

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the Council Meeting 18 January 2024
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

Members Present: Cllrs. C Latham, D Chugg, A Bend, N Plumb, D Hunt, K Down.

Apologies: Cllrs R Berry, A Harvey-Bryant, C Wallis.

In Attendance: Cllr Andrea Davis, Cllr Julie Hunt. M J Measures (Clerk to the Council).

Declared Interests. None **Chairman's Discretion.** None

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14 December 2023

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Police Report

Latest copy sent to Members

Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Hunt reported the proposed re-opening of the bus garage by Easter and the cafe is out for tender and passengers will have access to toilet facilities, after a three-year closure; the Guildhall is to be refurbished; following discussion the District Council has agreed that all future contracts for £12,000 (including VAT) will require three or more quotes. The use of former library vans is being considered to use them as polling stations in remote areas.

Cllr Hunt left the meeting at 19.15

Cllr Davis said approval has been given to construct the latest section of the Tarka Trail between Barnstaple and Ilfracombe delivering around 700 metres of shared use path, while installing drainage culverts and creating a picnic area and several other rest areas.

Cedars Crossing Scheme: potential significant traffic delays for about 20 weeks.

20mph speed limit programme "expression of Interest" recommendations should be made for places within the Parish. Cllr Chugg will manage the response. DCC are looking for EV sites at Parish and Community car parks in Devon.

Peninsula Transport Draft Transport Strategy consultation. Grit bins and information

About gritting routes is on the website.

Cllr Davis left the meeting at 19.55

Correspondence

Relevant correspondence including proposed B3230 road closure from Shirwell Cross to Plaistow Mills Muddiford 22 – 28 March 2024

Finance

Invoices . The following invoices were agreed for payment: Marwood Methodist Church £200.00 (*cemetery maintenance*); Marwood Methodist Church £250.00 (*hall hire 2023/24*); Marwood PCC £200.00 (*cemetery maintenance*) North Devon Council £509.24(*Jan*); Balance at 18 January £3383.24

Precept 2024/25. Following discussion the precept request was agreed at £9,000.00

Planning Matters

78033 – Whiddon Farm. Conversion of redundant building into a dwelling

Recommend : Approval

Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths NoReport

Highways: No Report

Council e-mail address

Cllr Plumb reported that the new e-mail address can now be used.

Bench Seat

The seat has now been installed. The Clerk showed Members a photo.

Salt Bins

It was agreed to site one salt bin on the hill leading to the school and one in the layby near Varley Farm

Defibrillator

Cllr Plumb reported that the registered defibrillator is now back in place.

He said there is a need for the one sited inside the school to be sited outside and a shelter would be required. It was agreed to purchase a shelter for £150.00 and have it installed for public access. The Chairman thanked Cllr Plumb.

Chairman's Discretion

None.

The meeting closed at 20.12