**MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on

Monday 8th October 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 Thorp and Cllr D Webber.

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Councillor J Hawkins, 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 from the Westerlands area reported that there was still a problem of speeding traffic near the Christmas Tree Farm and also in Farthing Lane. The residents needed to get the speed gun training to use on these areas and the Totnes Road. Unfortunately at present it had proved impossible to get a scheme off the ground.

A resident of Pembroke Park asked if the Parish Council knew why officials in yellow tabards had been seen twice on Broomhill Meadow. Cllr Sutton explained that they were surveying for the proposed new recreational area.

**1. (10.18) APOLOGIES**.

Apologies were received from Cllr N Stevens.

**2. (10.18) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.

There were none.

**3. (10.18) APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 10th September 2018 meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2018 were proposed by Cllr Palk and seconded by Cllr Veasey, agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. (10.18) MATTERS ARISING**.

a) **Dog Bin Compton**

Nothing to report at present.

**b) Snow Warden Scheme**

Cllr Page had sent several emails to Devon County Council but had yet to receive information on the Snow Warden Scheme. The Clerk had received an email from Lisa Edmonds following a request for 3 more grit bins (to be paid for by Cllr Hawkins) stating that there were sufficient grit bins in Marldon. The Clerk would pass Cllr Page’s contact details to Lisa Edmonds. Lisa Edmonds had asked if the Parish still had the portable gritter and Cllr Clarke suggested the name of a resident in Compton who would know about this having previously helped with the snow warden scheme; Cllr Oliphant would make contact.

**c) Extension of the Churchyard**

Cllr Pennington had asked the Churchwarden to attend a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Veasey had emailed the Parish Council’s proposal to the Parochial Church Council but they were waiting for a decision from the diocese. Councillors noted that if the church closed the existing churchyard they would not have to continue to maintain it; maintenance would then fall to the District Council.

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

Cllr Veasey was still waiting for fencing quotes and would email these to the Clerk.

**e) National Trust Parking in Compton**

Cllr Oliphant told the meeting that it was planned to walk footpaths with National Trust staff on 19th November.

**f) Downalong House**

This would be reported under the District Council report from the Chairman.

**g) Provision of a storage container for MEG at Broomhill Meadow.**

Cllr Page reported that the donated storage container had slight salt damage on one corner and MEG would carry out repairs to the steelwork. Cllr Page would put together costings and would complete a form to apply for funding from Cllr Pennington’s Community Fund.

**h) Community Payback Scheme.**

The Clerk had obtained contact details for the Community Payback Scheme. Cllr Oliphant detailed the extent of the verges that needed clearing in Compton. The Clerk would apply to the scheme although it was noted that there would be a cost for supervision of the workers.

**i) New Premises for Marldon Playgroup/Preschool**

The Clerk had sent a questionnaire of requirements for the Nursery School (feasibility document) supplied by Cllr Sutton to the manager of the Pre-school in order to answer some of the questions raised by the Parish Council.

Cllr Pennington told the meeting that he had investigated this matter and he read out details of the restrictive covenants on Broomhill Meadow; it was only to be used as a recreational field. This had been detailed in the planning permission from May 2005 and allowed no trade or business whatsoever.

It was noted that one of the reasons that the playgroup was looking for new premises was their need to operate all day.

**j) Parish Council deeds.**

The Clerk would draft a letter from the Chairman to be sent to WBW solicitors seeking details of the documents held by them.

**5. (10.18) PETER’S Field – request to build a self-build home**

A letter had been received by the Chairman from a Torquay resident asking for the Parish Council to consider selling Peter’s Field in order that he could build a self build property for his family. This letter was circulated to the members of the Parish Council.

The Chairman explained that when the Belfields Estate had been constructed in the 1950’s the developer had donated the field on the stipulation that it was not developed and was regularly maintained.

It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Sutton and agreed by the meeting that this request be turned down.

**6. (10.18) POLICE MATTERS**.

There was no police report.

