

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING 3 November 2016
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

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

Apologies: None

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. See Minute 4690 Pre-School

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

4686. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6 October 2016

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

4687. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Tucker said a letter has been sent from North Devon Council to Jeremy Hunt MP opposing the proposals to close parts of North Devon Hospital. Concern has also been raised over Devon County Council proposed closure of some pharmacies.

4688. Police Report

The Chairman welcomed Dale back to the Parish. He said two crimes have been reported in the last month. Fifty bales of hay were seriously damaged on a local farm. Three snare traps have been found and were dismantled and removed. PCSO Kingdon asked for everyone to keep a look out for poachers and to report immediately.

4689. Correspondence

Correspondence has been sent to Councillors via e-mail. Parish Forum on Tuesday 15 November at Brynsworthy. DCC Highways – Town & Parish Council Conference at Bishops Nympton 17 November; Cllrs Latham, Spear and Chugg said that will attend.

4690. Finance

Invoices passed for payment: C Wallis £122.50 (Oct) ; The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £30.00. Clerk reported the balance at 3 November as £7658.25

Marwood Pre-school Cllr Spear declared a pecuniary interest and left the room; he did not speak or vote on this matter and returned to the meeting after the decision was made.

Members had received information, including financial records, from representatives of Marwood Pre-school who meet at Marwood Methodist Church Hall. They were informed that several children have left to attend Marwood School and that seven new children are hoping to attend pre-school in January. However, this creates a quiet time during the Autumn term. Members commented that this is a very worthwhile activity in the Parish which has served residents for many years. Following further discussion it was proposed and unanimously agreed "that a one-off grant of £800.00 be given to Marwood Pre-school and that the matter will be re-considered early next year".

4691. Planning Matters

No planning applications received to date

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4692. On-going Matters

Parish Notice Board

The Clerk reported that he has ordered a new notice board to replace the one at Marwood School. Cllr Tucker agreed to contribute £200.00 of his Councillor Fund towards the purchase.

4693. Provision of a Defibrillator

The Clerk had received information from Community Heartbeat Trust about the provision and installation of defibrillators. He said Barnstaple Town Council has installed three in the Town. Members discussed the probable cost and following discussion it was agreed *"in principle, to install a defibrillator and to apply to Fullabrook CIC for funding"*. Cllr Bigge will lead the project in conjunction with the Clerk.

4694. Definitive Map Review

Members agreed at their previous meeting to oppose the proposed plan. The Clerk had prepared a statement to be sent to Devon County Council which Members agreed a copy is attached to the Minutes.

4695. Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths Cllr Mrs Darling is to hold a meeting with Simon Houghton (DCC) and Cllr Wallis to discuss future repair/maintenance of the Rights of Way. It was reported that there is a locked gate on the footpath of Mare Lane.

Highways. Cllr Spear reported that the work to the wall on the B3230 Milltown has now been completed but the "rut" at the side of the road remains. He said the work could have been done at the same time but there was no work-order.

Some Members had been contacted by members of the public expressing their concern about the proposed traffic-calming measures in Pixford as part of the new housing development on the land adjacent to the Ring O' Bells. They say it is unclear about what has been agreed and there is no time-scale given and that they are of the opinion that further consultation was to be held. Members agreed that the situation is unclear and the Clerk will contact North Devon Council Planning Officers to clarify the situation.

4696. Chairman's Discretion.

None

The meeting closed at 20:55