**MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on

Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr J T Pennington – Chairman, Cllr S Veasey – Vice-Chairman, Cllr G Page, Cllr F Palk, Cllr N Stevens, Cllr D Sutton, Cllr R Thorpe and

Cllr D Webber.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 5 members of the public, Mr David Sexton from South Hams District Council 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.

Dr Harrison the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee had been billed for the electricity supply on Jubilee Meadow which was the responsibility of the Parish Council. He would pass the details to the Clerk and the Parish Council would seek to have the account transferred.

Dr Harrison told the meeting that the scaffolding currently in place at the rear of the Village Hall had been installed following a large stone falling out of the wall behind the hall; there were also several cracks in the stone work of the wall. The Village Hall Committee was seeking a full formal survey of the wall but the cost of the scaffolding was £2,500 and the survey could be in the region of £5,500 depending on the amount of clearing work required. The Village Hall Committee had contacted their insurers who required sight of the survey as there was currently no damage to the Hall itself.

Cllr Pennington had attended the last meeting of the Village Hall Committee and has asked the South Hams District Council Environmental Officer Alex Whish for his assistance but he had yet to respond; if this was a safety issue the District Council might be able to help.

Cllr Veasey suggested that the Devon Association of Village Halls be contacted for assistance. Dr Harrison would pass a copy of the survey to the Parish Council as soon as it was received.

A member of the public reported that the potholes in Pembroke Park were back again.

**1. (11.18) APOLOGIES**.

Apologies were received from Cllr J Clarke, Cllr M Oliphant and

County Cllr J Hawkins.

**2. (11.18) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.

There were none.

**3.(11.18) DOWNALONG HOUSE.**

This item was taken next on the agenda (from matters arising) to allow Mr Sexton to make his report.

David Sexton, the Senior Environmental Health Consultant from South Hams District Council told the meeting that Downalong House had come to the attention of the District Council as an empty property in July 2018 although they had been aware of problems at this address for some time.

A recent rodent infestation had allowed the District Council to use 1949 legislation for the prevention of damage from pests act to obtain a warrant to gain entry to the property. They had started baiting with the pest control officer and the owner came forward and finished the clearing to their satisfaction; there were now no rodents at Downalong House.

The District Council still had concerns that this was an empty property and a letter had been sent to the owner setting out a list of repairs that were required. The owner would receive a bill for the works carried out by the Environmental Health Officers. Although there were Council tax arrears these were not a primary driver for setting a charge against the property to force its sale.

**3. (11.18) APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 8th October 2018 meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th October were proposed by Cllr Veasey and seconded by Cllr Pennington, agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. (11.18) MATTERS ARISING**.

a) **Dog Bin Compton**

Nothing to report at present.

**b) Speed Reduction Group – setting up**

In Cllr Oliphant’s absence there was nothing to report.

**c) Snow Warden Scheme**

Cllr Page had met with Lisa Edmonds from Devon County Highways and all the grit bins had been filled. Cllr Page had been presented with a snow shovel, a hi-vis jacket and gloves. Cllr Clarke had notes passed on from the previous snow warden scheme in the village.

**c) Extension of the Churchyard**

Nothing to report at present, the Parochial Church Council was waiting for a decision from the diocese.

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

One set of quotes has been received but Cllr Veasey was still waiting for additional fencing quotes and would pass these to the Clerk.

**e) National Trust Parking in Compton**

Cllr Pennington would contact Cllr Oliphant to find out the time of the walk with National Trust staff on 19th November.

**f) Storage container for MEG at Broomhill Meadow.**

Cllr Page told the meeting that the money for the storage container had been agreed to be given from Cllr Pennington’s Community fund by South Hams District Council but had yet to be received.

**g) Community Payback Scheme.**

The Clerk had applied for work to be carried out in Compton under this scheme and was awaiting a reply.

**h) Parish Council Deeds.**

A letter from the Chairman had been sent to WBW solicitors seeking details of the documents held by them.

**i) Church Hill Width Restriction**

Cllr Hawkins had gone back to Devon County Council Highways re bollards at the bottom of Church Hill to create the same width as at the top.

**5. (11.18) POLICE MATTERS**.

There was no police report.

