

Report of the COUNCIL MEETING 8 November 2018

Marwood Methodist Church Hall, Guineaford

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

Apologies: Cllr. F Tucker.

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

Disclosable Interests. None

Chairman's Discretion. None

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 11 October 2018

Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Police Report

The Clerk sent Members a copy of the Police Report which showed two crimes of criminal damage, two thefts and one assault.

Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Mrs Davis reported that Devon County Council Cabinet is considering proposals to save the Council £5million in the remainder of this financial year, including a two-month delay on recruitment to all non-essential job vacancies, stopping non-essential overtime, ceasing conference attendance, hospitality and travel allowances (unless externally funded). A361: overnight closures (19.00 - 07.00) are due on the section near Tiverton from 19 November to 25 November. *A copy of the full report is attached to the Minutes*

No report from Cllr Tucker.

Cllr Chugg left the meeting at 19.55

Correspondence

Correspondence has been sent to Councillors. Rural Alliance digital user survey. Barnstaple Post Office located at W H Smith, High Street change of opening hours from 15 February 2019, Monday - Saturday 09.00-17.30, Sunday 10.00-14.00. Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

Finance

Invoices agreed for payment: C F Wallis £100.00 (*Oct*); Admin/Accom. £54.00(*Sep/Oct*); North Devon Council £457.30; Marwood Matters £125.00 (*printing Marwood Matters*); Marwood Matters £60.00 (*domain*). Balance at 8 November 2018 is £7810.92.

Cllr Mrs Davis left the meeting at 20.05

Members discussed the proposed precept for 2019/2020. The Clerk reminded Members that there will be elections in May next year for District Councillors and Parish Councillors Following further discussion it was agreed to recommend no increase in the Parish precept and to request a sum of £750.00 towards the cost of the election.

Cllr Wallis let the meeting at 20.25

The Council agreed to take delivery of 40x25kg bags of road salt which will be delivered to Kilbarri House Kings Heanton. Members of the public will be able to obtain bags for use only on Parish roads.

Planning Matters

65574. *Erection of three units of holiday accommodation, Blakewell Trout Farm*

Members expressed concern about the possible increase in traffic and the poor entrance

Recommend :

Approval

65644. *Creation of off-road parking area to front of dwelling, Combe Brook Guineaford*

Recommend : Approval

65686. *Construction of slurry storage lagoon together with erection of security fencing. Lower Metcombe Farm Marwood*

Recommend : Approval

65363. *Extensions and alterations to dwelling. Kilbarri House Kings Heanton*

Recommend : Approval

65798. *Extension to dwelling. Muddipuddle Farm Muddiford,*

Recommend : Approval

Members agreed to discuss this late application

65653. *Conversion of water tank (reservoir) and the land within its curtilage. Whiddon Service Reservoir Muddiford.* Members expressed concern regarding the differences between the

application and the drawings; no external dimensions or levels; questioned the foul drainage assessment. More comments and questions were raised and a full response will be made to North Devon Planning Department.

Traffic Calming Scheme, Prieford.

The Clerk read a response to Members from Brian Hensley, DCC Development Manager stating that Paul Young will be liaising with NDC Planning, the developer and the Parish Council. The Clerk commented that this matter has been on-going for about two years and is constantly being moved from one DCC Section to another.

Cllr Chugg returned to the meeting at 20.31

On-going Matters

Footpath 45. Cllr Sue Button is collecting and collating the completed questionnaires before making an application to Devon County Council

Reports from Councillors

Parish Footpaths. No report

Highways/Transport. It was agreed to clean all the name/road signs in the Parish, eg. Guineaford, Prieford, Muddiford.

Chairman's Discretion

None

Meeting closed at 20.37

Road Salt. This will be delivered by Devon County Council to Kalbarri House Kings Heanton EX31 4ED.

A notice will be on Marwood Matters website informing when the delivery has been made. Contact should be made by arrangement the day before

collection by phoning

077 747 50923

M J Measures

Clerk to the Council