

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday June 13th 2011 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs: Benney; Joinson, Mrs Cox, Mrs Clarke, Webber and Clerk to the Council: David Eeles

ALSO PRESENT: 11 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(6.11) APOLOGIES

Cllrs Pennington (meeting elsewhere), Danby (holiday), Thorp (holiday), Palk, Veasey.
In the Chairman's absence the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Benney, Chaired the meeting.

2(6.11) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the May 2011 Annual meeting minutes be approved as true records and were accordingly signed off by the Acting Chairman.

3(6.11) MATTERS ARISING

6(3.11) Royal Wedding mugs: Cllr Mrs Cox reported that in addition to the 182 mugs issued to the primary school children, the 35 to pre-school children, the 25 to the toddler group and 18 other eligible children she was now selling the remainder to anyone interested. Several members of the audience took her up on this offer. She also reported there had been letters of thanks to the Chairman from some of the children.

11(5.10) Litter on path: Members reported that there had been human excrement left on the path in Broomhill field and the underpass was also said to be in a mess, possibly due to the travelers in the field nearby. The clerk was tasked with contacting the relevant authorities.

12(5.11) Hedge has been duly cut after letter sent.

Vicarage Road rubbish dumping: this was being inspected by SHDC street scene inspector.

4(6.11) POLICE MATTERS

Members **RESOLVED** to write to the Police to express their growing concern at the lack of contact with the police- no-one had come to the meetings and no crime reports had been received recently.

5.(6.11) REPORTS

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

The Vice Chairman recounted Cllr Penningtons efforts to deal with the traveller invasion in Vicarage Road. The Coast and Countryside Trust were taking action to evict them, as were the S. Hams Enforcement officers. It was noted that the field gates had been left unlocked by the Coast & Countryside Trust workers prior to its use as an overflow car-park, which had led to the encursion.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

The Vice Chairman reported for C. Cllr Pennington that the new Chairman of DCC would be Jeremy Yabsley with Ray Radford the Vice Chairman. Under the re-organisation he would now be on the following scrutiny Committees: Corporate Services, People (this was a high spending one including health and wellbeing), Investment and Pensions, HATOC (Highways)..

MEG

Cllr. Mrs Cox reported

1. Mr Harrington of the Brockhurst Park Association had asked on behalf of some of the residents whether the leylandii opposite Cox's Garage could be cut down as they had now grown too big and were affecting residents enjoyment of their properties. They were not protected by a TPO. Members debated whether to reduce the size of the trees rather than cut them down and standing orders were briefly suspended to allow Mr Harrington, who was present, to make the case for drastic surgery. Members recounted that the trees were put there as part of the original planning permission to help screen the buildings but it was also said that trimming the trees would in effect leave telegraph poles. Cllr Webber moved that the trees be reduced in size rather than cut down, seconded by Cllr Clarke and the resolution was CARRIED by 3 votes to 2.
2. It was noted that the P3 grant for this year has been halved to £150
3. R. Cox was due to undertake a toolsharpening course with Devon Rural Skills Trust
4. The Westerland Management Co. had kindly provided a cheque to pay for the stone wall being built at the end of F/p 17 at the junction with Leader Lane.
5. Three quotes had been received to provide a handrail at the far end of F/p 18 on the steps and members authorised the acceptance of the cheapest quote.
6. Routine path clearance has started.
7. A pond area has been created next to F/p 13

8. Mr Geoff Hunt of Pembroke Park had provided some excellent photographs of the local flora and members wished the clerk to write and thank him for these.
9. 5 more litter pickers have been acquired and volunteers to use them are called for.
10. The telephone box in Marldon Cross Hill which the Council bought has again been used as a toilet and contains various unsavoury items which mean that the volunteers should not be expected to clean it. In view of this Cllr Cox advocated its removal and it was AGREED to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

6(6.11) PLANNING

The following outcomes were proposed, seconded and voted on:

34/1009/11/F- Retrospective app. for carport and garage at 29, Belfield Way

This item was again presented after minor changes. Members still felt this was an unneighbourly development which also constituted overdevelopment and constituted environmental encroachment and also regretted the familiar tone which seemed to characterise the e-mail correspondence between the officer concerned and the applicant, which members felt indicated an unprofessional approach. Members once again voted unanimously to reject the application

7(6.11) LETTING POLICY FOR COUNCIL MEADOWS

It was AGREED to defer this item until next month as Cllr Danby was on holiday.

Members discussed the request from Mr Devine to erect a gazebo on the meadow on July 23rd 2011 for a couple of hours for his wedding on that day. The Vice Chairman proposed that this be agreed subject to clear indication that insurance matters were their responsibility, this was duly seconded by Cllr Webber and CARRIED nem con.

8(6.11) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised correspondence received.

9(6.11) PUBLIC GROUNDS

1. Cllr Joinson reported that the fence in the graveyard had been broken and the grass flattened by a vehicle linked to the Co-Operative funeral service who were attending to the grave of Mr Terence Jones. The clerk was asked to try and establish who was responsible and seek compensation for the damage caused.

2. Also in the cemetery field he reported that the telegraph pole had been sawn off and taken away, and there was evidence that someone had tried to remove a gate. Unfortunately this meant that the gates would probably have to be padlocked.
3. He also reported that he had had discussions with Mr Bow over the work to be done in the cemetery on the wall but work had not yet started.
4. It was reported that there were still problems of dog mess and now human excrement in Broomhill Meadow and it was agreed to once again alert Mr Henstock to this. It was noted that the efforts of the volunteers had now nevertheless made this area a pleasure to walk through.
5. The problem of the bank gap created in Jubilee Meadow by the householder in Butterlake had not gone away despite the letter sent and it was made worse by reports that he was allowing his dogs to roam freely over the grass from his back garden. It was AGREED to write to DCC to seek advice about whether it was illegal to breach a Devon bank and also to inform Mr Henstock.

10 (6.11) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

1. There was concern over foliage on the wall in Village Road at the bottom entrance to Tor Field.
2. Cllr Webber complained that he was still waiting for action in Westerland Lane on the various issues he had highlighted and which Jim Morrison had promised to deal with.
3. It was noted that action was still awaited on the pot holes in Love Lane, Compton and Village Road.

11(6.11) FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED:

Payments- Main a/c:

Clerk salary and expenses May	372.50
Thulborns 1 cut	74.77
SW Grounds Maintenance 2 cuts cemetery	108.00
Devon Playing Fields Assoc. mem. Fees	41.50
Cumbria Clock Co. servicing Church clock	165.60
SHDC Ann. Insurance & Main. Fee for play area	120.00
Playdale- final amount	4190.45

MEG Account:

A. Cox for plants	17.01
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Robin Cox 19.95

P3 Account:

Robin Cox 29.99

BANK ACCOUNTS as at 31-5-2011

Main Account: £10,355.38

P3 Account: £425.94

Environment Account : £538.84

Annual Return

Attached:

1. End-year Account Summaries for 2010 and 2011
2. Marldon Main Lines of
Expenditure comparison chart 2009/10 and 2010/2011

Members discussed and approved of the audit arrangements and the financial monitoring of the Council's accounts, following which the Vice Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Cox, that the annual return and associated financial information be agreed and this was duly CARRIED nem com.

12(6.11) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

none

12(6.11) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW. None

13(6.11) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS(S/O No 66)

None

14 (6.11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING -Monday 11th July

Signed (Chairman Cllr. JT Pennington) 11-7-2011