**6. (11.18) FINANCE**

The following payments were put forward for approval by the meeting:-

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

Office Allowance October 2018 12.00

Printer ink 10.59 328.58

Clerk PAYE to HMRC –October 76.40

South West Water Business

* Jubilee Meadow 14.65
* Allotments 148.54

 163.19

Robin Cox – (Parish Paths Partnership) from P3 account 26.91

Robin Cox - Container Repairs 201.73

Plandscape – October grass cutting 114.00

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

Main Account: £28,211.64

P3 Account: £511.05

Environment Account : £483.19

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 £50,224.60

**7. (11.18)**  **REPORTS:**

**District Council Report.**

Cllr Pennington reported that following numerous letters to the planning officer Lucy Hall concerning the planning application at The Bramblings in Kiln Road, he had now been informed that the application had been withdrawn.

No decision had been taken yet on the District Council’s refuse service going out to private enterprise or staying in house; a decision would be taken in December.

**M.E.G.**

Marldon Environmental Group Report

Work carried out in this month: October 2018

10th October

Three members went to footpath 13 to mow the bottom half of the footpath, cut back the hedging and clear the drainage ditch. One member mowed the paths on Broomhill Meadow and one member litter picked around the village.

17th October

Three members went to the MEG store to prepare for welding a new side onto the store and weather proofing it. One member litter picked around the village. Steve Holley cut back the hedging on the side of Preston Down Road to expose the traffic signs.

Steve Holley weed sprayed down Love Lane, Village Road, the path from Village Road to Parkfield Close, Parkfield Close, Meadow Park, Peters Crescent, Vicarage Hill and the path to Nether Meadow.

24th October

Two members continued on the work to repair the MEG store for welding and roofing. Two members cut back overhanging branches along the bridleway. One member thinned out tree growth along the fence line on Broomhill. One member litter picked round the village.

31st ovtober

Two members continued repair on the MEG store. Two members cut back vegetation around the approach road to Broomhill Meadow. Two members surveyed the footpath over Beacon Hill for P3 and two members litter picked around the village.

7th November

Despite being a wet morning two members cleared tree cuttings on Broomhill Meadow.

Steve Holley cleared vegetation round Tor Field play area and cut the cotoneaster hedge. He also cleared the Westerland drains of leaves etc.

Despite the wet weather disrupting organised sessions of work many extra hours had been put in on litter picking, cutting back vegetation and preparation of the tool shed for welding on a new side and general preparation for use.

The month in excess of 50 hours of voluntary work had been completed.

Cllr Page had received an email from Seafarers UK thanking Marldon for flying the red ensign; another certificate was on its way to be displayed in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked the MEG for all their splendid work.

**8. (11.18)**  **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING.**

Cllr Sutton told the meeting there was nothing to report, there had been difficulties on agreeing a meeting date that everyone could attend.

**9. (11.18) PLANNING.**

**2333/18/HHO** – READVERTISEMENT – Revised Plans Householder application for single storey extension and construction of new garage with access off Nether Meadow – **2 Meadow Park, Marldon TQ3 1NR**

**Recommend Approval.**

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| **3208/18/TPO -** |
| T1: Oak - complete crown reduction by up to 2 metres; T2: Oak - Crown lift over garden to achieve a max clearance of 3.5m to be achieved by removing lowest secondary branches no bigger than 50mm in diameter, reduce southern canopy by 1.5m on the southern extents and minor height reduction by up to 1 metre to bring into shape. The client is looking to address the dominance of the trees over their garden to trees which have had limited management undertaken. Canopies extending over fence line, looking to address this with reduction of radial canopy, prescribed works sensitive and address species characteristic appropriately, works not overly visible from outside site and contained to the immediate visual area and look to retain natural form for trees, as much as possible -  |
| **42 Peters Crescent, Marldon, TQ3 1PG** |

**Recommend Approval.**

**10. (11.18) CORRESPONDENCE.**

The following items of correspondence had been received:-

1. Parish Paths Partnership had invited **two members** from each P3 parish to one of a series of four ‘walk and talk’ days in the following locations:

**North and Torridge Parishes:**  Friday, 9th November 2018 –  Georgeham, Nr Braunton

**East Devon Parishes:**  Wednesday, 14th November 2018 – Peak Hill, Sidmouth

**South Hams and Teignbridge parishes:**  Friday, 16th November 2018 – Hope Cove, Nr Kingsbridge

**Mid and West Devon Parishes:**  Tuesday, 20th November 2018 - Shobrooke Village Walk, near Crediton.

**Bookings by 5th November 2018.**

Cllr Page told the meeting that 2 members of MEG would be attending.

