

**MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Report of the Annual Public Meeting 19 May 2016**

Marwood Methodist Church Hall Guineaford

**Present:** Cllrs C Latham, S Button, A Skentelbery, C Wallis, C Spear, Mrs S Darling

**In Attendance:** M J Measures, *Clerk to the Councillor*

No members of the public attended and the meeting closed.

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**Present :** Cllrs. Mrs S Darling, T Bigge, C Wallis, R Berry, S Button,  
A Skentelbery, C Spear

**Apologies :** Cllr Mrs Davis, PCSO Grantham

**In Attendance :** M J Measures (*Clerk to the Council*)

**Election of Chairman for the year 2016/2017**

Cllr Colin Latham was elected Chairman.

Members thanked Cllr Latham for being Acting Chairman for the past six months.

**Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2016/2017**

Cllr Sue Button was elected Vice-Chairman

Both Councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office

**Appointment of Council Representatives**

The following were elected:

a) *Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3) and Tree Warden.* Cllr Mrs S. Darling

b) *Marwood Matters Newsletter.* Cllr Sue Button

c) *Highways Matters.* Cllr Colin Latham

d) *Rural Alliance Meetings.* Cllr Sue Button and also to be attended by individual Councillors

**Annual Report of the Chairman**

Cllr Latham gave an oral report as Acting Chairman

He thanked Councillors for their help and input through a difficult time following the resignation of Gordon Tanlyn. On behalf of the Council and residents, he thanked Cllr Wallis for keeping the Parish tidy in his work through the TAP Fund. He also thanked the Clerk for his support and guidance over the past year.

**Annual Report of the Clerk to the Council.**

The Clerk read his report which included information under the headings of the Meetings & Attendances; Council Business; Finance; Councillors. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

**Code of Conduct/Standing Orders**

These were confirmed with one alteration to Standing Order 1.1, agreed as follows:

*“Meetings of the Council shall be held at 19.30 (unless agreed by the Chairman) on the **first Thursday of each month** (with no meeting in August) at such a place as the Council direct”.*

*The meeting closed at 19.27*

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**Members Present:** Cllrs. C Latham, Mrs S Darling, R Berry, C Wallis, A Skentelbery,  
T Bigge, S Button, C Spear

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs A Davis, PCSO Grantham

**Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** None

**In Attendance:** Cllr F Tucker, M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 21 April 2016**

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

**Reports from County and District Councillors**

No report from Cllr Davis. Cllr Tucker commented on an open letter about media coverage regarding NDDH services. He said the lack of affordable housing still causes problems.

Cllr Tucker said he is totally against all the austerity rules and regulations that have been introduced by government and that he has and will always continue to give residents of his Ward a 24-7 response on any problem or advice they require regarding District matters. The Local Plan has been adopted by full Council. He thanked the Parish Councillors and Clerk for their help and support over the last year.

**Police Report**

PCSO Grantham was unable to attend but reported that two crimes were recorded during the last

namely one alleged poaching of deer (permission had been granted for shooting) and one drink-drive (prosecuted). No recorded crimes in the last month.

**Correspondence**

Information had been sent to all Councillors via e-mail.

Notices of Referendum; DALC Information Newsletter

**Finance**

Invoices passed for payment: Community First Insurance £174.07; Admin Expenses £47.35; C Hummerston £50.00 (Internal Auditor fee). The balance at 19 May 2016 is £13,047.12. This includes £2000 DCC Grant, £2455 precept/NDC grants, £726 Transparency Fund

Annual Financial Return 2015/16. The Internal Auditor carried out the audit and in the section of the Annual Return (Annual Internal Audit Report 2015/16) the answers to all 11 questions was YES and gave the following comment: *"I have concluded that the finances appear well managed and that supporting financial records are appropriate to the type and size of the Council"*.

There were two minor questions which the Clerk was able to answer. Members thanked the Clerk for work in preparing the Annual Return and accounts were agreed by Council and signed by the Chairman to be forwarded to the External Auditors.

**Planning Matters/Applications**

There were no planning applications. The comments raised by the Council regarding storm water disposal system at the proposed development in Prieford have been passed to the Agents and will be answered by NDC planners in the next few days.

**On-going Matters**

Parish Notice Boards. The Clerk confirmed the order for seven new oak parish notice boards. The Parish Church and Marwood Methodist Church have requested the existing notice boards. This will be considered when the new boards have been received.

**Reports from Councillors**

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis said he has been asked by DCC to carry out some work on their behalf (paid for by DCC)

Highways/Transport. Members continued to express their concern and frustration concerning the traffic lights on the B3232 at Milltown as there appears to be a lack of attention by DCC to a "minor" yet important problem. The Clerk was instructed to write to DCC Highways, copy to Cllr Davis, asking when this repair work will be carried out. Cllr Spear said there has been some asbestos dumped at Plaistow Mill. The County has been informed.

Rural Alliance. Cllr Sue Button attended the last meeting where she confirmed that Marwood Parish Council will not be part of a corporate approach to carrying out Lengthsmen duties. There is still some confusion whether there will be TAP funding available in June.

**Co-option Procedure**

Members agreed to follow the same procedure as on previous occasions. The Clerk will post notices for the vacancy with a closing date at the end of June. The decision will then be made by paper ballot at the July meeting.

*The meeting closed at 20.26*