

Prior to the meeting, Pete Silveston (Marwood Community Hall Trustee) addressed Councillors. He said several successful events have been held in the Hall, including lunches and breakfasts (a wedding reception is arranged for September) but there is a need for more volunteers to assist with organising and running activities. More Committee members are also needed.

The meeting started at 19.30

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING 21 July 2016
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

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

Apologies: Cllr A Skentelbery,

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. See Minute 4660

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

4658. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 16 June 2016

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

4659. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Mrs Davis reminded Members that the consultation period concerning the Devon Link Road ends this week. The matter of devolution is back with the government. The temporary traffic lights on the B3230 are still there and DCC Highways has been constantly reminded of the problems caused.

Cllr Tucker said North Devon Council met with the new Police and Crime Commissioner who asked about the attendance of Police Officers at Parish Council Meetings. He said the future of rubbish collections is to be reconsidered and consultation begins on changes to Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

4660. Co-option of Councillor

Cllr Mrs Darling declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting; she did not speak or vote on the co-option.

The Clerk gave each Councillor a ballot paper containing the names of the three candidates; David Chugg, Sarah Darling, Karen Down. Cllr Andrea Davis acted as Independent Observer; she collected and counted the votes and gave the result to the Chairman. The same number of votes were given for two candidates and the Chairman exercised his right for the casting vote. David Chugg was duly elected to serve as a Parish Councillor for Marwood Parish. The Clerk will notify all candidates.

Cllr Mrs Darling returned to the meeting and Cllr Mrs Davis left to attend Ashford Parish Council

4661. Police Report

No report

4662. Correspondence

Councillors have been asked about the official naming and numbering of the 12 new dwellings in PRIXFORD. NDC suggestions are: Thornes Park, Heanton Rise, Shepherds Close. Any suggestions please let the Clerk know by 2 August

4663. Finance

Invoices passed for payment: Marwood Methodist Church £250 and St Michael & All Angels £250 (*half-year grant for cemetery maintenance, grant is from NDC*);C Wallis £100.00 (*June*); Admin Expenses £61.60 (*June/July*); Notice-It Ltd £4565 (*seven new oak notice boards*). Balance at 21 July 2016 is £7128.92

Annual Financial Return 2015/16. The Clerk had telephoned and e-mailed the External Auditors and their reply is "*Marwood Parish Council is part of our 5% Intermediate sample so this has taken a little longer to audit but has now been reviewed and is in for sign-off*".

The papers will be returned at the end of next week

Drains and Drainage The Clerk reported that the application for TAP funding has been approved and so this work can be carried out when necessary

4664. Planning Matters

61368 – Mr & Mrs Pugsley. *Ashtree Cottage Crockers Lane Milltown*

Extension to holiday unit

Recommend : Approval

61425 – Mr M Harris. *Greenhill Bungalow and adjacent barn, Middle Marwood*

Application for variation of condition 1 (agricultural occupancy) attached to planning permission 1581 and condition 3 (holiday occupancy) attached to planning permission 56431 to allow bungalow to be used as holiday accommodation and barn to be used as permanent residential.

This application caused considerable discussion and the recommendation is for Approval.

Voting for Approval, 4 x FOR, 3 x ABSTAIN

Recommend : Approval

Members agreed to consider this late application.

61475/61508 – Mr D Kiff. *Whitefield Barton, Milltown*

Listed building application for conversion of store/loose box/hay loft to form one self-contained annexe

Recommend : Approval

4665. On-going Matters

Parish Notice Boards. The Clerk said the new notice boards have been delivered and four have been put up, the three others will be put up next week. Cllr Wallis, who erected the boards, said he has received favourable comments

4666. Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. Cllr Wallis has carried out some work for Devon County Council along the footpaths and he continues to keep areas clear on behalf of the Parish Council

The meeting closed at 20.43

Chairman..... Date.....