

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday May 9th 2011 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs: Pennington; Benney; Palk; Joinson, Danby, Mrs Cox, Mrs Clarke, Thorp and Clerk to the Council: David Eeles

ALSO PRESENT: 5 members of the public

Before the meeting started members of the public had the opportunity to raise any issues they had and these were duly noted by members and taken account of during the meeting.

After the public question time the Chairman asked all those present to stand for a moments silence in remembrance of Cathy Knight who had sadly passed away recently and who had been a member of the Council from 1981 to 1991, which was duly observed.

1(5.11) APOLOGIES

Cllrs Veasey, Webber.

2(5.11) ELECTION of OFFICERS.

2-3 (5.11) ELECTION of CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN and COMMITTEE MEMBERS (note Chairman and Vice-Chairman are de facto members of all Committees):

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Voting
Chairman	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Benney	Cllr Palk	Unanimous
Vice- Chairman	Cllr Benney	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Cox	Unanimous
Finance Cttee Chairman	Cllr Benney	Cllr Benney	Cllr Danby	Unanimous
Finance Cttee Members	Cllr Veasey Cllr Webber Cllr Joinson	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Thorp	Unanimous
Planning Cttee Chairman	Cllr Joinson	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Benney	Unanimous
Note- all Councillors are members of the Planning Committee				
Environment Chairman	Cllr Cox	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Benney	Unanimous

Public Grounds and Community Cttee Chairman	Cllr Danby	Cllr Benney	Cllr Benney	
Public Grounds and Community Cttee members.	Cllr Mrs Clarke Cllr Veasey Cllr Palk	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Benney	Unanimous
Allotments Cttee Chairman	Cllr Palk	Cllr Clarke	Cllr Thorp	Unanimous
Allotment Cttee members	Cllr Thorpe Cllr Clarke	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Benney	Unanimous
Cemetery Cttee Chairman	Cllr Joinson	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Palk	Unanimous
Cemetery Cttee members	Cllr Veasey Cllr Thorp	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Benney	Unanimous
Footpath Cttee Chair	Cllr Mrs Cox	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Benney	Unanimous
Footpath Cttee Members	Cllr Veasey Cllr Danby Co-opted; R. Cox	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Benney	Unanimous
Marldon Land Charity Trustee:	Cllr Joinson	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Cox	Unanimous
War Memorial	Cllr Benney	Cllr Thorp	Cllr Cox	Unanimous
Road Safety Cttee	Cllr Webber Cllr Thorp	Cllr Joinson	Cllr Palk	Unanimous
Emergency and Parish Plan	tbn			

4(5.11) Other Representative Positions agreed by members:

Stoneycombe Quarry Consultative Group: Cllr Palk

Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Cox,

Tree Warden: Cllr Cox

South Hams Council Development and Control Users Group: Cllr Clarke

Village Hall Council: Cllr Cox

5(5.11) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the April 11th 2011 Ordinary meeting minutes be approved as true records and were accordingly signed off by the Chairman.

6(5.11) MATTERS ARISING

6.12.10 Regarding the tree at No.10 Weekaborough Drive , the Chairman said he had been present at the planning committee meeting when this was discussed but although he argued and voted for the tree to be felled the officers did not recommend this and the motion was lost 8-6. He has advised the applicants to try again after 6 months.

8(3.11) Graveyard wall: Cllr Joinson reported no further progress.

6(3.11) Royal Wedding mugs: Cllr Mrs Cox reported that the mugs had been distributed at the school as planned with 5 Councillors and 5 Governors in attendance and they were greatly appreciated by the children. The Chairman thanked Cllr Cox on behalf of the Council for organising this and said that the governors and the parents also much appreciated the mugs.

9(4.11) Royal Wedding party: this had been a great success and the Chairman and members wished to compliment the organisers accordingly.

10(2.11) Litter on verges on ring road: The clerk reported that Torbay had responded saying there was no glass on the roads. Cllr Palk complained that litter from lorries on the by-pass was still ending up in the local fields which wasn't cleared up.

10(4.11) Bags outside Downalong: Cllr Cox thanked Cllr Veasey for moving these bags and said it now looked much better.

7(5.11) POLICE MATTERS

Cllr Cox reported that she had been warned by the Neighbourhood Watch organisation about 2 men going round saying they were testing boilers for Tor Homes- she had phoned residents in Butterlake and Furzegood.

The Chairman said that he had been disappointed that our local police had not managed to attend the annual meeting. In response to a question he said that PCSO Frain's job would be under review in 2013.

8.(5.11) REPORTS

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

D. Cllr Pennington reported that:

The new South Hams Council after elections comprise 30 Conservatives (+2), 5 Liberal Democrats (-5), 3 Greens, 1 Labour and 1 Independent. He felt humbly pleased that

together with Cllr Baverstock he had obtained the highest % rate at 78%. The new Chairman is likely to be Rufus Gilbert.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

C. Cllr Pennington reported that there has been a reorganisation of the higher management positions at DCC with 3 teams replacing the previous 4. This meant that Marlton was no longer under John Halliday for Highways matters- now it is Jim Morrison, supported by Lisa Cawston (07967691105). Cllr Joinson mentioned that he was still waiting for Mr Morrison to come and look at the road access to the new cemetery. Members agreed to write to Messrs Halliday and Stamp thanking them for their efforts on behalf of the village.

