

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Marldon Parish Council held on Monday 10th October 2011 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: 8 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(10.11) APOLOGIES

Cllrs Cox, Thorp, Webber

2(10.11) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

3(10.11) MATTERS ARISING

9(6.11) Fence damage in cemetery: Clerk reported that he had been able to make contact with the manager of the co-op monumental Masons at Plymouth and had been sent a copy of an e-mail that she had sent to the previous vicar (circulated to members). In it she admitted responsibility for some damage to the ground but not to the fence; nevertheless as a goodwill gesture she suggested contacting her mason to see whether he could help. Members felt as there was only damage to the fence and we already had a quote for that it would be better if they could offer to pay for the repairs and it was **AGREED** that the clerk should send another copy of the estimate for repairs and request reimbursement.

Bank damage in Meadow: Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the householder and she had promised to restore the bank using the material she had removed.

7(7.11) ex-BT phonebox: The clerk reported that as yet he had not heard from SHDC or BT and would now follow this up.

Litter Bin on Peters Field: Clerk reported that he has spoken to Steve Mason the SHDC manager concerned who had been to the location, as had the dog warden, and both felt there was not a need for either a dog or an ordinary bin there. He did also comment that there was evidence that litter bins actually created more litter on the ground.

6(9.11) Filing Cabinet: It was AGREED to get quotes for a new filing cabinet from Boss at Paignton and 2 other suppliers.

16, Bampton Close: Cllr Pennington has investigated this empty house situation and Drew Powell at SHDC is working on it.

6(9.11) Fallen tree in new burial ground: The Chairman has found out that this hedge is part of Ms Treeby's curtilage and it was accordingly AGREED that her agent, Rendells, should be contacted.

Handrail at Tor Field/ Church Hill: It was established that there could be a freestanding handrail on the steps going down close to the wall. The Chairman referred this to a leisure committee meeting who could invite quotes.

4(10.11) POLICE MATTERS

On behalf of Cllr Cox, Cllr Clarke reported that the policy of the Police Authority was not to hold any more "you come to us" meetings but to come to the community instead. Accordingly Cllr Benney proposed, seconded by Cllr Pennington, that they be invited to a Council meeting and this was duly CARRIED.

5.(10.11) REPORTS

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

C. Cllr. Pennington reported that:

1. This year was going to be very difficult as £30m in savings had to be found on top of £50m found for this year. There had already been mergers of Depts (now only 2 strategic directors instead of 5) and 1,800 staff had been made redundant or retired without replacement. He was determined that essential services would not be cut, but felt there were some such as the Arts which could be. There were schools in Totnes which were bursting at the seams and badly needed investment and this sort of spending should be prioritised. He had suggested Diptford school catchment area be extended beyond the current 6 miles as they had vacancies and could take some overflow from Totnes in the meantime.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

D. Cllr Pennington reported:

1. Times were also going to be hard at the District level although they had more reserves.
2. Tor Homes and Devon and Cornwall Housing Assn. were merging, should not result in any changes to tenants.

MEG

On behalf of Cllr. Mrs Cox, Cllr Mrs Clarke reported

1. Volunteers have spent 2 weeks at Afton Lane with the new hedge trimmer, making it open to horse riders etc.
2. Robin Cox is repairing a power mower with Broomhill Meadow in mind, cost expected to be £25?
3. More tree whips need to be purchased, if possible 10 of each birch and rowan via the Woodland Trust - money from MEG account.
4. F/P 13 Christmas Tree field has been mown again
5. There is encroachment on Tor Field (see later item)
6. The walling at Leader Lane is going ahead with training on two half-days via the Devon Rural Skills Trust
7. The Primary School need some money for trees in their environmental area. With permission the money has been promised by me from our very healthy MEG account, hoping that councillors will consent.
8. A further £13.50 for walks leaflets and sale of one mug has been given to clerk. Still 6 remaining and will put them for sale at Church Xmas Fair, unless other ideas forthcoming?

6(10.11). RESIGNATION OF CLLR. DANBY FROM MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL AND PROCEDURE FOR REPLACEMENT

The electoral officer at S. Hams had informed that there had not been any request for an election received within the timeframe so this leaves the Council free to co-opt another member. It was AGREED that the vacancy should be advertised on the noticeboards and parish magazine with a view to co-option at the next meeting.

7(10.11). NEW STANDING ORDERS

The Chairman asked if members had any suggestions to make about the new standing orders after they had had since the last meeting to scrutinise them and as there was no response he said he would produce an amended version for the next meeting to approve.

