

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday April 11th 2011 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: 9 members of the public

1(4.11) APOLOGIES

Cllr Palk

2(4.11) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the March 14th 2011 Ordinary meeting minutes be approved as true records and were accordingly signed off by the Chairman.

3(4.11) MATTERS ARISING

6.12.10 Regarding the tree at No.10 Weekaborough Drive , the Chairman said he had been extremely annoyed that after naming 20th April as the date for settling this long-running matter, SHDC had now put back the date to June. He was insisting to the officers concerned that the matter be dealt with in April as originally planned.

4(1.11) Breaking up road in Belfields: The clerk reported that he had received a robust rebuttal from Emma Stamp of the suggestion that the thickness of the road covering was not sufficient.

8(3.11) Graveyard wall: Cllr Joinson reported that the company contracted to do the work on the graveyard wall had not yet contacted him as they had agreed to do, and it was **AGREED** that the clerk should chase this up again and that it was a repeat of the unsatisfactory performance this firm had previously shown.

6(3.11) Royal Wedding mugs: Cllr Mrs Cox reported that the mugs had arrived safely and the company had been kind enough to package them which had not been expected and had also not charged for the extra inscription; also she had passed on a cheque for £300 to the clerk from the school, being their contribution towards the total cost of the mugs. The mugs will be given out on Thursday 28th April at 10.30 am to the pre-school children and at 11.00 to the toddler group in the Village Hall. There will be an assembly from 2.30 pm in the afternoon in the school for their children and all members of the Council were welcome to attend.

8(3.11) Payroll services: the Clerk reported that the arrangement for SHDC to undertake the payroll work now required by HM Customs and Excise for the clerk's salary were progressing but the cost would be £100 p.a.

10(3.11) White line outside post office: the Chairman reported on the detailed reply received from Emma Stamp and Neil Oxtan regarding the options in trying to prevent parking on this white line; these included the possibility of a bollard or a build-out, but that money was currently not available (a rough cost of £3,000 was cited) for any such works but further safety investigations could be done. Standing orders were briefly suspended to allow a member of the public who lives opposite to say that matters had improved since the white line had been pointed, but Cllr Benney reiterated that he had seen car after car park there, the police were not interested and the few SHDC traffic scene officers available could not monitor the situation. After considerable discussion the Chairman moved that we request a formal stage 1 preliminary safety audit from the Road Safety team based in Exeter as suggested by Neil Oxtan. This was seconded by Cllr Benney and CARRIED unanimously.

10(2.11) Litter on verges on ring road: Members were impressed by the scale of the work undertaken to deal with this problem but reported that there was still glass in several field gateways and asked if this could be dealt with.

4(4.11) POLICE MATTERS

None.

5.(4.11) REPORTS

DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

C. Cllr Pennington reported that:

The DCC locality budgets for County Councillors has been increased from £10,000 to £15,000 in recognition that "bottom up" expenditure is more likely to reflect the needs of ratepayers than "top-down" spending. There will also be a £25,000 capital project fund that members can tap in to.

MEG

Cllr. Mrs Cox reported

1. She has entered the village in the Best Kept Village competition again- judging will take place in May.
2. Rubbish continues to be collected- 3 bags
3. More saplings planted at Broomhill
4. Someone has kindly been helping tidy up Peters Field- many thanks to whoever it is.

5. The old stile on f/p 17 has been demolished and MEG volunteers will be using skills learnt from Devon Rural Skills Trust to rebuild the wall at a cost of £170.
6. She has the DRST's programme of training courses if anyone is interested
7. New signs and waymarks will be erected for f/p 17
8. Two households have been tipping garden waste across the bridleway and they will be advised not to continue doing this- it is illegal to flytip.
9. She is also angry about the delay to decision on 10, Weekaborough Drive tree.
10. She has heard unofficially there is a move to have 4 conifer trees opposite the garage felled- not official. These trees are not listed.

