

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday 14th November 2011 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs: Pennington, Benney, Joinson, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Cox, Palk, Veasey. 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.

Also before the meeting the Land Society had been invited to give a short address about their schemes for self-build housing. This is a relatively new locally based organisation which is not-for-profit voluntary sector body. Their aim is help regenerate local villages by helping communities provide affordable housing of the type and scale that fits into the local community. They will support people wishing to acquire a good quality house without public subsidy. Local people form a "Community Land Trust" whose assets will be the houses. They supply house designs for self build backed up by "how to do it" evening classes at South Devon Technical College. They are eco-houses with high standards of insulation and of simple design that are easy to build. They provide the materials and checks on the building work as the houses are built together. The value of the finished house is made up of 20% for the builder/ owner, representing the labour he/she has provide, 40% from a mortgage which will cover the cost of the land and is arranged for the Community Land Trust by the Land Society; 40% owned by the Community Land Trust and 10% always owned by the Land Society. This system ensures 25% is always owned by the CLT in a form of asset lock which ensures the houses will continue to be affordable houses for local people and not become, for example, holiday homes. The projections show that repayment of the loans will be cheaper than for rented properties if the land can be obtained for about £10,000 per plot. Further details can be gleaned from the www.landsociety.org website.

The Chairman thanked Erica Lewis and Don Lang for their interesting and clear exposition, which members and the public present echoed.

1(11.11) APOLOGIES

Cllrs Webber and Veasey

2(11.11) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

3(11.11) MATTERS ARISING

9(6.11) Fence damage in cemetery: Clerk reported that the co-op manager had received his letter but was currently on leave and would deal with it on her return.

Bank damage in Meadow: Clerk reported at the last meeting that he had been in contact with the householder and she had promised to restore the bank using the material she had removed. As this had not yet happened members **AGREED** that she should be given 4 weeks to restore the bank or it would be done for her and she would be billed.

7(7.11) ex-BT phonebox: The clerk reported that he had still not heard from SHDC or BT and would renew efforts to deal with this.

Litter Bin on Peters Field: Cllr Cox reported that a new red dog bin had appeared on the field.

6(9.11) Filing Cabinet: Quotes for a new filing cabinet from Boss at Paignton and 2 other suppliers have been obtained and will be discussed under confidential matters

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

6(9.11) Fallen tree in new burial ground: The tree has been dealt with and most of the fallen branches are on Ms Treeby's land, but they will probably have to wait for drier weather before removing the pieces in the fields. The area is now safe however.

Handrail at Tor Field/ Church Hill: Quotes for this have been obtained and will be discussed under confidential matters.

4(11.11) POLICE MATTERS

The Crime Report for October from PCSO Paula Frain:

23/10/11 Whilst In a field a dog caused Injury to cows – Under Investigation.

Please can I remind residents of the new non-emergency number 101 for reporting non urgent crimes and passing Information about a crime or for general Police enquires. Please call 999 In an emergency.

Please don't wait until you see a member of the neighbourhood team to report a crime please call in at the time as vital time and Information may be lost.

Cllr Benney reported that he had witnessed an AB coach park on the school zig-zags at 0850 am causing major problems parents trying to drop off children and children crossing the road. It was **AGREED** that a letter be sent to the police asking them to take this up with DCC and AB Coaches.

5.(11.11) REPORTS

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

C. Cllr. Pennington reported that:

1. Revisions were being proposed for the 149 bus route and he passed them to Cllr Cox for her comments and other users.
2. On asking about the snow warden Cllr Joinson said concerns about insurance cover prevented him from volunteering.
3. The location of the grit bin map was discussed and it was noted that Church Hill residents required 4 bags of salt.
4. DCC has agreed to the armed forces covenant in which the local community will support military communities.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

D. Cllr Pennington reported:

1. There were ongoing discussions about what was to happen to the Code for Standards of Conduct when the Standards Board is abolished.
2. More information has come to light about the abandoned house in Bampton Close and S. hams were following this up.
3. There was a training meeting about the new planning framework soon.
4. Members discussed the Certificate of Lawfulness request regarding a keepers cottage and a green pavilion at Marldon Tor Camping site but no definite information was forthcoming.
5. There is a Parish Cluster meeting on 23rd Nov. (Wed. Evening) - Cllr Pennington will go and Cllr Joinson will try to.

MEG

1. Cllr. Mrs Cox reported:

1. She has contacted the Berlyns about the encroachment on Tor meadow but it will have to wait until the weather is more suitable
2. Volunteers have finished mowing F/p 18 and topped up steps at F/p6- Mr Hingstons land just off the road at the bottom. Also topped up steps at F/p 17, Brockhurst Park
3. Some trees (whips) from planting early on in the year need replacing. Woodland Trust will provide on line 15 rowan and 15 birch at a cost of £34.95

- clerk will purchase. This was proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Pennington and CARRIED unanimously
- 4. School PTA are asking if we would fund bulbs to plant now along hedge bordering front of building to bloom in Jubilee year. Cllr Cox proposed £50 be spent on this from the MEG account, this was seconded and CARRIED unanimously
- 5. Tree behind wall opposite Pottery Mews came down today, group dealt with it.

