

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday 12th December 2011 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs: Pennington, Benney, Joinson, Veasey, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Cox, Palk, Oetegenn, Thorp.
Clerk to the Council: David Eeles

ALSO PRESENT: 12 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(12.12) **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Webber

2(12.12) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was proposed by Cllr Thorp, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously **AGREED** that the October 2011 meeting minutes be approved as a true record and was accordingly signed off by the Chairman.

3(12.12) **MATTERS ARISING**

9(6.11) Fence damage in cemetery: The letter from the manager of the co-op which did not accept responsibility but did offer to pay for an advert in the church magazine had been circulated and it was **AGREED** that discussions should take place with the Church Council and the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

Bank damage in Meadow: It appears that this has now been rectified and made good so no further action was proposed.

7(7.11) ex-BT phonebox: The clerk reported that communication with BT had now been re-opened and they would remove the telephony equipment following which the box would be owned by the Council..

6(9.11) Filing Cabinet: This has been purchased and placed in the room above.

16, Bampton Close: Cllr Pennington continues to pursue this issue.

8(11.11) Boundary Commission: Receipt of our submission has been confirmed with a ref, no, for future correspondence.

14(11.11) 20 is Plenty signs: This is in hand at DCC Highways Dept. and will be followed up again.

Footpath to Nether Meadow: Although repaired the job was a poor one and wont last long- to be taken up.

4(12.12) POLICE MATTERS

The Crime Report for November from PCSO Paula Frain:

Theft of metal water containers after removing the plants first over night on Wednesday 23/11/11

I have added Decembers crimes up to date to make residents aware that there have been several thefts from motor vehicles over the weekend from 02/12/11.

Theft from a vehicle Marldon cross Hill over night on Friday 2nd December

Make off without payment from Marldon Cross filling station on Saturday 3rd December

Over night between Saturday 03/12/11 and Sunday 04/12/11 we had theft from four motor vehicles. The vehicles were parked in the areas of Marldon Cross Hill, Nether meadow, Vicarage Hill and Brockhurst Park - Under investigation If any one has any Information please call 101 or call crime stoppers 0800 555 111

Please can residents insure that they lock up their vehicles even If they are parked on their driveway It Is also important not to have any valuables on display.

We have also received calls about a group of youngsters In their late teens that have been going around carol singing for money. Unfortunately they have been making a nuisance of themselves and running through gardens and being a general nuisance. Unless It Is an organised carol group It Is often best not to give money to unknown youngsters as It gives encouragement for others to join In. The first evening we had reports there was two teenage boys and then from a call on Monday night there was four of them three males and a female so the group has grown. If any residents have problems with youngsters knocking on doors asking for money or causing problems when asked to leave please call 101 and report It also If any residents have a crime to report call 101 at the time do not wait until you see us as vital time may be lost. An Emergency Is always 999.

Cllr Benney reported that he heard from AB Coaches regarding their coach which parked on the school zig-zags at 0850 am causing major problems parents trying to drop off children and children crossing the road, but they had asked for details which they should have themselves and were asked to proceed accordingly. The police are investigating,

5.(12.12) REPORTS

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

C. Cllr. Pennington reported that:

1. DCC will be starting the budget process soon. Council Tax can be raised by up to 3% before being capped.

2. The Council have approved the document "Backing Devon" a strategic plan for 2011-2015 which he recommended to members.
3. DCC will provide £26m for the Kingkerswell bypass. He hoped it might reduce traffic on the Marlton- Compton rat run.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

D. Cllr Pennington had nothing to report

MEG

Cllr. Mrs Cox reported:

1. Robin Cox and Tony Chidlow attended the P3 Christmas workshop, where various useful matters were discussed.
2. The Annual Survey is almost complete- showed up damage to steps on F/P 6.
3. Copies of DVD made by Ray Bond of Church and surroundings was viewed at History group & presented to churchwardens
4. Replacement trees planted at Broomhill Meadow and a few elsewhere.
5. Hedging plants given by Torbay Scouts will be used up on Church Hill/ Church boundary.
6. Tor Field Handrail: suggest kick out bottom where very steep, so making a more sensible step, then handrail as existing one on path above.
7. MEG needs to purchase replacement T shirts and high vis. jackets, awaiting prices of 6 of each from Lavender Mob Ltd.
8. Looking forward to our annual DCC-approved snack etc at the Old Smokey in recognition of work done- some MEG funding may be needed to share cost with P3 account (12 noon Wed. Jan. 11th)

6(12.12). QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

Cllr Cox reiterated she was not keen on commemorative mugs and one suggestion was coins. Cllr Veasey asked if children get the opportunity to buy mugs- as far as Cllr Cox knows nothing has been done so far.

Cllr Joinson said he had contacted the Queens Pageant Master- Bruno Peek- and Marlton was on the list of beacons. He suggested Blue Mountain might be more appropriate than Beacon Hill and he had approached Chris Tar about this. A member of the public was interested in having some events on the Meadow and a sub-committee could be set up to progress this. It was AGREED to keep the matter on the agenda of the next meeting.

