

## MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30pm

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: 13 members of the public

### 1(1.11) APOLOGIES

Cllr Webber

### 2(1.11) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 Ordinary meeting minutes be approved as true records and were accordingly signed off by the Chairman.

At Chairmans discretion the following item was brought forward and it was proposed by Cllr Benney, seconded by Cllr Mrs Cox and duly **CARRIED** that standing orders be suspended to allow members of the audience with a particular interest in this item to participate.

### 3.(1.11) OCCOMBE HOUSE

The Chairman said that he had known since 25<sup>th</sup> March that Torbay had in mind the closure of this special care centre which was run by Torbay but was on South Hams land in Marldon Parish, as they had requested a meeting with South Hams D. C. at which planning officers had been present to give their views on whether this area of land could be developed. In the event South Hams Council had said they were not in favour of development. Both the Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Cox stressed the close relations that have existed between the parishioners of Marldon and the residents of the Centre, and those present in the audience, who included relatives of the residents, were at pains to refute the suggestion that had been made that this type of care isolated the residents from society. The Chairman has already written to the Herald Express supporting the relatives and others in their campaign to keep the centre, and now asked members to support the following resolution to be sent to those involved:

"Marldon Parish Council strongly oppose your decision to close the disabled residents care home at Occombe House in Marldon in the South Hams. Over many years the residents at Occombe House have been part of the Marldon community in which they have integrated well. To remove and

relocate the residents would occasion disruption to their lives, well being and be detrimental to their health. We are in total agreement with the reported statement made by Gordon Oliver the Leader of Torbay Council that Occombe House should remain open and be refurbished for more people to use. Furthermore any future planning applications to demolish Occombe House with a view to re-use of the site for housing development will also be recommended for refusal by Marldon Parish Council as it would be in total contravention of the South Hams Council Statutory Local Plan for Marldon in a designated area of Great Landscape Value."

This resolution was proposed by Cllr Pennington, seconded by Cllr Cox and duly **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. It was **AGREED** that the resolution be sent to the Mayor of Torbay and copied to  
 Gordon Oliver, Leader of Torbay Council  
 Adrian Sanders, MP for Torbay: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA  
 Sarah Woolaston, MP for Totnes (as above)  
 The Chief Executive, Torbay Care Trust, Bay House, Nicholson Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ2 7TD

Furthermore the Chairman argued that the building itself is of historical and architectural value and accordingly should be listed, and to this end he had discussed this with the South Hams Conservation officer who had provided further evidence of the progeny of the house. It was noted that if any development of this site did take place it would jeopardize the all-important "green belt" between Marldon and Torbay, something Marldon had fought for over the years. The Chairman proposed that the Parish should seek to have the building listed and this was seconded by Cllr Benney and duly **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Following this standing orders were reinstated and the normal order of events resumed.

#### **4(1.11) MATTERS ARISING**

5.11.10 Cllr Cox reported that the trees to be planted in Broomhill Meadow were still in her house awaiting suitable weather.

5-12-10 no progress to report over the matter of the tree in Moorview.

6.12.10 it was noted that SHDC were not in favour of the tree at No.10 Weekaborough Drive being felled, echoing the Parish Council's decision. It was proposed by Cllr Cox to support the District Councils decision, seconded by Cllr Danby and **CARRIED** 6 in favour and 2 abstentions.

9-12-10 The breaking up of the road in the Belfields was now worse and the Chairman said repairing this should now be a matter of urgency. Cllr Benney proposed this seconded by Cllr Cox and it was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.12.10 Regarding the velux window at no. 2 Moorview Cllr Pennington reported that the owner is expected to put a planning application in.

#### **5. (1.11) POLICE MATTERS**

A crime report for December was received from PC Nick Talbot consisted only of a making off without payment at the Jet petrol station.

It was reported that there is a meeting about the new Police Authority proposals on Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Benney reported that someone tried to break into a petrol tank in Vicarage Hill.