1. Village Hall Committee minutes and agenda for their 6th November meeting.
2. Devon Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Update - October 2018 Strategy Newsletter
3. The second Citizens Advice South Hams Newsletter.
4. A South Hams District Council Town and Parish Council Event has been arranged to take place on Monday, 10 December 2018 in the Cary Room, Follaton House, Totnes TQ9 5NE.

This meeting would start at 6.30 pm

1. Book now on the Devon Community Resilience Forum or why not come along to one of the Neighbourhood Planning Workshops **The Devon Community Resilience Forum will be meeting on Thursday the 22nd November at Broadclyst Victory Hall, Broadclyst, Exeter,** and **two further Neighbourhood Planning Courses at our Devon Community Together Office in Exeter. The first is on the 16th November and the second is on the 22nd November.**
2. Cllr Hawkins had confirmed that he was able to offer Marldon Parish Council a grant of £500 towards a capital community project.
3. Joint Local Plan consultation had been distributed to members and would be added as an agenda item to the December meeting.
4. Free Suicide Intervention Briefings South Hams – Tuesday 27th November - Council Chamber South Hams District Council, Arrival at 10.30 session to start at 11.00 – 12.00. Arrival at 13.30 for session to start at 14.00 - 15.00
5. An invitation from The Chief Executive of South Hams District Council, Sophie Hosking to attend a Peer review Challenge event. A group session for Town and Parish Clerks and Councillors to meet members of the Peer Team has been arranged to take place on Wednesday 28th November 14:00- 15:30 at Follaton House, Totnes.

**11. (11.18) LEISURE AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.**

 Public Grounds Report from Cllr J Clarke:-

In her absence Cllr Clarke’s report was read out by Cllr Veasey to the meeting.

A meeting of the Leisure and Public Grounds Committee had been held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm to discuss how to move on with the vision of more recreational facilities for Marldon, using the Section 106 money from the Moorview development.

Those present were Cllr Veasey, Cllr Page, Dr P Moore, Mr A Field, Mrs F bailey and Cllr Clarke.

Recreation had been discussed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan meetings, so although there was time left to decide (before the Section 106 monies had to be spent) the group felt that they did not want to leave too many more years to pass before something was actually done now that the money was available and match funding could be sought.

It was decided that we need to consult with the parishioners again, even though a survey had been put through every door in Marldon with thr Marldon Recreation Group led by Mr R Harrington who worked hard endeavouring to achieve more recreational facilities for Marldon, especially for the older teenagers and adult element and obviously encompassing the younger children too although the meeting noted that there was a playground for younger children on Tor Field which could be added to in time.

The group would be outlining the sort of facilities that could be provided in the survey and finding out whether these will still be as popular a choice as they were when the last survey for all age groups was carried out

The group noted that the Recreational fields were for recreation which encompassed many aspects, not just walking and now that funds were available to achieve the proposed goals for Marldon the group hoped to get the ball rolling.

**12. (11.18) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE.**

The drains in Village Road were blocked with grit – the Clerk would report this to Devon County Highways.

The gulleys outside Millmans Farm, were very bad and the pipe was blocked.

Cllr Thorpe asked that the grit bin at the top of West View road be re-sited at the bottom opposite number 27. Cllr Page suggested that the bin from the Village Car Park could be moved to this location.

The double yellow lines in West View Road were fading and needed re-painting.

Cllr Palk reported that he had unblocked to drains and 2 buddle holes in Compton, in Widdecombe Lane.

Cllr Sutton told the meeting that the trailer which had been illegally parked opposite Cox’s Garage was still there and another had been parked illegally on Vicarage Hill. The Clerk would add a notice on the notice board informing everyone that trailers could not be parked on the highway unless they were attached to a car. The Clerk would also report the trailers to Dai Antill at South Hams District Council.

Cllr Webber added that there was a hose box parked on the Highway at Westerland Lane, the Clerk would report this also.

**13. (11.18) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR (for noting only)**.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that it was only 5 months to the District and Parish Elections in May 2019 and he hoped that all members would stand again for election as he intended to.

**14. (11.18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday 10th December 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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

 Cllr T Pennington (Chairman) – 10th December 2018