**MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on

Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** 12 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 resident of Churscombe Park asked the Parish Council why they had passed the planning application for Winsland. She told the meeting that 11 people had objected on the District Council website to this application. No residents had approached the Parish Council and the latest application only concerned the landscaping at the site. Cllr Sutton commented that the Parish Council had refused the first application having taken into account the planning regulations set out in the Joint Local Plan. The resident felt that the current proposals were not in keeping with surrounding properties.

A resident raised concerns about the boundary wall to her property adjoining Tor Field. Cllr Veasey explained that at some point it would be necessary to have the wall stripped down and re-pointed from the alms houses down. The main concern was the gaping hole in the wall. The wall leaning into Tor Field could be buttressed; it was noted that the need to block the hole was urgent. Cllr Page had visited the site and told the meeting that the wall was in good condition up to the break which was due to the trees pushing against the wall; however the trees on the other side were holding it up. Both Cllr Page and Cllr Veasey would check the wall and ensure that safety fencing was used to block the hole.

A resident told the meeting that the planning application being considered at the meeting, although being new plans with minor changes, was too big for the land that it was sited on.

**1. (01.19) APOLOGIES**.

Apologies were received from Cllr F Palk, Cllr D Webber and County Cllr J Hawkins.

**2. (01.19) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.

There were none.

**3. (01.19) APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 10th December 2018 meeting.

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

**4. (01.19) MATTERS ARISING**.

a) **Dog Bin Compton.**

Nothing to report at present, (remove from matters arising).

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

There was nothing to report (remove from matters arising).

**c) Snow Warden Scheme.**

Cllr Page had approached more people to volunteer for the scheme.

**d) Extension of the Churchyard.**

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

**e) Communities Together Fund – Parish Council bid for 2019.**

The Clerk told the meeting that only two sets of quotes had been received but and the Fund deadline had been missed.

**f) National Trust Parking in Compton.**

Nothing to report at present(remove from matters arising).

**g) Empty Properties - Downalong House and Pembroke Park.**

Nothing to report at present both the Clerk and Cllr Pennington had contacted David Sexton the Empty Homes officer from the District Council and were awaiting a reply.

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

Nothing to report (remove from matters arising).

**i) Community Payback Scheme.**

The Clerk had again chased for this work to be carried out in Compton under this scheme but was still awaiting a reply and would chase again.

**j) Parish Council Deeds.**

The Chairman had the deeds for Broomhill Meadow and Jubilee Meadow and would pass these to the Clerk as soon as possible in order that they could be held by the Parish Council’s solicitors.

**k) Church Hill Width Restriction.**

The Clerk had contacted the Highways officer for her advice on what could be done at this site and had sought costings with a view to the Parish Council using part of the Section 106 monies to purchase signage and/or bollards but was waiting for a reply.

**l) Village Hall – survey of retaining wall at rear.**

Cllr Pennington told the meeting that he had not received a report back from the Village Hall treasurer concerning the wall. Cllr Pennington had arranged a meeting between the District Council Environmental Officer and a representative from the Village Hall. Cllr Sutton asked for clarification as to whether the resident concerned about the wall at the rear of the Village Hall knew that the Village Hall Committee was separate from the Parish Council; the Clerk confirmed that she had been in email correspondence with the resident and had explained that this was the case.

**m) Steps at Allotments.**

Cllr Page had visited the allotments and would ask MEG volunteers to carry out the work; the Parish Council would pay for any materials needed.

**5. (01.19) POLICE MATTERS**.

There was no police report.

**6. (01.19) FINANCE.**

a) The Parish Council considered grants to Marldon PCC and Citizens Advice South Hams following applications from both organisations.

It was proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr Page and agreed by the meeting that a grant of £100.00 be made to Marldon PCC.

It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Page and agreed by the meeting that a grant of £250.00 be made to Citizens Advice South Hams.

Cllr Thorp asked that consideration to a grant to Torquay Hospital Radio be made at the next Parish Council meeting.

