

Marwood Parish Council. 14 September 2017

Before the Meeting, Councillors, Clerk and the two members of the public present, stood for a minute silence in remembrance of Harold Hopkins, former Parish Councillor and Chairman, who died earlier that day.

There was an open discussion regarding the condition/ownership of footpath 45. The Clerk reported the results of his investigations, having contacted DCC, NDC and DALC.

Footpath 45 was added to the DCC records in 2000 as part of the Definitive Map Review as an unregistered footpath. There was a positive exchange of views and opinions concerning ownership, responsibility and costs for maintenance/repair. Members of the public said that the route had been repaired by the County Council several years ago. The Clerk reported that the footpath does not come under the DCC Parish Paths Partnership Scheme and therefore the grants from DCC cannot be used for maintenance/repairs of this footpath.

The Parish Council Meeting started at 19.48.

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the COUNCIL MEETING 14 September 2017
Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

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

Apologies: Cllrs. R Berry, C Wallis,, T Bigge. Cllr Mrs A Davis.PCSO Kingdon

In Attendance: Cllr F Tucker. Two members of the public.

M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)

Disclosable Interests. None

Chairman's Discretion None

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 13 July 2017

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

Police Report

In his report PCSO Kingdon stated three crimes had been recorded in Marwood, namely, one theft, one criminal damage and one possession of a controlled drug. He further reported that two gun shots had been heard close to a property and asked that anyone with information to let him know. 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Tucker said the traffic calming work agreed to be carried out in Prieford is currently being discussed. The Clerk will contact Mary Poole at NDC Planning for an update.

Cllr Spear again stressed that this work should not take place at the same time as the B3230 is closed as it will create even greater traffic problems through Guineaford/Prieford

Correspondence

Correspondence has been sent to Councillors via e-mail.

Community Led Affordable Housing Survey. Complaints from residents regarding mud on the roads

Finance

Payment of Invoices. Invoices agreed for payment; C F Wallis £220.00 (July/August), and £100 (Sept); Admin/Accom £54.15 (July/Aug); Information Commissioner £35.00 (annual fee); North Devon Council £569.72 (Salary/admin./fee July/Aug/Sept); Grant Thornton £120.00 (external auditors fee). Statement of Account at 14 September is £5015.37.

Report of External Auditors for 2016/17 The accounts have been signed-off with only one minor comment; namely the internal auditor did not tick the box for N/A for the Council not having Trust Funds. Members thanked the Clerk.

Planning Matters

Applications recommended for approval: 63344, 63328, 63153, 63489.

63606 - Springfield Nursery. Erection of cabin for use as office/meeting room **Rec: Approval**

Footpath 45

Further to the discussions earlier in the evening, the Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting with relevant senior DCC Officers, County Councillor, Parish Chairman, and the two members of the public present at the meeting.

Reports from Councillors

Highways. Cllr Spear reported that the grating has now been fixed to the culvert in Milltown. Cllr Chugg said some members of the public (pedestrians) have commented about the speed of traffic around the school area. The Clerk was instructed to contact the school again to ask if a notice could be placed in the school newsletter asking drivers to be more aware of pedestrians

Chairman's Discretion

None

The Meeting closed at 20.20

M J Measures