

**MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Report of the Council Meeting 21 March 2024**  
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs R Berry, A Harvey-Bryant, D Hunt D Hunt. Cllr J Hunt

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

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

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 18 January 2024**

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

**Police Report**

Latest copy sent to Members

**Report from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Davis reported on the Devon County Council Budget 2024/25 which includes increases in children's services, adult services, climate change, environment, transport homelessness, drainage/potholes. Councillors approved a capital budget of over £155million for investment in infrastructure such as schools and roads. She commented on the Public Consultation on Devon and Torbay devolution deal; Devon Retrofit Guide, highways (including A361) and other highways defects. Members asked several questions and clarification on certain items.

North Devon Council; no report from Cllr Hunt

**Correspondence**

Relevant correspondence including including notice of election of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Devon Resilience Innovation Project, postponement of proposed road closures.

**Finance**

Invoices. The following invoices were agreed for payment: North Devon Council £509.24 (March); Admin/Accomm. £160.00 (Dec-March ) Balance at 21 March is £1045.52

Appointment of Internal Auditor. Members agreed to continue with the current auditor

Donations/Hall Hire 2024/25. Following discussion it was agreed to keep the same grants of £200.00 to Marwood PCC and Marwood Methodist Church towards the up-keep of the cemeteries. Voting: FOR x 4; Against x 2. The Council now meets six times a year and it was proposed and unanimously agreed to keep holding meetings in Marwood Methodist Church Hall at a cost of £125 a year plus £20.00 for any additional meetings.

**Planning Matters**

78057 – Broomhill Farm Muddiford, Retrospective change of use of part of the holiday let To form one permanent residential annexe for dependent relative. **Recommend : Approval**

78348 – Land adjacent to Longpiece Cottages. Demolition of barn and erection of one new dwelling **Recommend : Approval**

**Reports from Councillors**

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis reported on the work carried out on the footpaths and bridleways for the information to be sent to Devon County Council. He also commented on the overgrown hedges on parts of the highway but it was stressed that the responsibility to cut them is down to the landowner.

Highways: Members commented on the various areas of flooding and the large number of potholes. Some concern had been made concerning the building of a wall on private property. This was inspected by the Highways Officer and confirmed that the wall is on un-registered land and not Devon County Council. The Chairman thanked Angela Webb on behalf of the Council for the detailed report on proposed 20mph areas in the Parish

**Council e-mail address**

Cllr Plumb confirmed that the new e-mail address for all Councillors can now be used

**Salt Bins**

Cllr Wallis will install the two additional salt bins next month

**Defibrillator**

Cllr Plumb said he is able to obtain a shelter from a company, free of charge, to house the defibrillator outside the school

**Chairman's Discretion**

None.

The meeting closed at 20.12