The charges made by the Cricket Club for the maintenance of Jubilee Meadow would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Veasey also added that the Parish Council needed to look at the jobs carried out by the lengthsman.

The meeting also discussed additional signatories for the bank accounts – these would be Cllrs Page, Veasey and Clarke.

b) The following payments were approved by the meeting:-

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

Postage 28.92

Office Allowance December 2018 12.00

346.91

H.M.R.C. – December 76.60

The Cumbria Clock Company - Servicing Marldon Church Clock 186.00

Marldon Cricket Club 550.00

Stephen Holley – Lengthsman 17/10-19/12 310.00

Robin Cox – P3 Account 70.98

Robin Cox – Environment Account 382.03

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

Main Account: £26,798.33

P3 Account: £484.22

Environment Account: £752.07

(Includes £600.00 from S.H.D.C.)

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

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

**7. (01.19) BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2019/20.**

The Chairman told the meeting that the Finance Committee consisting of himself and Cllr Webber and Veasey had met on 20th December 2018 to discuss the Budget and precept for 2019/20 and copies of the proposed budget were circulated at the meeting for members to discuss.

**It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Veasey and agreed by the meeting that the budget be accepted and that application be made to South Hams District Council, being the charging authority for the District including the Parish of Marldon, for payment of the sum of £12,693 being the amount due under precept to meet the General Expenses of the said Parish for the financial year 2019/20.**

**8. (01.19)**  **REPORTS:**

**District Council Report.**

Cllr Pennington reported that the District Council planned to increase their budget to allow for a £5.00 increase on Council Tax per band D property which would be just over the 3% limit set by Central Government; they would not be able to set a higher figure without holding a referendum.

**M.E.G.**

Marldon Environmental Group Report

Work carried out in this month: December 2018

12th December

Two members completed the cleanup of the pavement/verge on Preston Down Road. One member cleaned the Five Lanes roundabout and the two smaller islands and two members completed the external restoration of the MEG store prior to a final top coat and also started painting the inside. One member litter picked around the village. Steve Holley cleared a lot of cuttings from Compton and cleared drains and gullies in Compton and Westerland.

19th December to 2nd January – Christmas break.

9th January

Six members went to Tor Field to tidy up Church Walk from the play area down to Church Hill. After the path was cleared of weeds and leaf mould and the walls stripped back of ivy the slope was brushed down and gritted to minimise people slipping in frosty conditions. It was noted that the bottom three steps down on to Church Hill would need to be resurfaced soon as they were breaking up and could become a safety hazard.

Over the Christmas period the MEG store had been externally painted in a complimentary green and the inside painted white. MEG were now looking for eight 2 x 2 heavy duty paving slabs to put down as an apron at the front and it would be ready for use. It was hoped to transfer all the MEG tools, mowers, strimmers etc to their new home over the next few weeks.

In all about 30 voluntary hours of work had been completed this month.

The Chairman thanked the MEG group for all their hard work on behalf of the Parish.

Cllr Page told the meeting that the little lane from Peters Way to Peters Lane needed re tarmacing; Cllr Page and Cllr Veasey would look at this.

The fencing around the Children’s Play area in Tor Field needed replacing and quotes would be sought for this, possibly for galvanised metal fencing.

**9. (01.19)**  **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING.**

There was nothing to report at present. Cllr Veasey had redrawn up the Neighbourhood Plan leaflet asking for parishioners views and the Clerk would put this on headed paper and arrange to have 1,100 A5 leaflets printed and would pass these to Cllr Clarke for distribution.