MEG

Cllr. Mrs Cox reported

1. The village was looking very good for the Best Kept Village competition
2. Downalong was still in a bad state, however.
3. A new gate has been donated to the Garden of Peace by Mr Wolgar. He has also made a video of his researches into the flora of the Marlton area which he is happy to have sold for MEG funds whilst retaining the rights.
4. The MEG group is investigating the possibility of a handrail - Mr Cox is getting costings- and Cllr Pennington said he may be able to help with the cost from his locality fund.
5. The Clerk was instructed to write to Sarah Woolaston MP to thank her for her duty in opening the new play facilities.

9(5.11) PLANNING

Please note the Chairman, Cllr T. Pennington, did not vote or participate in these discussions in order not to prejudice his involvement at SHDC planning meetings. The following outcomes were proposed, seconded and voted on:

34/1009/11/F- Retrospective app. for carport and garage at 29, Belfield Way

Members felt this was an unneighbourly development which also constituted overdevelopment and constituted environmental encroachment and consequently voted 7 in favour of

OBJECTION on these grounds

34/1036/11/F- 16 solar panels at 13, The Old Cart Shed in Compton. Members found NO OBJECTION to these plans

10(5.11) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised correspondence received.

It was agreed to pass on the letter from Mr Summers (DCC) re Mr Baggett's query about the footpath in Brockhurst Park on to him as he was not present.

11(5.11) PUBLIC GROUNDS

1. Cllr Benney reported that the postal service seemed to be irregular with days missed- Cllr Thorp agreed and it was AGREED that the Post Office should be written to about this.
2. The new Policy for Events on the Meadow was circulated but as members had not had time to read it properly it was AGREED to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.
3. The issue of dog mess on the Meadow which had been raised before the meeting by a member of the public was discussed. It was noted that the Clerk had fixed a notice to the telegraph pole by the xcar park entrance but new poles would be needed for notices by other entrances. Cllr Danby agreed to provide these as he had done for the Broomhill meadow.
4. Cllr Benney reported that the fly-tipping onto the bridleway from houses in Pembroke Park was continuing and it was AGREED to write again to the householders concerned.
5. The issue of the householder in Butterlake who had broken through the bank at the bottom of the meadow and strewn rubbish there which had also been raised before the meeting was discussed and it was AGREED to write a letter to the household concerned about this asking for the damaged bank to be reinstated and stressing that there was no right of way from houses in Butterlake onto the Meadow.
6. The issue of progress with the skatepark which had been raised before the meeting by members of the public including youngsters was addressed by Cllr Danby in response to Cllr. Clarke. He was unfortunately away until 17th June but intended to have a meeting to discuss the possibility of a skatepark at the very bottom of the Broomhill meadow. The Chairman expressed reservations that anyone would use one in such a remote location and reminded members of the likely cost in a difficult financial climate. Other members pointed out that the young people were already travelling long distances to Paignton and elsewhere to find suitable facilities so probably would use it.

7. It was AGREED to allow S. Hams to go ahead with the repair of the surface under the basketball net on Tor Field as this was in a dangerous condition.

12 (5.11) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

1. Attention was drawn to potholes in Aptor Lane, Love Lane, Churscombe road, Meadow Park, Millman Road, Compton near the Castle and Bampton Close where the pavement outside No. 3 had broken up.
2. Cllr Benney reported that he had received complaints that a householder in Vicarage Road was dumping waste garden material across the road in a ditch beside the road. Residents in this road had been warned in previous years about this and it was AGREED to write to the DCC Highways about this.
3. Cllr Palk reported that two lengthsman working at the bottom of Widdecombe Lane had told him that they were not allowed to clear the lane further up the hill as it was considered too dangerous. Members recalled previous lengthsman having no problems with this and AGREED to write to Mr Morrison.
4. Cllr Thorp reported a car parked dangerously near Cox's Garage.
5. Cllr Cox reported that the hedge at the top of Belfield Way at the junction with Five Lanes needed trimming and it was AGREED to write to the householder concerned.

13(4.11) FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED:

<u>Payments- Main a/c:</u>	<u>£</u>
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Clerk salary and expenses April	366.14
Thulborns 1 cut	74.77
SWW Meadow	5.76
Marldon Cricket Club - 6 th monthly cut to meadow	417.50

Receipts Main A/C

£5,578.27 precept DCC

BANK ACCOUNTS as at 28-4-2011

Main Account: £6,803.22
 P3 Account: £425.88
 Environment Account : £528.74

14(5.11) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

The Chairman had prepared a letter to the new Torbay Mayor Gordon Oliver congratulating him on his election and hoping that he would oppose the closure of Ocombe House. He proposed this be adopted and this was seconded by Cllr Cox and CARRIED nem con.

15(5.11) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW. None

16(5.11) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS(S/O No 66)

The discovery of syringe caps on Tor Field was discussed and the matter had been reported to the police who were already investigating suspicious activity regarding drug supply in the village. The clerk was asked to contact the police seeking a report at the next meeting.

17 (5.11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING -Monday 13th June

Signed (Chairman Cllr. JT Pennington) 13-6-2011