8(10.11) ENCROACHMENT ON TOR FIELD

It had been noted at the last meeting that nettles and brambles were encroaching onto the grass area in Tor Field, and a letter had been sent to Thulborns about this. However they are unable to do much about it as their machinery will only cope with grass. However in her MEG report Cllr Cox had said she would ask the Berlyns to deal with this problem.

9(10.11) PLANNING

34/2389/11/F: retrospective fence and decking - Mintel , Village Road.

NO OBJECTION

34/2303/11/F: velox window and raised rear wall- %, Nether Meadow

NO OBJECTION

34/2205/11/F: Change of use camping area to storage of caravans etc

NO OBJECTION

34/2425/11/F: alterations to outbuildings, Pennystone Farm, Westerland

NO OBJECTION

34/2240/11/LB: listed building consent to install woodburner and flue, 5. Higher Compton Barton

NO OBJECTION

34/2367/11/F: replace carport with garage and new roof over porch, Nirvana, Compton

NO OBJECTION

DCC - comments requested on application from Wildwood Farm to increase quantity of green waste processed and associated treatment facilities.

These plans were unanimously approved.

Cllr Pennington brought up the issue of the new planning rules that were being planned by the government. As these were in the consultation stage he proposed that members debate this issue at the next meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Benney and duly CARRIED

10(10.11) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised correspondence received.

1. The proposed new boundaries suggested by the Boundaries Commission were discussed and it was AGREED that this should be on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. The offer from the Land Society to present their project to the next Council meeting was AGREED and they will be invited accordingly.
3. Various companies have been offering their wares to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee next year and it was AGREED that this should be on the agenda next meeting

11(10.11) PUBLIC GROUNDS

1. It was AGREED that Kirk Fencing be asked to carry out the repairs to fencing damaged by the Co-op vehicle while awaiting the outcome of correspondence with them, and that for the other work the option of a gate for £364 + VAT be accepted. Cllr Pennington offered to pay for this out of his locality budget.
2. The beech tree at 40, Peters Crescent has been felled and a replacement planted.
3. Cllr Clarke, Chairman of the Leisure and Public Grounds Committee, said she had heard from Lisa Black of Tor Homes about the possibility of using the land near the scout hut as a skateboard area and it still looked to be a possibility, however she warned that it was difficult to get funding for developments that were on leased not owned land, so the Broomhill field option was also still on the table. There will be a meeting of the Committee soon to discuss this and other matters.
4. It was agreed that at the next Committee meeting the specification for the handrail between Tor Field and Church Hill would be agreed and quotes sought.
5. It was noted that due to Cllr Danby's departure the Committee was one Councillor short. Cllr Veasey was proposed by Cllr Benney, seconded by Cllr Palk and duly elected to the Leisure and Public Grounds Committee
6. The issue of tyres in the pond near Pembroke Park that had been bought up before the meeting started was raised and Cllr Palk said he would deal with this on Wednesday.
7. Members discussed the letter from Mr Field about the sycamore and ash trees in Tor field near the boundary to his garden which had grown so that they were threatening the wall and overhanging his property. It was proposed by Cllr Pennington, seconded by Cllr Benny and duly CARRIED by 5 votes in favour and 1 against that quotes be sought to remove the trees.
8. It was AGREED that the Cricket Club be allowed a set of keys for Jubilee Meadow on condition they were used strictly by the club and not loaned to others.
9. It was noted that after a football match on Sunday 9th Oct. litter was left near the pitch.

12 (10.11) HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

1. A leak emanating from the property Downalong was noted as a potential threat if the road ices over- S.W Water to be notified
2. The Compton sign at the top of Vicarage Road is pointing in the wrong direction (again).

13(10.11) FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED:

<u>Payments- Main a/c:</u>	£
Clerk net salary and expenses September	265.70
Clerk PAYE	66.80
KJ Thulborn (1x cuts)	74.77
Marldon Cricket Club- Meadow maint. March- Sept.2011	417.50
T. Pennington - 2 keys for filing cabinet in Vill. Hall	7.90
SHDC for providing payroll services	120.00

MEG Account:

Marldon Primary School for trees	99.70
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Receipts (Main a/c):

HM Revenue & Customs- VAT refund 22/9/11	4,099.01 SHDC-
2 nd precept 20/9/11	6,027,50

BANK ACCOUNTS as at 30-9-2011

Main Account:	£12,978.01
P3 Account:	£344.27
Environment Account :	£610.80

The clerk reported that the external auditors had returned the accounts with no problems to report.

14(10.11) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR None

15(10.11) MATTERS UNDER REVIEW. None

16(10.11) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS(S/O No 66)

17 (10.11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING -Monday 14th November

Signed (Chairman Cllr. R. Benney) 14-11-2011

