

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday 8th August 2011 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs: Pennington, Benney, Joinson, Mrs Cox, Mrs Clarke, Thorp, Danby, Palk, Veasey and guest PC Nick Talbot.

Clerk to the Council: David Eeles

ALSO PRESENT: 9 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.

1(8.11) APOLOGIES

Cllr Webber.

2(8.11) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the July 2011 meeting minutes be approved as a true record and was accordingly signed off by the Chairman.

3(8.11) MATTERS ARISING

9(6.11) Fence damage in cemetery: Clerk reported that he had spoken to the Manageress of the Co-op depot at Plymouth but in the absence of a date for the damage or a numberplate from the vehicle concerned she was reluctant to take any responsibility. Nevertheless members felt a letter should be sent together with the quote for repairing the damage which was for over £500.

Bank damage in Meadow: Clerk reported that he had not yet written to the householder as the dog warden had offered to inform the Tor Homes manager who had duly been in contact and agreed to try and deal with the matter. It was reported that the householder has now constructed a gate in the gap he has made. The Chairman moved, seconded by Cllr Thorp, that he be required to remove the gate and that Tor Homes be asked to support this and make a contribution to the cost of restoring the bank, motion duly **CARRIED**.

5(7.11) Salt gritting machines: Cllr Joinson reported that he had unfortunately been ill at the time of the exhibition and had not been able to see the machines in question. Cllr Cox asked if brochures could be obtained. Cllr Palk complained that the new rules on farmers helping in snow conditions allowed them to use red diesel on snow but not on ice, which could make

efforts to help illegal in a yard or two on a road. It was AGREED to write to Sarah Wollaston MP about this.

Occombe House: Clerk reported that Mr Farnsworth's secretary had replied that he was on holiday at the time of this meeting and his deputy was already booked. It was AGREED that he should be invited again to the next meeting.

MEG clearing vegetation in Village road: Members thanked the volunteers and complimented them on the excellent job that had been done. Cllr Cox noted that David and Gavyn Berlin also deserve thanks for the work they had done and members concurred.

7(7.11) ex-BT phonebox: Cllr Cox noted that the phonebox had not been locked as promised, and Cllr Veasey said he hadn't done it because he realized the phone equipment was still there and BT might have wanted to reclaim it. It was proposed by Cllr Danby, seconded by Cllr Benney, that BT should be written to and if no reply received within 14 days it will be assumed that BT are not interested in reclaiming the equipment and the box will be locked.

Litter Bin on Peters Field: Clerk reported that he has passed on this request and was awaiting a response.

White Line opposite Post Office: Likewise the Clerk reported he had been in contact with the technician concerned who was still working on it, but a build out was unlikely as this option had failed a health and safety audit.

4(8.11) POLICE MATTERS

Members welcomed PC Nick Talbot who gave the July crime report- a drink driving offence; a warning on cannabis; and he had discovered the culprit who had sprayed graffiti in Furzegood who had been made to clean it off.

PCSO Frain had been present at the Apple Pie Fair with some of the cadets she helps to train and next year they will come earlier and help stallholders set up. PC Talbot had also been present and said what a great event it was. However if it got any larger it might need a proper plan covering such matters as ambulance access and he has passed this on to the organisers. He reminded members that public safety and traffic management were both the responsibility of the organisers of a private event.

5.(8.11) REPORTS

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

C. Cllr Pennington reported that:

There have been rumours that the 149 bus service will stop in September. He hadn't heard anything official but it was recognised that both the 149 and 111 services were not ideal and this had been raised in HATOC. He agreed to report back after the 14th Sept Highways meeting with Mr Thompson who is DCC bus officer. He noted that the 149 was a contract arrangement for which the bus company received a subsidy of £35,000

MEG

Cllr. Mrs Cox reported

1. Robin Cox is recovering well from his heart operation .
2. They haven't gone ahead with the new handrail yet.
3. No news of Best Kept Village but work continues around the village keeping it tidy.
4. The stall at the Apple Pie Fair recruited one new volunteer and £32.50 in sales as well as 6 more mugs sold, cheque for £38.50 given to clerk
5. Mr Harrington of Westerland Management had given a cheque for £70 towards the new wall to be constructed by the volunteers at Westerland for which he was duly thanked.

6. (8.11) PLANNING

1. 15, Belfield Way: no plans had been received for this so it was agreed to defer consideration.
2. 34/1737/11/F: Mintel, Village Road., fence to front boundary (retrospective) and erection of rear decking. Members felt the fence was too high and accordingly voted unanimously (with the exception of the Chairman who does not participate in planning decisions at this level) that this application be rejected on grounds of unneighbourliness and out of keeping.

7(8.11) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised correspondence received.