**7. (10.18) FINANCE**

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

**Payments- Main a/c:**  £ Clerk – Mrs T Rowe net salary September 2018 305.79

Office Allowance September 2018 12.00

Postage 8.04 325.83

Clerk PAYE to HMRC –September 76.40

Plandscape (Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance Ltd) – September

Two cuts 11th and 25th September 228.00

South Hams District Council –

Annual Insurance and Inspection Fee – Ipplepen Play Area 240.00

Stephen Holley – Lengthsman 1st August to 26th September 322.50

Robin Cox 282.44

**BANK ACCOUNTS as at 28th September 2018**

Main Account: £29,760.50

P3 Account: £511.01

Environment Account : £483.16

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 £51,773.39

**8. (10.18)**  **REPORTS:**

**District Council Report.**

Cllr Pennington read out a list of Parish Council achievements from 1976 up to date.

A copy of a letter from the Chairman to David Sexton the District Council’s Environmental Health officer dealing with Downalong House had been circulated to members. Mr Sexton had promised to report back to the November meeting of the Parish Council and it was agreed an item on this would be added to the agenda for the November meeting. The meeting wished to find out who would pay for the clearing out of Downalong House. Members also suggested that the owner could rent these premises to Marldon Playgroup.

Cllr Pennington also reported that the District Council proposed to reduce its funding to South Hams Community Voluntary Service from £22,660 to zero in an attempt to save money. They also proposed to remove funding from the South Devon AONB and Cllr Pennington did not support either of these schemes.

Cllr Pennington gave details of 10 points proposed by the District Council for consideration when it agreed Council Tax levels for 2019/20; there would be an increase of no more than £5.00 per property.

**County Councillor’s Report.**

Cllr Hawkins reported that he had visited residents on Church Hill recently and had asked Lisa Edmonds the County Council Highway Officer if a width restriction could be put on the bottom of the road.

Cllr Hawkins had also attended a meeting with John Hewings and Lisa Edmonds regarding complaints about speeding and unsuitable vehicles using Five Lanes Road.

Devon County Council had set up a 20mph working group to look at all areas of the County. Cllr Hawkins asked the Parish Council to consider re-siting some of the current grit bins as Lisa Edmonds would not supply more. Cllr Hawkins would contact Lisa Edmonds about the Snow Warden scheme.

**M.E.G.**

Marldon Environmental Group Report

Work carried out in this month: September 2018

12th September

Five members went to Tor Field to cut back a tree which was growing across one of the paths into the lower field and to clear ivy and brambles along the wall at the back of the houses on Village Road which backed onto the field. Two members started the annual P3 footpath survey which would take until Christmas to complete. Two members litter picked around the village.

19th September

Four members went to footpath 5 to repair a gate and to strim and mow from Ipplepen Road up to Coopers Farm. Two members went to carry on the P3 survey and two members went to Churston Road to litter pick the road verge and Brockhurst Field.

22nd September

The long-awaited container to be converted into a MEG tool store arrived and was located on the pre-prepared foundation stones in Broomhill. All went well with the delivery. The condition of one side of the container, however, was worse than expected due to exposure to the salt air from the Dart Estuary. Robin Cox was seeking a source of metal of the correct profile to weld in and repair the damage. Work has already been started to tidy up the rest of the container prior to use.

26th September

Five members went to the middle gate of the Bridleway up to Stantor Lane to cut back the vegetation growing across the footpath. This path was in Torbay but was used by many as access to and from Marldon and so was maintained by MEG. One member litter picked around the village.

3rd October

Four members went to Broomhill Meadow to work on several tasks: to fit plastic mesh to the bottom of several gates into the meadow to stop small dogs escaping, to refurbish the “policeman’s” bench on the bridle path, to repair the top gate closing mechanism and to continue refurbishment of the MEG tool store. One member litter picked around the village.

Steve Holley had been busy cutting hedges at Westerland, cleared drains and buddles and cut back verges around the village.

This month over 60 hours of volunteer work had been completed.

Cllr Page told the meeting that Steve Holley had cleared the buddles by Little Acres but needed the farmer to clear the other side; Cllr Veasey would contact the farmer concerned.

The hedge in Moorview up to the new estate had recently been flailed but would shortly have the debris cleared up.

**9. (10.18)**  **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING.**

Cllr Sutton told the Parish Council that the group had yet to meet again and a new date had currently been set for 10th October. She would liaise with the Chairman over the meeting arrangements.

