

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 11th June 2024 at 7pm

Present; Cllrs Bailey , Claridge , Clarke , Cooke, Cotton , Hore (Chair)

Morris-Rabbitts and Roddy County Cllr Hawkins and D Cllr Penfold

Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 9 members of the Public

24/06/01 Apologies for Absence - Cllrs Sharland (approved)

24/06/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Clarke - other registrable interest - Trustee TRAYE

Cllr Roddy - non pecuniary as Trustee - Marldon Land Charity

24/06/03 Dispensation request - None

24/06/04 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th May 2024 and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th May 2024 were both signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

The Council was joined by Graham Swiss. Senior Strategic Planning Officer. Planning Services to South Hams District Council with regard to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Marldon

Graham highlighted the Pros and cons of producing a Neighbourhood Plan - stressing that it was essential to gather Parishioner support and commitment right from the beginning on what could be a journey of many years

He added that the future of the National Planning system is uncertain at present due to the forthcoming General Election and subsequent changes which the incoming Government might introduce meaning that it might be prudent to wait for a period before making a decision

The Chairman thanked Mr Swiss for this information and for his time in visiting the Parish

24/06/05 - Public participation

A Member of the Public mentioned that the bus shelter in Marldon Cross Hill is in a bad state of repair and also that it could do with a seat

ACTION ; CLERK TO APPROACH HIGHWAYS

24/06/06 Councillor reports

District Cllr Penfold - Full report available from Clerk

South West Water and Compton – Flood and Sewage Issues

A couple of weeks back, I met with the SW Water Development Officer, Ian Lake to understand the issues around planning and the pressure on the water infrastructure.

One interesting thing to note is that by law SW Water cannot refuse planning for development if South Hams has approved it. However, if it is a large development and the infrastructure isn't ready or able to cope, SW Water can request the development be delayed whilst the infrastructure is updated. I will continue to learn more about the SW Water situation.

To note: SW Water has been preoccupied with the Cryptosporidium outbreak in the Brixham area but the working group will continue to put pressure on SW Water, and hopefully whichever MP is voted in will support our group.

Parish Profile Report

In a couple of weeks, the parish council will receive a Marldon Parish Profile Report from South Hams District Council. The main point about this is to inform parishes and councillors about the affordable housing needs in the parish. It will also inform the planning team and will have all sorts of interesting information on it, like average house price, types of house, numbers of second homes, school information, etc.

Locality Funds and Climate Change and Biodiversity Locality Fund - Please contact me if you have a village project you would like me to support. The latest project I am delighted to help with is

the road management for The Apple Pie Faire. I have put them in touch with some Chapter 8ers from another area and have also committed some money towards the cost of their insurance.

Devon County Cllr Jonathan Hawkins

The Leader of Devon County Council, Councillor John Hart, has stood down from his post as Leader, after 15 years.

John became Leader of Devon's opposition Conservative Party in 2007 and won power of the County Council in the 2009 election. He has remained Leader since then . Cllr James McInnes has been chosen to replace John Hart.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

24/06/07 - Admin

- a) To consider the introduction of a Finance Committee or agree to continue to deal with all Financial matters at Full Council - **RESOLVED** to deal with FINANCE at Full Council level
- b) Marldon Land Trust - distribution of Funds** (NOTE - Cllr Roddy abstained from Voting)
Standing orders suspended to allow Trustee to present - standing orders re-instated
 - i) To note purchase of at least 3 Defibrillators & 5 Bleed kits and proposed sites - **NOTED**
Proposed sites - Garage / Hairdressers / a location in Compton (TBC)
 - ii) To decide on responsibility for regular checks / maintenance and ongoing costs **RESOLVED**
Ownership would be transferred to the Parish Council with allowance for ongoing costs
Insurance to be arranged by Parish Council
Checks to be carried out at regular intervals and documented by Parish Council
 - iii) To note method of purchase Trust may have to buy these - **To be purchased by Trust NOTED**
 - iv) To approve addition of adult fitness equipment at Tor Field - subject to SHDC Planning advice
Permitted development. **NOTED**
Donation of equipment conditional on Tor Field Location - **NOTED and APPROVED**
 - v) To agree responsibility for maintenance / regular checks / ongoing costs - **RESOLVED**
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Insurance to be arranged by Parish Council
Checks to be carried out at regular intervals and documented by Parish Council
 - iv) to note method of purchase. - PC to purchase on receipt of donated Charity funds - **AGREED**
It was **AGREED** that a working party be set up comprising Trustees and Cllrs Hore / Cotton / Claridge /and Clarke
It was **AGREED** to investigate the incorporation of disabled Equipment into the scheme

24/06/08 - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

In view of the uncertainty of the Planning System as a whole during and immediately after the forthcoming General Election , it was **RESOLVED** that any decision be put on hold for at least six months