6(4.11) FIELD GATE at BROOMHILL MEADOW

Following D. Berlyn's request to have a way into the bridleway for grass cutting that does not involve removing large boulders, there was a meeting of the Public Grounds Committee last week at which two alternatives were identified: a gate where the boulders currently are (with a separate pedestrian entrance); and a gate from Broomhill which would involve Mr Bertyn opening two gates to get in. It was proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Clarke and duly CARRIED that the two options be costed and report back- Cllr Danby agreed to do this.

7(4.11) 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:

34/0727/11/F: Extensions and alterations, Fairhaven, Vicarage Road **NO OBJECTION** and members wished to point out that the design as submitted should be approved as it suits the location, and they would not support the alternative of a flat roof.

34/0904/11/F: Extensions and alterations Gentian Cottage, Five Lanes Road: **NO OBJECTION**

34/0901/11/F: Erection of white uvp porch at Tanglewood, Ipplepen Road: **NO OBJECTION.**

8(4.11) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised correspondence received.

It was agreed to pass on the letter from the Devon Records Office to the Local History Group.

9(4.11) PUBLIC GROUNDS

1. Cllr Danby reported on the opening of the new playpark and he has invited the press to be present.
2. It was noted that Mr Wolgar will shortly be moving out of the village as his house has been sold, and members wished him to be thanked for the work he has done for the village, and especially in relation to Broomhill Meadow, during his residency. (Clerk to deal)
3. Members AGREED that the meadow could be used for the childrens event on the day of the Royal wedding, Cllr Danby to inform the organisers.
4. It was AGREED to accept Messrs Thulburns offer to continue to cut Tor Field and Peters Field for the same rates as last year, and to ask them to quote for two hedge trims for Church Hill at end Sept. and end Feb.
5. At the recent meeting of the Public Grounds Committee the formalization of the use of the meadow was discussed but a final outcome will not be possible until Cllr Benney has researched a couple of legal aspects. It was noted that most Councils charge for the use of their meadows, but we don't, so the football and cricket clubs get the use of the meadow free.
6. In the absence of Cllr Palk Cllr thorp reported that all was in good order with the allotments.
7. Cllr Joinson noted that Major Tar had removed 3 dead trees from the meadow and thanked him on behalf of the Council.
8. Cllr Benney reported that he had had complaints of smoke enveloping the village appearing to come from the nursery in Kiln Road, but as this seemed to have cleared up recently members took no further action at this point.

10 (4.11) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

1. Attention was drawn to potholes in Kiln Road and Furzegood.
2. Cllr Cox drew attention to the bags of sand outside Downalong, which would not look good in the forthcoming "Best Kept Village" competition, and it ws AGREED that they should be removed.

11(4.11) FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED:

<u>Payments- Main a/c:</u>	<u>£</u>
Clerk salary and expenses March	355.00
Messrs Edwards & Lockett Ltd (royal wedding memorabilia)	1,158.12

Viking Direct stationery	51.59
DALC annual sub.	449.23
Soc. Local Council clerks memb.	82.00
Mr Woolgar- petrol for mowing paths at Broomhill Meadow	5.29

Receipts- P3 a/c

£150 from DCC

BANK ACCOUNTS as at 31-3-2011

Main Account:	£7,872.34
P3 Account:	£275.82
Environment Account :	£528.64

12(4.11) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

The Chairman noted that this was the last meeting before the election and thanked all members for their help and support over the last 4 years. A lot of good things have been done.

Cllr Thorp thanked the loyal members of the public who regularly attend the meetings, and Cllr Benney asked members to show their appreciation for the leadership the Chairman had provided for the four years which members and the public enthusiastically did.

Finally the Chairman noted that as nobody had stood down and no-one else had stood for election the Council would be re-elected without a vote.

13(4.11) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW. None

14(4.11) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS(S/O No 66)

15 (4.11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING -Monday 9th May

Signed (Chairman Cllr. JT Pennington) 9-5-2011

