

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the Council Meeting 20 July 2023

Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

David Hunt signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Chairman welcomed him as a Councillor to the Parish Council. The Chairman also welcomed Julie Hunt as Councillor representative of North Devon Council for Marwood Parish.

Members Present: Cllrs. C Latham, D Chugg, A Bend, R Berry, K Down, C Wallis, D Hunt.. (N Plumb from 20.00)

Apologies: Cllr A Harvey-Bryant Cllrs. Cllr A Davis,

In Attendance: Cllr J Hunt. M J Measures (Clerk to the Council).

Discloseable Interests. None

Chairman's Discretion. None.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 11 May 2023

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 11 May 2023

Both Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Police Report

Copy sent to Members

Reports from County and District Councillors

A report from Cllr Andrea Davis was sent to Members; it includes information on the A361 Link Road; Recycled Bikes available at Recycling Centres; £2 bus fares until October 2023; Road Defects (potholes).. Cllr Julie Hunt read her report to Members, it includes problems with re-cycling collections; fly-tipping; Ilfracombe Watersports Hub; North Devon support for homelessness is some of the best in the country; 20mph speed restrictions.

(Copy of the report attached to the Minutes)

Correspondence

Relevant correspondence, including several proposed road closures in various parts of the Parish, has been sent to Councillors

Finance

Invoices agreed for payment: C F Wallis £140 (*June*); North Devon Council £483.23 (*June*); Exmoor Computers £45.00 (*repair*); Admin/Accomm £120.00 (*Apr/May/June*); C F Wallis £140.00 (*July*) ; Election Costs £88.20; North Devon Council £483.23 (*July*). There is no meeting in August and cheques, C F Wallis £140.00 (*Aug*); North Devon Council £483.23 (*Aug*) were signed, pending receipt of invoices. Balance at 20 July 2023 is £4539.73. (*includes £436 ring-fenced funds for tree planting*).

The Clerk showed Members to accounts/bank statement and the Chairman initialled the accounts ledger.

Nick Plumb apologised for late attendance and he signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a Councillor to the Parish Council.

Planning Matters

77324 – *Land adjacent to Longpiece Cottages Marwood. Demolition of barn and erection of dwelling with associated works. Although Members **recommend Approval**, they wish to comment on the possible effect on neighbouring properties.*

77349 – *Balments Dairy Unit Marwood. Erection of structure for storage of silage.*

Recommend: Approval

Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis commented on bridleway 33 as it had been reported there is some damage to the soakaway. He said this bridleway has been repaired on several occasions (due mainly to vehicle movements) at considerable cost and he is in contact with Devon County Council. The Parish Council agreed to the hiring of a digger for up to one day when DCC has investigated and agreed any work.

Highways. No further report

Council e-mail address

The Clerk said there should be a generic e-mail address for the Parish Council and Councillors rather than using personal addresses. Following discussion it was agreed for the address to read: name.name@marwoodparishcouncil.co.uk

Cllr Nick Plumb said he will carry out the necessary preparation of the new address.

Tree planting

The Clerk commented that no further location has been found for the planting of the commemorative Jubilee tree. He will speak with Angela Webb regarding the possible alternative provision of a bench seat (with inscription).

Bittadon Church

Cllr Adrian Bend gave a short report concerning the condition of the Parish church in Bittadon, which is in need of repair.

Chairman’s Discretion

Next meeting 21 September at 19.30.

Meeting closed at 20.35

Chairman Date.....