Meanwhile , it was **AGREED** the Council should consider monitoring Public opinion and its enthusiasm to contribute to the process

24/06/09 - Clerk's report

She advised she had

- Sent flowers and thanks to Linda Balster - from Chair's allowance
- Handed back petition re TRAYE as she was unable to retain the information contained
- Been informed that there was no longer any documents in TP's house
- Contacted an ex Councillor to arrange for the removal of Council records from premises
- Received healthy feedback re Annual Parish meeting - APM - well attended by 39 Parishioners / 8 Councillors / report from 15 groups

24/06/10 - Cheques for payment - Approved - It was NOTED that surplus unopened food following Annual Parish Meeting was taken to a local food bank

11/6/24	K Gilbert	1261	77.00	Expenses for PC 06/24
11/6/24	K Gilbert funds from Chair's allowance	1262	25.00	Flowers / Balster- reimburse
11/6/24	F Bailey	1263	40.00	Reimburse refreshments
11/6/24	J Hore	1264	114.35	Reimburse refreshments
11/6/24	Marldon Village Hall Council	1265	80.00	Rent APM - 5/23 and 5/24
11/6/24	K Gilbert	1266	42.50	Reimburse 50 stamps
11/6/24	C Retallick	1267	110.00	Internal Audit fee

b) To note the Internal Auditor's Report - **NOTED**

c) To consider & approve Parish Council Accounts y/e 31/3/24

The Clerk presented the Accounts for Marldon Parish Council for the year ending 31/3/24 explaining, in detail, each area of income and expenditure

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE ACCOUNTS AS ADOPTED .

d) To consider/ agree Annual statement of Governance y/e 31/3/24

The Clerk read out the statement of Governance in full and explained each point

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

e) To consider & approve Statements on Annual return y/e 31/3/24

The Clerk presented the Annual Return - previously circulated

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE RETURN

f) To consider / adopt new NALC Financial regulations **ADOPTED**

g) To consider a donation to Traffic management costs (Apple Pie Fair) subject to indication of costs being available

It was **NOTED** that circumstances had changed - with a local group rather than commercial concern assisting .

It was **NOTED** that the Fair may arrange for several of its Members might obtain the necessary train mid year and may submit a grant application in this regard

24/06/11 Councillor reports - Full reports available from Clerk

MEG REPORT. Over the last month work has been carried out by MEG volunteers tidying and cutting back FP18 around the Christmas Tree Farm .. along FP 13 from the Compton Road to the Bridleway and also FP 5 leading to Strainy Tor from the Ipplepen Road.

We welcomed a possible two new members to the Group during the month which is always very pleasing.

Finally, it was a great honour to receive the Community Champion award from South Hams District Council for all the Environment Group work done over the past 30 years or so, but I couldn't have done it without all the Volunteers and support from the Parish Council, so thank you everyone.

Robin Cox

Robin and myself also had a meeting on the 6th with our P3 Warden Paul McFadden to discuss and decide on the moving of the entrance to FP 19 (Totnes Road – Beacon Hill), to make it more accessible to all. The necessary legalities are all being dealt with by Paul and his team who will also do all the manual work at no cost to us

WAM Report. We have at long last been able to get into Jubilee Meadow to do some strimming around the edges and also plant some small native trees in the wildlife area. The Mosaic Group are hoping to have the replacement Totem Poles finished by the end of June so we will get them installed asap. In the Memorial Garden we have done some cutting back and general tidying.

Compton report All seems quiet in Compton at the moment, the last torrential downpour seemed to cause no problems. However, the road has once again been decorated with colourful paintwork so moves must be afoot for more work soon!

A couple of points have been raised:

1) When are the National Trust going to dredge the stream as they promised? **CLLR PENFOLD**

2) Could the Lengthsman come through with his strimmer and clear the bank and verges as the weeds growing along the road side are starting to force walkers and cyclists right out in the road in places. **NOW DONE BY LENGTHSMAN**

Police Advocate Meeting Police Advocate meetings are held online, usually monthly at varying times and usually hosted by Inspector Ben Shardlow of Devon and Cornwall Police. At the last online meeting there were 27 attendees from Councils all over the South Hams and Devon. The majority of the meetings cover crime incidents that have happened around the area with the action taken and most of the information passed out is deemed confidential. However, it is great to see that the crime around our area is minimal compared to that of Ivybridge and Totnes for example.

A couple of things I can report back is a warning issued regarding bikes and mopeds. The theft of these is rapidly on the increase and everyone is advised to ensure that if there is one of these modes of transport in the family, when not in use it is well secured or locked away as they are an easy target for thieves to just wheel away.

The other thing is that when you visit the Devon and Cornwall Police website you will see a box where you can enter your postcode. Doing this will then highlight the crimes that have been reported around the area plus giving information on our local officers .. if it is kept updated!

