

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 10th April 2024 at 7pm
Present; Cllrs , Balster (Chair), Claridge , Clarke , Cooke, Hore , and Roddy
County Cllr Hawkins and D Cllr Penfold (arrived 7.30pm)
Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 8 members of the Public

24/04/01 Apologies for Absence - Cllrs Bailey, Morris-Rabbitts and Sharland (All approved)
24/04/02 Declarations of Interest Cllr Clarke - **other registrable interest - TRAYE**
24/04/03 Dispensation request - None

24/04/04 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12th March 2024 were signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

24/04/05 - Public participation

A Parishioner commented that she had sent a letter outlining concerns in the Parish Council administration but had yet to receive a response . The Clerk commented that the matters raised would be addressed further in the meeting

Another Parishioner commented on the need to obtain a speed reduction on Preston Downs Road , near the School

24/04/06 Councillor reports

District Cllr Penfold - Full report available from Clerk

Coming up: Compton Surgery

with PC Zoe Carter and Cllr Hawkins
Monday 15th April 1400hrs to 1500hrs
Opposite the Castle.
Please come and have a natter.

South West Water and Compton – Flood and Sewage Issues

On Thursday 4th April, Anthony Mangnall, Cllr Derek Hoare, Cllr Jonathan Hawkins and I met with 5 SW Water representatives and many Compton residents on site in Compton.

As a consequence, Anthony and the councillors have set up a working group to target what needs to be done and who is responsible for sorting each of the problems that combine to create such a horrid situation in Compton.

As a start SW Water are allocating to Compton a dedicated person to contact if a flooding event happens. If you call the service centre regarding Compton your calls will be elevated to top priority.

All tiers of your government from parish to MP strongly believe that the situation in Compton is unacceptable and so we will work together until there is some resolution to the situation. We expect there to be mitigation measures in place immediately while more permanent solutions are sorted.

Devon County Cllr Jonathan Hawkins

Cllr Hawkins advised the Council to consider writing to Devon County re the Speed issue mentioned earlier adding that the request could be sent to HATOC - although the process can be arduous

He advised that Highways were again considering the state of Widdicombe Lane - also mentioning that the sum of £1000 was also available to contribute to the cost of either static flashing speed indicator or a moveable one . It was AGREED that a working party be set up to assess the viability of such a scheme (Members Cooke/Roddy and Claridge)

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

24/04/07 - Admin

To adopt (as previously circulated)

- a) Scheme of delegation
- b) A suitable Vision statement
- c) To consider a donation of benches Policy

ADOPTED
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To decide on arrangements for Annual Parish meeting

A budget of £200 had been allocated - It was suggested that Wine and Nibbles might be provided
It was **AGREED** to invite Graham Swiss SHDC to the meeting to give a brief presentation on the process of entering into a Neighbourhood Plan

It was decided to discuss further at the May 2024 Parish Council meeting

The Chair passed round the engraved plaque in memory of Trevor Pennington for positioning on the bench near the pavilion

It was **NOTED** that Tree swing had been removed - thanks to Cllrs Hore and Roddy

To consider the introduction of a Finance Committee

It was **AGREED** that such a Committee be formed comprising 5 Cllrs - interested Councillors to contact the Clerk

24/04/08 TRAYE

To receive a report on attendance activities and AGM (Cllr Clarke)

Cllr Clarke read out a detailed response on some of the costs and activities provided by the Youth leader Kerry McCabe which she hoped clarified various points raised in March

Cllr Roddy asked that the hourly rates of various levels of staff (obviously unnamed) were provided to help in the monitoring of the costs incurred

ACTION ; CLLR CLARKE TO REQUEST INFORMATION

24/04/09 - Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that a recent Freedom of information request had been satisfied

She advised she had

received a late email regarding Peters path - agenda item 5/24

received a portrait of Charles **ACTION ; CLERK TO FIND PERMANENT HOME**

responded to a recent Freedom of information **REQUEST SATISFIED**

Two letters had been received regarding points covered by the Clerk's contract including her hours , hourly rate , expenses , mileage and also commenting on her lack of minuting ability . The letters also query the provision of vouchers / invoices against her expenses and other payments

The Clerk advised that the terms offered by the Council - and so accepted by the Clerk - were laid out in her contract

The Clerk explained that she presented draft Minutes for approval by the Council - if the Minutes were thought inadequate - then a vote to change them would taken

The Clerk explained that all cheques for signature were made public , any queries sought by the Clerk and a vote taken by show of hands . ALL Vouchers/invoices accompany the cheques at ALL meetings . She further stated that provision for Public inspection was provided at time of the External Audit

All these matters raised were under the strict control of the Council - rather than the Clerk and hence the matter had been dealt with by the Clerk rather than the Personnel Committee

24/04/10 - Cheques for payment - Approved

9/4/24	Karen Gilbert	1251	59.00		59.00	Expenses 04/24
9/4/24	Devon Ass of Local Councils	1252	204.50	40.90	245.40	Bespoke training x 10
9/4/24	South Hams District Council	D/D	156.00	31.20	187.20	Empty dog bin
9/4/24	Devon Ass of Local Councils	1253	622.99	89.13	712.12	DALC subs
9/4/24	Gilbert (- reimburse VISION ICT)	1254	374.38	74.88	449.26	VISION ICT domain/hosting
9/4/24	SHDC	D/D	158.57		158.57	Election costs 2023
9/4/24	L Balster	1255	36.00		36.00	Plaque T Pennington

24/04/11 Councillor reports - Full reports available from Clerk

MEG REPORT. Despite the ongoing inclement weather, our MEG Volunteers have been able to meet up and continue their work around the Village.

