the market place.  This meant a company could be contracted to deliver these services on behalf of South Hams District Council if they could offer better value for money and a better quality of service could be achieved.  The District Council was doing this to improve both the cost and quality of services to householders.

d) Details of a Neighbourhood Planning Course to be held at Sampford Peverell Village Hall near Exeter on 20th September 2018 from 9.30am -13.30pm. The Clerk would book this for Cllr Veasey.

e) The Parish Paths Partnership summer newsletter from Devon County Council.

f) South Hams District Council – Pre-application process consultation, Engagement was open from: 23rd July – 21st September 2018.

g) Details and consultation on a proposed merger between Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police; the online survey ran until the end of August 2018.

h) Consultation on Gambling Statement of Principles - South Hams District Council; Responses to the consultation must be received no later than **5th October 2018.**

i) Details of the Department of Transport Cross Country Rail Franchise Consultation from the Totnes Rail Users’ Group; deadline for comments was 30th August 2018.

j) Details of the Parish Council’s membership of the CPRE had been received and a booklet on responding to planning applications had been passed to

Cllr Veasey.

**11. (08.18) LEISURE AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.**

Public Grounds Report from Cllr J Clarke:-

Cllr Clarke reported that Youth Worker Kerry McCabe had been allowed to use the upstairs hall at Marldon Village Hall on a Tuesday night twice a month throughout the summer and lots of new young people had joined the Youth Club. The Youth Club were originally going to use the hall on a Friday after school time but lots of the young people had other clubs on that day. They had been offered 1 ½ hours on a Thursday but that was not an available day for Sharon (the new Youth Worker) as she also ran sessions in Harberton and Staverton on a Thursday. They had also been offered a Wednesday evening from 8.30- 10.30 pm but this was too late.

Kerry had said that it was such a shame because the Youth Club had been running so well and now they were back to square one. It was noted that the booking Secretary at the Village Hall had been very helpful providing them with options for use of the hall and Kerry was to check with parents and carers concerning these.

Cllr Thorp reported that the majority of the allotments were all growing very well, with the exception of plots 3, 11 and 12. The Clerk had written to the owner of plot 3 but at the date of the meeting had yet to receive a reply and plot 12 was about to be taken up by a new tenant. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the end of the meeting under confidential business.

**12. (08.18) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE.**

Cllr Oliphant reported that the flashing speed sign at Westerland was overgrown.

The Clerk had yet to obtain details of the Community Payback scheme for the clearing of vegetation and ditches in the Parish.

Cllr Clarke raised concerns regarding vehicles parking on the double yellow lines at the top of Moorview; the Clerk would send contact details for the area P.C.S.O. Kirsty Powell to Cllr Clarke.

Cllr Pennington proposed and Cllr Clarke seconded and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Meg Booth the Head of Highways at Devon County Council concerning the removal of debris following the road repairs at Pembroke Park and the need for these repairs to be carried out to a satisfactory standard.

Cllr Hawkins would be copied in to the correspondence.

**INTO COMMITTEE**

**13. (08.18) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR (for noting only)**.

The meeting discussed the plots at the allotment site and it was agreed to wait until the next Parish Council meeting for further information.

**14. (08.18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday 10th September 2018

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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

 Cllr T Pennington (Chairman) – 10th September 2018