As always, the Police ask that any unsocial behaviour or the likes is reported to them so they can log it and take action if needs be.

We have a very responsive Police Constable in Zoe Carter with help from a PCSO called Kirsty Meakin so if you feel the need, contact them.

TRAYE. 10/05/24 - At this session, 32 young people attended, 31 from the village and 4 youth workers delivered the session. There was a focus on Deaf Awareness Week and young people learnt some British Sign Language. Young people also got creative and did hand and foot prints, alongside a hopscotch game. It has been lovely to get out into the fresh air and also enjoy some outdoor games such as football, dodgeball and rounders.

There were no safeguarding issues at this session. The cost of refreshments and resources for this session was £38.05

24/05/24 - At this session, 35 young people attended, 33 from the village and 4 youth workers delivered the session. There was a focus on cultural diversity - celebrating our differences and similarities. Young people also enjoyed outdoor activities and made a card to give to a youth worker who was leaving to go to Camp America. There was lots of celebration at this session and it was nice to see young people enjoying the sunshine.

There were no safeguarding issues at this session, although there was a minor accident which needed first aid treatment from the lead youth worker. As mentioned before, all youth workers are first aid trained and lead youth workers have completed First Aid level 3. The cost of refreshments and resources for this session was £39.99

28/05/24 - Riviera Centre trip - 4 young people attended from Marldon (all who live in the village) alongside 22 from TRAYE'S other 9 areas. Young people enjoyed a swim at the Riviera Wave Pool and then a trip to Paignton Geo Park and Scoffs for chips - young people said the chips 'were the best ever!'

30/05/24 - AMF Bowling trip - 5 young people from Marldon attended this trip (4 from the village, 1 from outside but who attends Marldon YC) alongside 25 young people from TRAYE'S other 9 areas.

Our next session will take place on 14/06/24 and we will once again be focussing on diversity and LGBTQ+ awareness month. As we have a couple of young people who come to the Marldon session who identify as LGBTQ+, it will be important to show our support and ensure we are creating a safe space for young people to be themselves. All LGBTQ+ work is done in an age appropriate way, using Schools Out LGBTQ+ resources.

24/06/12 - Open Spaces

a) To receive an update on the land earmarked for Garden of Remembrance and RESOLVE TO PROCEED with this project / decide a plan of action

Cllr Cotton reported that some clearing had taken place . He had received a quote of £250 - £300 for Simon Birbeck to assist with a major clearance - **AGREED**

The old fencing to be removed by Councillors -**AGREED**

Costs / suggestions for tree species for future planting to be researched

A meeting was now required with PCC

It was RESOLVED to PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT

ACTION ; MAJOR CLEARANCE TO GO AHEAD

ACTION ; CLERK/CLLR COTTON & HORE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH PCC

b) Allotments

Communication had been received from Plot & - works had started to improve

No Communication had been received from plot 15 - letter to withdraw plot

ACTION ; NOTICE TO QUIT LETTER TO PLOTHOLDER NO 15

24/06/13- Playground

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

The three missing SHDC reports had been received

It was suggested that the basketball court - a really popular amenity - should be enlarged

A new bench had been installed

ACTION ; CLLR COTTON / CLERK TO OBTAIN QUOTES RE BASKETBALL COURT

24/06/14 HIGHWAYS -

a) Update Speedwatch scheme - Cllr Clarke **AGREED** to obtain feedback from Linda Balster who was continuing to progress the scheme

b) Cllrs Roddy and Cooke to form working party to look at all aspects of the mobile VAS project and report back

b) To decide whether to respond to Parishioner request to ask that Devon County adopts the footpath (and subsequent repair) from Peters Close to Peters Field

ACTION : ; Clerk to write to DCC Paul Macfadden ROW Officer & Highways

24/06/15- Planning -

<u>0947/24/ FUL</u>	The Bramblings Kiln Road Marldon TQ3 1SH	Remodelling of dwellinghouse to include raising of roof height, two storey extensions and demolition of carport and outbuildings, creation of swimming pool and landscaping. NO OBJECTION
<u>1317/24/ HHO</u>	The Old Stables 1 Lower Westerland Barns Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RU	Householder application for alterations to existing garage roof with the installation of photovoltaic roof panels NO OBJECTION

<u>1761/24/ ARC</u>	The Old Kiln, Kiln Road, Marldon, TQ3 1SH	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (Contamination Report), 5 (Verification Report), 10 (CMP) and 12 (Permanent Surface Water Management Scheme) of planning consent 34/1890/15/O OBJECTION - traffic route for larger construction vehicles unsuitable
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24/06/16- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 9th July 2024 at 7pm - Marldon Village Hall

There being no further business , the Meeting was **CLOSED.** at. 9.00 pm