

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Marldon Parish Council held on Monday April 12th 2010 at 7.15pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs: Pennington, Benney, Danby, Mrs Clarke, Veasey, Joinson, Palk, Thorp, and Webber.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk to the Council: David Eeles; and 12 members of the public.

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak before the meeting opened. Their queries and comments were duly noted, these would be taken into account in the Council's deliberations of the matters raised.

1(4.10) APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs Cox

2(4.10) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Amended minutes for the meeting of 8-3-2010 were duly approved.

3(4.10) MATTERS ARISING

4(2.10) Dog mess: the dog warden, Mr Henstock, had patrolled the Belfields and found only one dog mess; accordingly he did not support the Council's request for a dog bin in the Belfields.

Members felt that a dog bin was required at the Five Lanes round-about end of the bridle path adjacent to the new pedestrian gate, together with an ordinary litter bin. This was proposed by Cllr Danby, seconded by Cllr Benney and duly CARRIED

8(2.10) Public Grounds:

Cllr Joinson reported he had not yet time to seek a quote for the dislodged stones in the Meadow wall, but would follow it up.

5(3.10) Local Development Framework- Cllr Pennington reported that the Highway Authority had refused to support the proposed use of brownfield sites in Kiln Road for housing purposes.

6(3.10) New Allotments: The letter from solicitors Bynes to the effect that the covenants do not allow allotments on the burial grounds was noted

7(3.10) Parking outside the school: Cllr Benney asked if the CEO's could be asked how many times they have visited this location to check the parking situation and this was AGREED.

9(3.10)

1. Cllr Palk reported dangerous potholes in Widdicombe Lane had been dealt with
2. Cllr Benney reported that a hedge outside 3a Vicarage Road had also been dealt with
3. Cllr Joinson reported that the Kiln Cross signpost to Ipplepen was still bent and needs replacing
4. The speedbumps entering Compton from the Newton Abbot end needed repainting

4(4.10) POLICE MATTERS

None

5.(4.10) REPORTS**District Council Report:**

D. Cllr Pennington reported:

1. I moved a motion to delay the Local development framework on housing sites by just six weeks until after the General Election in order to give time to investigate the brownfield sites. It was lost by 20 votes to 8. Some members felt it would delay the process for affordable homes and we could miss grants from the Housing and Communities Corporation.
2. Draft Local Development Framework to be published in April for 6 weeks consultation- after which it will go before an inspector in the Autumn. Marldon will now have one site proposed viz:- Five lanes/ Vicarage Road- 35 dwellings. Several good letters had been sent protesting at the Westerland green proposal and the Chair complimented the writers, but very few had been sent opposing the Vicarage Road site and there were three who wrote in favour. Midas have written expressing concern in a letter to S. Hams- they consider Westerland Green to be the best site. Also notice an inaccurate letter from Highway Officer George Bryant to G. Swiss ref. Westerland Green site which he favours. This included assertions that Moorview would constitute good safe access to the new estate, not being aware of the recent traffic survey which recorded 7,300 vehicle movements a day. I have spoken to him and expressed my concern at his statements. S. Hams assure me that George Bryants letter will NOT form part of its submission to the inspector.
3. He has still not received replies to his letter on LDF to Prince Charles Foundation of 11th Feb. And 25th Feb. Has now written to Prince Charles on 29th March to investigate- so far no reply.

5 (4.10) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised correspondence received.

Members discussed the e-mail from Ian Hoskins, Street Scene Manage at SHDC, and it was AGREED to ask him to supply details of the visits made by CEO's to check parking on the zig-zag lines at the school during the busy times.

6 (4.10) PLANNING

1. 34/0627/10/F Replacement conservatory and alterations to dwelling- 1, Compton House, Compton. Members SUPPORTED this application nem con.
2. 34/0458/10/F Widening of vehicular access and erection of wall - Green Westerland, Marldon. Members SUPPORTED this application nem con
3. 34/0448/10/F extension to existing house- Culvertor House, Farthings Lane. Members SUPPORTED this application nem con

As usual the Chairman, Cllr. Pennington, did not vote or participate in the discussion in order not to prejudice his involvement at a later stage.

