

## MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Council Meeting 20 April 2023

**Members Present:** Cllrs. C Latham, D Chugg, A Bend, R Berry, N Plumb, S Button, C Wallis,

**Apologies:** Cllrs. K Down, A Harvey-Bryant. Cllr F Tucker

**In Attendance:** Cllrs Mrs A Davis, M J Measures (Clerk to the Council).

**Discloseable Interests.** None      **Chairman's Discretion.** AGM/next meeting

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 23 March 2023

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

#### Police Report

No report received.

#### Reports from County and District Councillors

No report from Cllr Tucker. Cllr Mrs Davis commented on £2 bus fare until June 2023; devolution; additional funds for roads. *Copy of the report is attached to the Minutes.*

#### Correspondence

Relevant correspondence has been sent to Councillors, including Temporary Road Closure from Springfield Cross to Blatchford House 18-22 September 2023. Cllrs Adrian Bend, Richard Berry, David Chugg, Karen Down, Andrew Harvey-Bryant, Colin Latham, Christopher Wallis are -elected to serve as Parish Councillors. The Chairman thanked Sue Button and Nick Plumb for their service to the Council as they did not stand for re-election.

#### Finance

Invoices agreed for payment: Devon Association of Local Councils £223.11 (*annual fee*); C F Wallis £140 (*April*); North Devon Council £483.23 (*April*); Four Square Healthcare Ltd. £163.26 (*defibrillator battery and pads*).

Statement of Account. The Clerk reported the closing balance for the year ending at 31 March 2023 is £2108.23 (includes £446 ring-fenced for Jubilee tree planting)

Precept. The Clerk informed Members that the first half of the precept (£4150) has been received.

Certificate of Exemption. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Certificate of Exemption confirming that no external audit will be required. There will still be an internal audit.

#### Planning Matters

76686 – Chapel Farm. *Variation of Condition2 attached to planning permission 71180 to allow amended shed design.*

**Recommend : Approval**

76949 – Highfield Guineaford. *Conversion of barn to dwelling*

**Recommend : Approval**

76917 – *Proposed ancillary accommodation in the garden at Corner Cottage Road from Greenhill to Whitehall Cottage, Middle Marwood*

*Members expressed disappointment that work has been allowed to commence and ask, therefore, that any further work should cease immediately. The application should have been titled "retrospective". Question "ancillary accommodation" as a toilet is to be fitted. This could lead to the accommodation being used as residential.*

*Parking is a problem at present (it includes parking on the footpath and layby) any further development will only enhance the problem. Could this accommodation be described as what was once called "back-development"? Members are of the opinion that **this application is setting a precedent and has a detrimental affect on neighbouring properties.***

**Recommend : Refusal**

**Reports from Councillors**

Parish Highways. No report

Parish Footpaths/P3. Cllr Wallis reported on some work carried out at Bittadon and that bridleway 14 is now again showing considerable wear.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sue Button who has acted as Lead Member on footpaths/P3

**Chairman's Discretion**

In order to fit within the prescribed date-deadline the **AGM** will be held on **Thursday 11 May 2023 at 19.00** and will be followed by the next Parish Council Meeting.

*Meeting closed at 20.12*