

Marlon Parish Council
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AGM and Meeting of the Parish Council held at
7.30 Tuesday 21 June 2021 in the Village School.

Present: John Ryland (JR)(Chair), Barry Nolan (BN), David McGowan (DM), Lucy Nixon (LN).

In Attendance: Andrew Simpson(AS)(Clerk), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS)

Apologies: Sue Webborn (SW), Sue Platt (SP), Julia Short,

1. Parishioners Attendance;
 - a. None
2. AGM Matters:
 - a. It was proposed by DM and seconded by BN that John Ryland be appointed Chair and that Sue Webborn be appointed Vice Chair until the next AGM.
 - b. JR confirmed that he had received the resignation of D Schwendener following his decision to move from the parish with sadness and wished him well; a discussion about recognising his contribution will take place later in the meeting.
 - c. JR asked that members consider who might be co-opted on to the council as a replacement. Some names were discussed but JR asked that all the members consider how we might bring new members on to council. Defer and discuss.
 - d. The accounts as presented were discussed and DM highlighted an issue in the budget that the allowance for a special project would be largely used for the village signs, but it was agreed that as the council had adequate reserves that any other projects could be accommodated. AS agreed to consider a revised forecast to take this into account.
 - e. The accounts were adopted as presented.
 - f. This concluded the AGM matters.
3. Minutes of previous meeting.
 - a. The modified version as presented was accepted as a true record.
 - b. DM advised that we should wait until the draft accounts for future meetings were agreed before they are published on the web as these minutes are monitored by members of the public.
4. Footpaths Report:
 - a. JR confirmed that the village green was due to be mown this week.
 - b. JR has spoken to Andy Simpson (from CE) about extending the weed killing activity further into the village.
 - c. DM asked if this could include the junction of School Lane.
 - d. DM highlighted an issue with the footpath opposite Rigby's which is in very poor condition; an incident report no.3425871 (25/05/21) has been filed with CE.
 - e. The parish commended the council for the improvements to the A34 and side roads whilst confirming that more still needs to be done.
5. PCSO Report:
 - a. AS summarised the PCSO incident reports highlighting some significant incidents.

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- b. JR highlighted an issue at Northwood Farm where equipment has been stolen.
 - c. A discussion took place about a cat that has been attacking other pets and it was hoped that this could be resolved without the intervention of the PCSO, although this was a final option.
 - d. A discussion took place about the continuation of the regular PCSO clinic held at the golf club where few, if any, village members attend.
 - e. A discussion took place about the possible need for other resources to be made available to help villagers who may be struggling with community or social issues that sometimes boiled over, and how these could be addressed. Rev Ian Arch may be able to advise.
6. Planning Applications:
- a. Marlon Meadows driving range 20/4440M was still pending. LS confirmed that if a decision was delayed beyond the statutory period the applicant could initiate an appeal.
 - b. Richard Campey 20/5533M application is waiting for a decision.
 - c. Brickyard Farm (21/1233M) there are no objections to and CE planning have been notified. There is still no decision.
 - d. Barlows Agri: correspondence from the council now confirms that they have started an investigation into the planning status of the additional activities taking place, and that professional planning consultants have been appointed by Barlows to advise them and discuss with the planners.
 - e. Church Farm 21/2290M is still awaiting a decision.
 - f. Church Farm Hotel 21/5533M, which the parish challenged, is awaiting a decision.
 - g. Cherry Barrow Farm new houses; JR had spoken to a neighbour who was concerned that a boundary hedge may have been damaged by the building activity. JR undertook to look in to the matter.
7. Marlon Neighbourhood Development Plan:
- a. The plan was formally 'made' (adopted and published) on 1st April 2021, if not the first in CE then certainly one of the earliest.
 - b. JR on behalf of the council congratulated the team on a job well done.
8. Environmental Plan:
- a. JR confirmed that some trees and hedge whips had been planted round the village in the last few weeks.
 - b. A plan is being considered to improve a strip either side of the main brooks and dells in the parish from an ecological perspective.
9. Marlon School Liaison:
- a. A school parent has kindly agreed to erect the two mirrors as agreed, the mirrors to be paid for by the parish.
 - b. JR reported that Footprints Nursery was very successful, was thinking of expansion plans and that he had asked them to consider car parking provision off street as part of this expansion.
10. Village Maintenance:
- a. Village Signs. Rick Kellet has offered to help move the signs to their location and DS and BN will erect on site. The existing signs will be removed and deployed elsewhere.

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- b. Wild Flowers; A member of the Wildflower trust was due to have reviewed the site. Phillip Sims has estimated £---- plus the cost of stone to renovate and reset the seating circle. Kennerley's to offer an alternative quote. JR to contact Tarmac and MIA re possible grants and this is time critical as the area is in poor condition.
 - c. Planters; JR thanked BN for his efforts along with others; the invoice for the flowers was agreed for payment.
 - d. Spinney bench and gate has been painted
 - e. Litterpick. AS to email LS about emptying the bin(s); who empties the bin at the junction of Bunce/Congleton next to the BT boxes and could they also empty the Spinney bin, currently managed by JR or AS when they remember.
 - f. Macclesfield council have litter pick map recording where voluntary litter picks take place. LN to explore this.
11. Welcome Pack.
- a. We need to find a method of identifying new residents so the pack can be sent, and possible email addresses exchanged for the village list.
 - b. SP to identify businesses she would want to mention, we need to be careful to not exclude anyone from an offer to be included.
 - c. The meeting should be notified of any new residents identified, or any pending.
12. Highways:
- a. The new police commissioner has made a case from addressing speeding issues. There is a suggestion that Monks Heat to Capesthorne may be considered for an average speed system, could this be extended to Marlon. LS to explore this proposal and see if it is likely.
13. Website:
- a. It was agreed that the 'Draft' minutes should only be published on the web after agreement from all councillors as local press monitor the site.
14. Finance:
- a. The submitted cheques list (plus Four Oaks) was approved.
15. Chairman:
- a. The council should liaise with Eaton re the possible re arranged boundary. There is considerable opposition to the plan as drafted. JR asked LS to propose a plan for a co-ordinated approach to challenge the proposal which could affect Marlon as well as Eaton.
 - b. If the consultation period is very soon we may have to consider an EGM to offer villagers an opportunity to discuss.
16. Correspondence: Non received.
17. AOB:
- a. JR will speak to DN about a celebratory meal at the Davenport, who have offered to facilitate if we want.
 - b. BN reported that the Paris Magazine is to return in printed format for those who want it.
 - c. JR will speak to Mary Percival about Red Telephone boxes and possible sites and uses.

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- d. AS to ask about Insurance cover, including an asset register and what our responsibilities might be regarding condition (notices on water sites, condition of benches etc).
 - e. AS to speak to Alan Shufflebottom about the pond at the junction of Messuage/Hodge Hill and its status re the village.
18. Dates of next meeting:
- a. 27th September 2021
 - b. 13th December 2021

Meeting closed at 22:00