6(11.11). CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Following the advertising of the casual vacancy there had been several enquiries but only Mr Stewart Oetegenn had appeared at the meeting to propose himself. Members voted to suspend standing orders to allow him to say a few words. He has lived in Compton for 9 years and felt that it was time he put something back into the community. He works for S. Hams Council but has established from them that this does not bar him from standing. He has worked for a landscape contractor and can use a chain saw. The Chairman proposed he be co-opted to join the council this was seconded by Cllr Palk and Mr Oetegenn was duly elected unanimously to the council. The meeting then resumed under standing orders.

7(11.11). NEW STANDING ORDERS

The Chairman circulated a copy of the new standing orders, and adoption of these was proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Palk and CARRIED unanimously. The clerk agreed to have copies of these ready for the next meeting.

8(11.11) NEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY PROPOSALS

Cllr Benney reported that because the existing Totnes constituency was one of the smallest in the county, under the new boundary proposals it is proposed to extend it westwards to include Ivybridge, but to even up the numbers Marlton and Blatchcombe (currently in Torbay constituency) are to move to Newton Abbot constituency. These proposals will take effect in 2013. Members expressed their views that they objected to being the victims of a mathematical device and wished to stay in Totnes constituency. Cllr Benney proposed that "the MPC rejects the proposed boundary changes which are for purely mathematical reasons and categorically states its demand to remain within the Totnes (developed) constituency." This was seconded by Cllr Cox and CARRIED unanimously. The Chairman will pass on this resolution to the appropriate body.

9(11.11) QUEENS SILVER JUBILEE

Cllr Cox had researched that mugs are available at £4-05p +40p carriage and if 300 were needed this would cost £1,415. However she and other members felt that as mugs had only recently been given to all the schoolchildren for the Royal Wedding it might be better to research alternatives such as coins. It was AGREED members would do this and the matter would reappear on the agenda of the next meeting

10(11.11) NEW GOVERNMENT PLANNING PROPOSALS

It was felt that as these plans were still evolving and had not resulted in firm proposals yet it would be better to wait before discussing this issue.

11(11.11) PLANNING

34/2659/11/F: 14, West View Road - garage to side of property.

Members found NO OBJECTION to these plans.

34/2650/11/F: 11, Furzegood- driveway with retaining walls

Members found NO OBJECTION to these plans.

34/2519/11/F: 36, Brockhurst Park- internal alts.; external shed for disabled resident.

Members found NO OBJECTION to these plans.

34/2734/11/F: Compton Pool Farm- convert rec. managers accom. To 4 bed holiday unit with separate log cabin structure for new reception/ office.

Members found NO OBJECTION to these plans.

12(11.11) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised correspondence received.

Victim Support had made a request for grant help as they have in previous years and members AGREED to send them £50

13(11.11) PUBLIC GROUNDS

1. Cllr Clarke again said she will call a meeting about the proposed skateboard facility

14(11.11) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

1. Cllr Thorp and others noted that the new sign near the post office was too high to be effective. He also asked for follow up to his request for 20 is plenty signs.

2. He once again asked about the double yellow line situation for the top of West View and Moorview and was told that this is being considered.
3. The footpath between Nether Meadow and Belfield Way has a manhole which appears to be causing damage to the footpath- SWW and Highways to be contacted.
4. Potholes are starting to appear again in Churscombe Road- Cllr Pennington agreed to take this matter up.
5. Cllr Joinson again mentioned the problem drain at the top of Church Hill and agreed to take some pictures to enable the problem to be identified by Highways.

15(11.11) FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED:

<u>Payments- Main a/c:</u>	£	
Clerk net salary and expenses October	325.36	
Clerk PAYE	66.40	KJ
Thulborn (Hedge cutting)	382.80	
SW Grounds Maintenance 1 cut cemetery	54.00	
T. Pennington - 2 keys for filing cabinet in Vill. Hall (repeat cheque)	7.90	
Ricoh (photocopying)	39.46	
SWW: Spts fiels	13.68	
SWW Allots. 12/07- 06/10	194.78	
Audit Commission	342.00	
John Life Engineering (handrail)	60.00	
Victim Support	50.00	
 <u>P3 Account:</u>		
Robin Cox	74.00	

BANK ACCOUNTS as at 31-10-2011

Main Account:	£11,848.67
P3 Account:	£344.34
Environment Account :	£575.92

It was agreed that there would be a meeting of the Finance Committee to fix the precept on Mon. 21st November at Cllr Penningtons house

16(11.11) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR None