## 6.(1.11) REPORTS

### DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

C. Cllr Pennington reported that:

He has had answers to the questions on site RA 22 and the LDF he asked at the full S.H. Council meeting:

1. SHDC had been advised by the site owners (Torbay Council) the site was available and that they had expressed the view that some development could take place.
2. Costs of individual sites had not been kept.
3. Marldon RA22 was the only site which had been found to be unavailable.
4. The total cost of the LDF process inc. officer's time and the examination process was £411,700 of which the latter was £58,000.

### COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

D. Cllr Pennington reported that:

1. £130m savings will be expected over next 4 years
2. £54m savings in 11/12
3. Govt. formula grant for 11/12 reduced by £26m
4. Concessionary bus fares are now the responsibility of DCC - removed from District Councils= cost £12.3m to County Council and Govt. grant for this -£7.3. Therefore DCC will now have to find a further £5m.

**MEG REPORT:** Cllr Mrs Cox reported that:

The weather prevented a P3 survey being carried out by Messrs Heaselden and Bond

It was noted that there was a Parish Cluster meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 7pm and Cllrs Cox, Palk and Benney agreed to go together with the Chairman.

Cllr Danby reported that a meeting of the Public Grounds Committee would be held to discuss the use of Jubilee Meadow and he also reported that the safety matting at Tor Field had now been installed so that the new play area was now virtually complete.

## **PARISH CLEANSING**

. The clerk reported that as a result of the Stokenham pilot project the S. Hams cleansing team had sought closer links with their customers and to this effect he had been invited to meet Mr Steve Mason at the Totnes Depot. There were going to be teams of two doing the street sweeping of the villages on a rota and using some new equipment. A map of the appropriate areas of the village to be cleaned had been agreed- this was shown to members who concurred with the decisions made. It was made clear that if there any problems Mr Mason was happy to be contacted.

The Chairman noted that SHDC were to be congratulated on the way they had been able to maintain rubbish collection despite the weather conditions.

### **7(1.11) 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 unanimous (except where stated) planning recommendations were made after duly being proposed and seconded:

34/2926/10/F: 13, Love Lane Close, 2 storey extension to house: NO OBJECTION

Hazelmer, Kiln Road: subject to site inspection

### **8(1.11) CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk summarised correspondence received.

### **9(1.11) PUBLIC GROUNDS**

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported that she had had 4 replies to the letters she had sent asking if local landowners would allow a skateboard facility on their land- all were negative.

The Chairman noted this and thanked her for the trouble she had gone to with this survey. Cllr Benney thanked Cllr Danby for the excellent work he had done in project managing the play area on Tor Field.

### **10 (1.11) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE**

Cllr Benney expressed concern that there seemed to be feeling that we should be helping ourselves when it comes to bad weather but there was no salt grit in the bins. However it was noted that the Pembroke Park bin had been refilled and the Chair said that the DCC men had been working around the clock and that 25,000 tons of salt had been ordered this year.

Cllr Danby noted that the standpipe on Jubilee Meadow had still not been fixed and Cllr Veasey agreed to do this.

### 11(1.11) FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED:

#### Payments- Main a/c:

Clerk salary and expenses December	399.20
Kirk Fencing- childrens play area	1,366.52
Marldon Church Council- lighting	31.11
- Parish magazine	155.00
South Hams Council Principal repayment on parish loan	426.81
" " " Interest " " " "	164.23
Total	591.04

(the final instalment of this loan will be paid in June 2016- ie 11 more instalments)

South Hams CAB	50.00
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#### Receipts- Main a/c

Allotment rent X 3	63.00
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### BANK ACCOUNTS as at 31-12-2010

Main Account:	£31,475.93
P3 Account:	£334.28
Environment Account :	£563.02

### 12(1.11) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr Nigel Fisk, the owner of 29, Belfield Way, whose retrospective planning application had been rejected by the members last month but had subsequently been passed by SHDC. The letter was circulated and put Mr Fisks point of view in this matter and his concern that the members had taken what was in his view a one-sided approach to this issue. In view of the fact that the issue was now resolved members felt no further action was necessary.

13(1.11)      MATTERS UNDER REVIEW.                      None

14(1.11)      CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS(S/O No 66)

15 (1.11)      DATE OF NEXT MEETING -Monday February 14th

Signed ..... ( Chairman Cllr. JT Pennington) 10-2-2011