



September 2nd, 2021!

Dear All,

With Marwood Ladies having their first face-to-face meeting at Marwood Gardens this afternoon, the Parish Council meeting tonight, the Pop-Up Pub tomorrow, schools and colleges starting next week as well as the disruption on the local roads, with the commencement of the new roundabout at Lynton Cross from the 6th September, there are a lot of 'normal' things happening!

This month there is also the Marwood 3 Villages Fun Run on the 11th September and do respond to Kate if you want to join in. Posters are on the noticeboards. Most of us may have managed to avoid many of the visitors over the summer, but there is Covid-19 around our Parish, and there are also still many unknowns. We have to be sensible.

The Marwood Exhibition has been a huge success with so many taking part and more than 1000 visitors coming to the exhibition during the month. It became a special meeting place over the summer, particularly for locals past and present. Visitors also appreciated the huge amount of work that had gone into the exhibition. The amazing panoramic view of the church attached, another feat of technology, begins to show just a part of what was on offer. Add to that the tours, records to discover, amazing craftwork, children's quiz, and the teas, (raising funds for the Church Restoration, Children's Hospice South West, Freedom Centre, Taw Community Welcome and Scouts) you have some picture of what the 'Marwood Past and Present' gave to Marwood during August. Thank you Margaret for wanting this to happen and keeping us together to make it happen! (September will be a time of caution for the Church and will only be open Thursdays and Sundays.)

Finally though and sadly the Muddiford Inn will be closing its doors again on 12th September. After a whirlwind of 18 months at the helm, Allan and Sean have decided it's time to leave The Muddiford Inn. They will be very sadly missed. During their eventful time of lockdown, 'freezing' service outdoors, and gallons of sanitizer gel, they have still managed to achieve a Tripadvisor Travellers' award, particularly for their Sunday lunches and their signature Espetada dish! Allan and Sean thank their staff team and all their customers, past and present, as well as wishing the new landlords every success. We wish them both well and know they will leave a large hole in our community.

Please share any news with us,

Best wishes, June Tamlyn and the Marwood Matters Team.

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR INFORMATION the contact details of the Parish Council are on the Parish Noticeboards and our website. Please send us any information you would like advertised within the parish.

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Snippets from COUNCIL MEETING 22 July 2021

Finance

Balance is £3577.78 (includes DCC P3 grant of £440.00). It was agreed not to continue with GeoXsphere Mapping.

Planning Matters

73479 – 3 Prieford Cottages. Listed building application for removal of front door and frame and installation of replacement timber door and frame with new door furniture and hinges **Recd : Approval**
73657 – Barn at Centery Lane Bittadon. Conversion of agricultural barn to form two dwellings together with associated works. (Marwood is an adjoining Parish) **Recommend: Approval**

73458 – Millers House, Middle Marwood. Listed building application for consent for removal of existing wooden framed french doors and replacement with aluminium bi-folding door: **Recommend: Approval**
The Clerk was asked to investigate some work being carried out to a property in the Parish which is believed not to have planning permission.

Adoption of BT kiosk

The Clerk reported that he applied for adoption of the kiosk at Ring o' Bells and was informed by BT that it was adopted in November 2018 by The Community Heart Trust. The Trust Officer said he will consult the Trustees and BT to see if the adoption could be changed.

Joint-Meeting with Euroforest.

The meeting was attended by Cllr Latham and Cllr Higdon on behalf of the Parish Council. A letter from Euroforest outlining the discussion at the meeting has been sent to all Councillors. It states that "a way forward is for a weekday/daytime road closure only (09.30-15.00 Mon-Fri) in January 2022. Euroforest will invite local businesses to an information/liason meeting on site". The two Parish Councils were asked to obtain a list of those involved. Councillors felt those involved should include residents and not just businesses. (A notice will be placed in Marwood Matters). There was considerable discussion concerning whether planning approval should have been applied for concerning the making of the road and gateway. Other matters were brought to light which will be followed up by the Clerk and Members.

If necessary, the Clerk will arrange to meet with Cllr Mrs Davis and the DCC Highways Officer who were present at the joint meeting.

Co-option

The Clerk reported there was no response to the advertisement for the co-option of a Parish Councillor. Members agreed to wait until September to discuss this further with a view to re-advertising.

Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis said he has strimmed all the rights of way and installed a new kissing-gate on footpath no.11

Highways. No further report.

Chairman's Discretion

Cllr Chugg said he has received complaints about vehicles being parked across private drive-ways in Kingsheanton. The Clerk will notify the police about that and speeding via the local PCSO.

On behalf of all Parish Councillors, Cllr Latham thanked the Clerk for his 25 years service as Clerk/RFO to the Parish Council. A signed card and Gift Voucher were presented to the Clerk who expressed his deep appreciation of the warm thoughts, words and gift.