Report of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council Meeting 9 May 2013

Prior to the meeting, James Brain (NDC Planning Policy Officer) gave a short presentation on the Local Plan Part 3

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Darling, M Darling, C Latham, C Spear, R May, C Wallis
Apologies: Cllrs T Bigge, J Glanville, G Tamlyn, Mrs A Davis
In Attendance: Cllr F Tucker, PCSO Kingdon, M J Measures
Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Darling was elected for 2013/14
Vice-Chairman: Cllr C Latham was elected for 2013/14
Representatives: *Parish Paths Partnership Scheme* - Cllr Mrs Darling and Cllr C Wallis; *Marwood Matters* - Cllr Mrs Darling, *Highways* - Cllr C Latham; Marwood Community Hall - Cllr R May; *Rural Alliance* - Cllr J Glanville; *Planning Sub-Committee* - Cllrs C Spear, Mrs S Darling, G Tamlyn
Police Report: PCSO Kingdon said there were no reported crimes in the last month. The figures for the whole year (19 crimes) were 10 thefts, 5 burglaries, 4 criminal damage. He stressed that many of these crimes were committed by the same persons on the same occasions. Speed checks have been carried out in Guineaford and Prixford in a response to a letter from a member of the public.
District Councillor Report: Cllr Tucker mentioned the house insulation programme and the CCD oil-purchase programme.
Finance: The Clerk reported that the accounts are still with the Internal Auditor but they were agreed subject to audit. The balance of £11,838.53 still includes about £2,600 of P3 Scheme funds which have not been used due to the wet weather and also the half-year precept and grant.
Reports from Councillors: *Parish Footpaths:* Cllr Wallis said the work to footpath 28 would be carried out as soon as the land dries out. Footpath 33 needs some repair. *Roads/Highways:* Cllr Latham reported that neither of them has received a response from the Environment Agency regarding the clearing of streams. *Community Hall:* Cllr May said the Management Committee had been meeting and that an old plan had been discovered which showed the access road to the school as a "public road". This should prove that there is no longer a problem about the access road. He also said that the Committee/school have agreed that the proposed new hall can be used by the community from 14.00 onwards during term-time.
Local Plan Part 3: Following the presentation and discussion at the AGM, the Council agreed that Marwood should be recognised as a "Small Village" with no settlement boundaries and a criteria-based policy. If this is adopted it will mean a 5% growth over 20 years, i.e. 15 dwellings. A draft response must be seen and agreed by Members before forwarding to NDC. The Clerk will prepare the response.
County Elections: The Council and Clerk congratulated Cllr Andrea Davis on being re-elected for the next four years and look forward to working with her.

The meeting closed at 20.42
M J Measures Clerk to the Council