They finished off clearing the footway on the left hand side of Vicarage Hill and then the following week they worked along the Vicarage Road path from the Five-Lanes end, cutting back and tidying the encroaching vegetation.

Finally this last Wednesday they doubled the width of the footpath opposite FP13 along the Compton Road by shovelling back the grass which had threatened to engulf the whole tarmac path. Positive comments received lately have certainly shown that their work is a huge benefit to our Parish.

WAM Report. The relentless rain has stopped us doing any work in Jubilee Meadow and as it is waterlogged, we don't anticipate being able to do any work other than tidying where needed for the next couple of months.

The Memorial Garden is living up to expectations with a lovely continuing display of bulbs.

Some general tidying and a little more planting will continue throughout the year.

Compton report Compton has once again been subject to major flooding problems caused by raw sewage and general rain run-off.

Hopefully our County and District Councillors will have reported on the recent meeting with our MP Anthony Mangnall and South West Water reps so I won't go into details, but I am sure both Jonathan and Sam are in agreement with me that we are certainly all moving in the right direction to help alleviate the disgusting mess that is becoming a regular feature for the residents of Compton!

Residents of Compton are very relieved that they finally have a voice within the Parish after having the feeling of being neglected over the past years!

Police Advocate Meeting Inspector Ben Shardlow advises advocates (via zoom meetings) about crimes in the Totnes, Kingsbridge, Ivybridge, Dartmouth and Plymouth areas. Some of the information is privileged and cannot be divulged to the general public. A fraud investigation could not be reported on at the time of the meeting as the culprits were still under arrest, awaiting proceedings. Parishioners are advised to be aware of professional fraudsters in our area. Police in Totnes are proceeding with drug raids in public houses after successfully making six arrests. Children have also been attempting to buy 'Vapes' from the shops in Totnes and this is being monitored. A further report may be added to this as I have been invited to take part in an Advocate Discussion on line on the morning of this meeting re:AGH and drug abuse.

Westerland - Parishioners continue to complain about speeding traffic on the Totnes Road and Farthing Lane.

24/04/12 - Open Spaces

a) To receive update on land originally purchased for a Graveyard extension

Cllr Cotton explained that, despite several times of chasing, he had yet to hear back from SHDC. Planners are to whether the works to date in the Graveyard area constitute a "commencement" in Planning terms - thereby ensuring that the 1988 planning permission remains in force

Cllr Penfold agreed to make enquiries in this regard

24/04/13- Playground

Cllr Cotton reported that everything at the Playground was in good and tidy condition

It was noted that there was a puddle under the gate - the dip may require filling when the wet weather stops

24/04/14 HIGHWAYS -

a) Update Speedwatch scheme - Cllr Balster advised that the Group should receive the necessary equipment in the next few weeks - after which the Members would be out around the Parish monitoring the speeds of traffic

b) The Council agreed to apply to HATOC for a reduction of the speed limit to 30mph on the Marldon stretch of Preston Downs Road

c) Cllr Cooke reported on a Drainage issue in Gropers Lane which had been reported to Devon County Council

24/04/15- Planning - NONE

<u>1012/24/ARC</u>	Tor Hill Quarry, Hills Of Marldon, Ippepen Road, Marldon, TQ3 1SE	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (CMP), 5 (Percolation Testing), 6 (Permanent Surface Water Management), 7 (Construction Period Surface Water Management), 10 (Materials), 15 (Landscaping), 17 (Boundary Treatments) and 20 (Car Charging) of planning consent 3951/17/FUL OBJECTION TO CONDITIONS 6 and 7 - Council feels that proposals are not sufficient to ensure adequate drainage of the site
<u>0862/24/TPO</u>	Green Westerland House Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RR	T1: Macrocarpa - reduce away from building to clear up to 2m. Lateral crown reduction to 5m from ground level over driveway. Remove snapped branches. T2: Holme Oak - crown lift to circa 5m above the driveway to save damage to delivery vehicles. Secondary branches only. To provide clearance. OBJECTION - Proposals appear excessive and drastic for reason stated by applicant

Appeal Ref: APP/K1128/W/23/3326906

Vicarage Road Street Works, Vicarage Road, Marldon TQ3 1NN

The development proposed is 5G telecoms installation: H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets.

APPEAL DISMISSED - NOTED

0303/22/OPA

Outline application (all matters reserved) for erection of 30 homes of two, three and four bedroom sizes with associated roads, paths, landscaping, and drainage 30% of which would be affordable housing

Land off Moorview, Westerland, Marldon, TQ3 1RR

GRANTED - NOTED

24/04/16- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Annual Parish Council meeting

NOTE - DIFFERENT DAY WEDNESDAY 8th May 2024

There being no further business , the Meeting was **CLOSED.** at. 8.35 pm