7 (4.10) PUBLIC GROUNDS

PUBLIC GROUNDS and COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting Friday 9th April 2010, Chairman Cllr. M Danby

Present: Cllrs Pennington, Benney, Clarke and Danby

Also Mr Keith Woolgar ad Mrs Fiona Bailey

Apologies: Cllr Frank Palk

The meeting opened with a discussion on play equipment for Tor Field. The subject of an adventure trail for 7-12 year olds was discussed, however Mrs Bailey suggested that catering for a wider age range would, perhaps, be more appropriate. This was echoed by Cllr Clarke who added that as all age ranges really needed more exercise we should provide facilities for everybody, including adults and even pensioners. In the light of this it was agreed to put the project on hold for the time being pending further enquiries into suitable equipment and costings before progressing further.

The subject of a skateboard facility was then discussed , in particular the possibility of siting it at the North end of Jubilee meadow, Cllr Danby has been in touch with the National Trust regarding this and it appears that they have already had one e-mail of objection and as a result they are not in favour of this location. Sadly they seem to have rejected it prematurely as they are unaware of all the facts and our intention for this site, namely the scaled down facility and the importance that is being placed on reducing noise by sound

deadening materials and the provision of landscaping to minimise any effect on nearby houses. We are still looking for an alternative venue for the skateboard facility and ask the youth of the Parish to be patient.

Members **AGREED** to ask the Council's lawyers for a copy of the deeds relating to Jubilee Meadow

The Chairman asked if the Land Charity land in Kiln Road might be a possible site for a skateboard facility, but Cllr Joinson (a Trustee of the Charity) said that the land was in the process of being let to a tenant.

Asked about the progress of the proposed ramp at Broomhill, Cllr Danby said he was awaiting a second quote before proceeding with this.

The Chairman asked members to look at the fencing in Tor Field in case it needed attention.

8 (4.10) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

1. Members noted that there were potholes in Furzegood, Millmans Road and Kiln Road that needed attention
2. A member of the public had reported that there was a very dangerous broken manhole cover on the grass verge on the Totnes road outside the Christmas Tree farm.
3. A traffic sign at 5 Lanes is apparently obscured by shrubs from Singmore House- write to householder
4. Regarding the request for a disabled parking bay outside the school members **AGREED** to choose the option of a mandatory notice with the time restriction suggested by Neil Oxton, DCC Traffic Technician, at the start and end of the school day.
5. Members once again discussed the problem of people parking on corners at busy junctions and it was **AGREED** once again to ask for double yellow lines to be applied on the corners of the junction of Westview and Millmans Road with Marldon Cross Road and at the top of Vicarage Hill on the roundabout opposite Broomhill field.
6. Residents of Church Hill were again concerned at the number of large vehicles encouraged to drive up the hill by sat navs and getting stuck, and wanted signs erected at the top and bottom of the hill.
7. The speed bumps at Compton need repainting
8. Once again the problem of cars parking too close to the telegraph pole at the end of the pavement in front of the Post Office and a strong request was made for DCC Highways to come up with a solution to this problem
9. At the top of Church Hill a waymarker for the Musgrave Trail has disappeared

9(4.10) FINANCE

The following payments were **AGREED**:

Payments- Main a/c:

Clerk salary and expenses Mar.	323.16
Devon Tree Services (oak)	105.75
Soc. Of Local Council Clerks membership (60%)	57.00
Devon Playing Fields Ass. + 1 copy Village Green	41.50
DAPC Annual membership	52.88
Marldon Cricket Club for Meadow maint. Sept. 2009- Mar. 2010	417.50

Receipts- P3 a/c: (not yet credited) 300.00

BANK ACCOUNTS as at 31-3-2010

Main Account: £27,898.45
P3 Account: £149.39
Environment Account : £428.19

Members discussed the need to renew the grass cutting contacts and it was AGREED to ask for tenders for the grass cutting on the meadow as this has not been done for some time.

Once again members thanked Mr Berlyn and his son for their efforts in cutting the Bridleway and the Broomhill Field at Five Lanes.

Cllr Joinson noted that work had also been done voluntarily by farmer Tar on the dead horse chestnut and elm in Jubilee Meadow.

10 (4.10) MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman noted that work had still not been done on the trees overhanging Moorview and asked for this to be investigated by DCC Highways.

11(4.10) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

12(4.10) DATE OF NEXT MEETING -Monday 14th June 2010

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed (Chairman Cllr. JT Pennington) 14-5-2010

