

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING 13 July 2017
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

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

Apologies: Cllrs. S Button, D Chugg, T Bigge. Cllr F Tucker. PCSO Kingdon

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

Disclosable Interests. None

Chairman's Discretion. None

4760. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1 June 2017

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

4761. Police Report

In his report PCSO Kingdon urged members of the public to be aware of scam telephone calls regarding claims for tax rebate.

4762. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Davis asked Members to make their comments, via the website, concerning the North Devon Link Road Consultation, by 28 July

Cllr Mrs Davis left the meeting at 19.45 to attend a meeting at Shirwell

4763. Correspondence

Correspondence has been sent to Councillors via e-mail.

Boundary Commission consultation from 25 July to 2 October 2017

4764. Finance

Payment of Invoices. Invoices agreed for payment; C F Wallis £120.00 (*June*); Admin/Accom £28.72 (*June*); R Balment £225.00 (*P3*); C F Wallis £520.00 (*P3*); A & B Contractors £985.80 (*P3*)

Statement of Account at 13 July 2017, £6114.24

The Parish Council receives annual grants from Devon County Council as members of the P3 Scheme (Parish Paths Partnership). The contribution costs of £1259.00 plus VAT £201.80 (recoverable) for the repair work to bridleway 33, is from these grants. Devon County Council provided hundreds of tons of aggregate and met other charges. The remainder P3 costs shown are for repair work to other footpaths under the Scheme. All P3 charges are met from these grants and not direct from Parish Funds.

4765. Planning Matters

None received

4766. Bridleway 33

The major work has been completed by Devon County Council and Marwood Parish Council. Members asked the Minutes to record their thanks to Ray Watson, Brian Balment and David Chugg for their assistance and contributions to this work.

4767. Footpaths 48 and 45

Bridleway 48. Devon County Council confirmed bridleway 48, East Down/Marwood Definitive Map Modification Order 2017. Representations or objections must be sent in writing to the Public Rights of Way Service at County Hall.

Footpath 45. The condition of this footpath (potholes) has been the subject of concern by members of the public for some time. The Clerk contacted the Devon County Council Rights of Way Officer for guidance and information concerning ownership and maintenance/repair. Her response is: *“The land which footpath 45 passes over is unregistered. However, where such a route is unregistered the law presumes that adjacent landowners own the land up to the middle of the lane. Regarding potholes, these have probably been caused by the private vehicular use of the route, and therefore we would not be responsible for the repair. We would only get involved if they posed an issue to users of the public footpath”.*

In another response the Officer said *“The surface of the route is only vested to the County Council and the landowner(s) still own the subsoil”.*

The Clerk had contacted the PROW Warden for clarification of these comments and a possible way forward but as yet had no response. He will continue to investigate and will report to Members as soon as information becomes available.

4768. Reports from Councillors

Footpaths. Cllr Wallis reported that he has carried out strimming of grass and bushes along several footpaths on behalf of, and paid for, by Devon County Council.

4769. Chairman's Discretion

None

The Meeting closed at 20.20

Chairman..... date.....