1. It was noted that Elizabeth Wells of SHDC enforcement has asked for any information about the use of Marldon Tor
2. The response of Mr Farnsworth's secretary to the invitation was noted and it was AGREED to invite him to the next meeting instead (ref. Occombe House).
3. It was AGREED to chase up Highways on the matter of the sign at Church Hill which had been promised.

8(8.11) PUBLIC GROUNDS

Cllr Danby reported on the committee meeting which had recently been held:

1. In an update on the skateboard area initiative they were still looking at the triangular piece of land at the bottom of Broomhill. However Tor Homes had finally responded to the request for information about land behind Furzegood near the Scout Hut after 8 months to ask if the council were still interested; he had replied in the affirmative and was awaiting a further response. He has measured both sites and the scout hut site is much smaller (7.5 m X 28m) - but possibly the better site.
2. Cllr Benney was putting together a booking form to use in connection with use of the meadow.
3. On the events on the meadow he noted that by coincidence there were going to be events on successive weekends on the meadow but there were no more in the pipeline and there had not been a similar request for a very long time. He felt that the meadow was for the use of all the village including people who had been bought up in the village, not just for sports events. It was not intended to let the meadow for commercial events.

At this point it was evident that members of the public wished to speak on this issue and a letter had also been received prior to the meeting which had been circulated. It was proposed and seconded that standing orders be suspended and this was duly CARRIED. Members and the public discussed the issue raising issues such as possible noise and parking problems, the ability of the Council to control events, and the right of local people to be able to use the meadow. The Chairman said he had voted against the use of the meadow for such events in the Committee but had been outvoted. After standing orders had been reinstated Cllr Danby, seconded by Cllr Clarke, proposed that no further action be taken on the issue until after the event this weekend, so that it could be seen how that went. This motion was CARRIED 6 in favour 3 abstentions.

4. Cllr Danby said that due to the departure from the area of Mr Wolgar who had been a co-opted member of the committee there was a vacancy but he wished to propose that this was not filled. However at the point the Chairman interjected and read out standing orders which said that there had to be two elected members of the public on this committee. As Fiona Bailey was already on the committee this meant there was a vacancy and called for nominations. Cllr Benney proposed Mr Harrington, who had previously signified a willingness to be co-opted, seconded by Cllr Palk. Cllr Thorp proposed Mr Nicholas Glanfield, seconded by Cllr Joinson. In view of this the Chairman said there would have to be a secret ballot to select one from the two candidates. Votes were duly cast, checked by the Clerk and a member of the public, with the result that Mr Glanfield was elected to serve as a co-opted member of the public grounds and leisure committee.
5. The electrical junction box in the meadow had been provide with a new padlock by Cllr Joinson as it had been in an unsafe state, but before he could inform other members this had happened the box was required to be opened and as a result another padlock has had

to be purchased. The keys to the new padlock are held by Cllrs Danby, Benney and Joinson. Cllr Danby has a key for the gates.

6. Cllr Joinson noted that the telegraph post in the cemetery had been chopped down and asked if Western Power could be asked to come and remove the remaining stump. This was scolded by Cllr Thorp and duly CARRIED.

9 (8.11) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

1. Potholes were noted in Love Lane for attention.
2. The surface of the slipway between Five Lanes Road and Belfield had broken up concrete especially around a manhole cover.

10(8.11) FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED:

<u>Payments- Main a/c:</u>	£
Clerk net salary and expenses July	288.60
Clerk PAYE	66.40
FL Construction (Fraser Langdon) Boundary wall	612.00
KJ Thulborn (1x cut)	74.77
D Eeles Land Registry payment for title search	34.95
South West Water Board	10.81
Retrospectively: Community First Insurance	238.77
Cllr Joinson for padlock	8.18

(It was noted that the bill from FL construction was more than the original estimate of £410 + VAT and accordingly members AGREED that only the original quote should be paid - £429 not the £612 listed above)

Receipts- Main a/c

Western Power Distribution (rent for sub-station)	65.00
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BANK ACCOUNTS as at 30-6-2011

Main Account:	£4,195.80
P3 Account:	£396.12
Environment Account :	£502.09

11(8.11) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

The Chairman supported the Clerks intention of pressing the Land Registry to give the correct answer to the query relating to West Lane ownership.

12(8.11) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW. None

13(8.11) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS(S/O No 66)

Cllr Cox asked for advice concerning a sensitive tree felling application. This concerned a tree at 40, Peters Crescent where a felling has been allowed before. In this case a beech tree was causing great unhappiness and stress to the residents. She proposed felling be allowed, seconded by Cllr Palk and duly CARRIED.

The clerk reported that although the land registry had taken the money for the query about West Lane through their website, they had sent the wrong deeds (for the pub) despite West Lane being specified in the sunmission. Clerk would continue to get them to rectify this.

14 (8.11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING -Monday 12th September

Signed (Chairman Cllr. JT Pennington) 12-9-2011