**10. (10.18) PLANNING.**

**2668/18/HHO –** Householder application for extensions to form new kitchen, bedroom and balcony **– 24 West View Road, Marldon TQ3 1NG.**

**Recommend Approval.**

**2668/18/HHO –** READVERTISEMENT (revised plan) Householder application for extensions to form new kitchen, bedroom and balcony **– 24 West View Road, Marldon TQ3 1NG.**

**Recommend Approval.**

**0923/18/HHO –** READVERTISEMENT (additional documents) 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 .**

**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. The Parish Council to request that this application be considered by the Development Control Committee and not be considered under delegated powers.

**11. (10.18) CORRESPONDENCE.**

The following items of correspondence had been received:-

1. An email from South Devon AONB concerning a six week consultation on the ‘What makes South Devon special’ campaign to give people the opportunity to comment on the 2014-2019 Management Plan.
2. An email from Devon Communities giving Details of their Resilience Forum Event and further Neighbourhood Planning workshops coming up

**The Devon Community Resilience Forum will be meeting on Thursday the 22nd November at Broadclyst Victory Hall, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon.  EX5 3DX.**

1. Details of a link for details of Section 106 Agreements on the South Hams website. The Clerk read out details of the Section 106 monies for Marldon including both the Moorview development and RMC Quarry site.

**12. (10.18) LEISURE AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.**

Public Grounds Report from Cllr J Clarke:-

Cllr Clarke reported that Kerry McCabe (the Youth worker) had been in contact to say that the Youth group were unable to take the Friday slot in the Village Hall as the young people could not attend on a Friday for various reasons. They were now taking the odd cancellation but all the other Youth Club dates had been trips to various places such as Woodlands Leisure Park, Quay West etc (financed by their parents). The Youth Group also participated in running stalls at Community events where they were able to promote their sessions and meet new and existing young people. They had been allowed to have the big hall April to September 2019 from 7.15- 9.00 pm on a Tuesday evening.

Totnes Rural Area Youth Engagement (TRAYE) had a very successful stall at Marldon Apple Pie Fair. They promoted the project and their extra summer sessions. It was an excellent chance to get the young people involved in the community.

Having the big hall during the summer helped to swell the numbers of the group, as when they had the small room Kerry McCabe was struggling to meet the young peoples’ needs. They enjoyed outdoor and indoor games and activities, quizzes and had a fun and action packed summer, enjoying their community spaces in a positive way.

Kerry McCabe was also now exploring the possibility of accessing space in Marldon C of E Primary School.

**13. (10.18) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE.**

Cllr Oliphant explained that Elaine Hartley at Plymouth arranged all the speed watch training for Devon; Citizens in Policing were meant to be taking on responsibility for this but unfortunately there had been no replies to enquiries made on behalf of the Marldon group.

Cllr Sutton told the meeting that meetings had been held with Devon Highways for the last 3 years but they would take no action to reduce speed limits until Central Government supported 20mph zones.

Cllr Oliphant suggested that all the concerned resident contacted Citizens in Policing to say that they wanted to set up a speed control group; they might also consider attending the Police Commissioner’s Forums/surgeries.

The meeting noted that the speed warning light at Westerland was not working and the Clerk would report this.

In considering recommendations for new yellow lines in the Parish for the next County Council TTRO, Cllr Veasey suggested that double yellow lines should be installed in Furzegood opposite the entrance to the Bowling Club.

Cllr Hawkins asked that a map of the site be sent to Neil Oxton.

Yellow lines were also needed near Cox’s garage where cars were parking on the white lines.

There was an abandoned caravan on the highway opposite Cox’s garage; the Clerk would send details to the Chairman, Cllr Hawkins and the locality officer at the District Council, Dai Antill.

The white line from Marldon Cross Hill to the top of Moorview had worn away and needed repainting.

There were potholes on Marldon Cross Hill at the entrance to Furzegood which the Clerk would report through the Devon County Council website.

**14. (10.18) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR (for noting only)**.

There was none.

**15. (10.18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday 12th November 2018

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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

Cllr T Pennington (Chairman) – 12th November 2018