It was proposed By Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Sutton and agredd by the meeting that Cllr Stevens become Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

**10. (01.19) PLANNING.**

**0007/19/FUL -** Erection of agricultural storage building (revisions to approved plans 2059/18/FUL) - **Upper Channel View, Ipplepen Road, Marldon TQ3 1SE.**

**Recommend Approval but comment that the proposed building was too large for the land that it would service.**

**11. (01.19) CORRESPONDENCE.**

The following items of correspondence had been received:-

1. An email giving Road works information from Devon County Council suggesting that parishes could access data on road works in their area through roadworks.org and details of an online form for snow wardens in the County scheme to apply online for further salt this year.
2. Notification from South Hams District Council that precept requests must be made by 1st February 2019 and the Council tax support grant for 2019/20 being £555 for Marldon.
3. Notice from South Hams District Council that paper copies of planning applications will no longer be sent to Parish Councils from 1st April 2019.
4. The Parish Paths Partnership winter newsletter had been received together with a request for forms to be completed for finance applications by 11th February 2019.
5. A temporary traffic notice for new water works at Ipplepen Road, Marldon , outside Brownscombe Farm.
6. Notice of applications from the Devon Association of Local Councils for the Royal Garden Party on 29th May 2019.
7. The Clerk had written to Marldon Preschool inviting a representative to attend a future Parish Council meeting but had yet to receive a reply.
8. The Chairman had received a letter from Marldon Community Choir requesting a grant from the Parish Council; this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**12. (01.19) LEISURE AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.**

Public Grounds Report from Cllr J Clarke:-

Cllr Clarke reported that the date on the flyer which was to be distributed throughout the village about the plans for more recreation in Marldon had been changed to make allowance for printing and distribution time. This would now be requested to be returned within 2 weeks of receipt.

On Friday 18th January Totnes Rural Area Youth Engagement would be holding their AGM – the meeting would start at 4.30pm and would finish at 6.30pm; Cllr Clarke would not be able to attend because of work commitments. Fiona Bailey would attend to represent Marldon. Everyone was welcome to attend to see what the young people had achieved in their Youth Sessions.

The Youth workers had reported that the Marldon sessions had grown and now had a solid group of around 12 to 15 young people who regularly attended. The sessions had been mainly activity nights where the young people chose and voted for the trips they would like to take part in.

In November they had enjoyed some fantastic activities including Snow Tubing at Torquay Ski Centre and a meal out on Paignton Pier. The young people planned and budgeted for this session and then had to choose the foods and drinks they wanted within their budget. They really enjoyed themselves and it helped them learn about being out and about and managing their money. All in all their behaviour was excellent throughout.

In December they had a Christmas party at Marldon Village Hall, it was great fun and the young people enjoyed playing musical chairs, statues and taking part in a Christmas quiz. The group leaders also took the time to consult the young people about their thoughts and feelings about the Youth club and how things could be improved.

Cllr Clarke detailed the list of activities planned for the Youth Group for the next year.

Cllr Page was to attend the Village Hall meeting the next day. Cllr Veasey told the meeting that the Village Hall Committee had a copy of the deeds for the Village Hall and would pass a copy to the Parish Council for the insurers.

Cllr Veasey had received a telephone call from a resident who wished to place a memorial bench on Jubilee Meadow. Cllr Page would liaise with the resident concerning the siting of the bench and the meeting noted that this bench would not be insured by the Parish Council.

**13. (01.19) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE.**

Cllr Thorp asked if the grit bin in the car park could be moved to West View Road; Cllr Page would follow this up.

Cllr Veasey suggested that the Parish Council seek permission from Devon County Council Highways to cut the hedges back in Five Lanes Road and in Churscombe Road just before the garage.

A hole at the gate to Tor Field was reported and Cllr Veasey agreed to check this.

Cllr Clarke had received a complaint concerning dog fouling in Belfield. Cllr Pennington supplied the telephone number of the District Council localities officer Dai Antill for this to be reported. The Clerk would send the link from the District Council website to Cllr Sutton.

Cllr Sutton reported a branch obscuring a road sign in Compton; she would supply a photograph so the location of this sign could be identified.

Cllr Oliphant reported a problem with gritting lorries leaving piles of grit which became a hazard to traffic in Compton; the Clerk would report this to Devon Highways.

**14. (01.19) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR (for noting only)**.

There was none.

**15. (01.19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday 11th February 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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

Cllr T Pennington (Chairman) – 14th January 2019