Cllr Pennington thought mugs should be presented, and he may be able to help with funding. It was noted that many of the schoolchildren came from Torbay not the village. A day out for the children was suggested.

7(12.12) PLANNING

34/2934/11/F Members found NO OBJECTION to these plans

(note Cllr pennington did not vote or participate in order not to prejudice his participation in the planning decisions at SHDC)

Members discussed the request of Chivelstone Parish Council that representations be made against the proposed wind turbines in their parish and members voted 6 in favour with 3 abstentions (including Cllr Benney who declared an interest) to support Chivelstone Parish accordingly. It was subsequently proposed by Cllr Benney, seconded by Cllr Cox and duly CARRIED that the District Council should produce a comprehensive policy on wind turbine planning applications in the local area.

8(12.12) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised correspondence received.

9(12.12) PUBLIC GROUNDS

1. Cllr Clarke had been to observe the Decoy skateboard facility and had found it to be very quiet.
2. The clerk reported that allotment 3 has become vacant but the only people on the waiting list lived outside Marlton although they had connections with the village. Members felt that priority should be given to those that live in the parish and accordingly the vacant plot would be advertised in the parish newsletter and on the noticeboards.
3. It was reported that a member of the public had asked about reserving a double plot in the new graveyard and this sparked discussion about getting the land consecrated now that the work had been completed. Western Power had asked if they could remove some existing poles and replace them with just one and members could see no reason to object to this.
4. The gate at Broomhill Meadow to facilitate the bridle path access will be discussed at the forthcoming Committee meeting.

10(12.12) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

1. Cllr Palk reported that DCC employees had been unable to clear the brookside due to health and safety concerns which seemed to him ridiculous. Cllr Pennington said he would investigate this.
2. Potholes were reported in the narrows at Compton.

11(12.12) FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED:

<u>Payments- Main a/c:</u>	£
Clerk net salary and expenses November	288.40
Clerk PAYE	66.60
DALC for copy of Standing Orders	25.00
Ricoh click charge (60%)	10.39
Kirk Fencing	616.80
Marldon Church Council: Floodlighting	21.20
Parish Magazine	155.00
Total	176.20
Branching Out: Tree works on Tor field	290.00
Filing Cabinet	73.49
Akitech Electrics (maintenance survey of electrical connection in Meadow)	30.00
 <u>MEG Account:</u>	
To Clerk for purchase of whips from Woodland Trust	69.90

BANK ACCOUNTS as at 3-11-2011

Main Account:	£10,420.95
P3 Account:	£270.41
Environment Account :	£576.05

PRECEPT:

The finance committee had met and produced a document which had been circulated to members (abbreviated version below):

DETAILS	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
Jubilee Meadow Maintenance	1025	1045	1045
Tor, Peter's Fields ,Church Hill and Broomhill Meadow Maintenance	1320	1345	1385
Cemetery Maintenance		Nil	200

Allotments and Meadow Water rates	60	60	60
Clerk's Salary	3700	3800	3990
Clerk's Rooms/ Travel	150	170	180
Stationery (Paper, envelopes, printer etc)	180	180	180
Photocopying	250	250	250
Clerk's telephone	25	25	25
Postage Stamps	130	130	130
Subscriptions	425	430	430
Audit Fee	200	200	200
Insurance	365	385	385
Chairman's Allowance	110	110	110
Elections Payment	290	290	290
Contingency Funds	350	370	370
AGM tickets DAPC	60	60	60
Training	50	50	50
SUB TOTAL	8690	8900	9340
GRANTS AND DONATIONS			
Church Clock	220	250	250
Parish Magazine	155	155	175
Sporting Grants	200	100	0
Community Grants	200	100	0
SUB TOTAL	9465	9505	9765
ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE			
Parish Maintenance (Walls, Fields, Cemetery Broomhill etc..)	2500	2500	2000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11965	12005	11765
LESS			
ANTICIPATED INCOME			
SWEB Rent	65	85	90
Allotments Revenue	280	300	300
Interest on Account	200	150	50
VAT Refund	700	700	720
	1245	1235	1160
Special Items			
Service Land Purchase Loan	1450	1450	1450
PRECEPT REQUIRED	12170	12220	12055

% CHANGE ON PREVIOUS YEAR	<i>NO CHANGE!</i>	Up 0.4%	Down 1.35%
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Cllr Pennington moved adoption of the committee's recommendation of a reduction of 1.12% in the Precept to a total of £12,055; this was seconded by Cllr Benney and duly CARRIED unanimously.

12(12.12) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

Members discussed the S.Hams DC consultative document which asked what services/ duties Parishes might like to take over from SHDC/ DCC and administer themselves. The only service that was considered as a possibility was road cleaning although this would depend upon finance.

13(12.12) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW. None

14(12.12) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS(S/O No 66)

Members discussed two quotes received for the work on the handrail at Tor Field and decided to accept that from J. Life Engineering who had recently done a similar and very good job on a local footpath.

15 (12.12) DATE OF NEXT MEETING -Monday 9th January 2012

Signed (Chairman Cllr. R. Benney) 9-1-2012

