

Marlon Parish Council
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Minutes of AGM and Meeting of the Parish Council held at
7.30 Tuesday 24 May 2022 at the School.

1. Attendance;
 - a. J Ryland (JR), Lucy Nixon (LN), Sue Webborn (SW), Sue Platt (SP), Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS)
 - b. Andrew Simpson (Clerk)(AS).
 - c. Apologies; David McGowan (DM), Barrie Nolan (BN).
2. The Council noted with regret serious illness of Liz Nolan offered their support to Barrie Nolan; they also thanked Sue Platt and others for their support for Barrie at this difficult time.
3. AGM Matters;
 - a. There being a quorum, the AGM was declared and the attendance was as noted in item 1 above.
 - b. J Ryland was proposed as the Chair for the coming year, proposed by SW and seconded by LN and supported by SP. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.
 - c. S Webborn was proposed as Vice Chair for the coming year, proposed by JR and seconded by LN and supported by SP. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.
 - d. The accounts were presented by the Clerk (AS) and approved along with the Budget for 2022/23 as previously circulated and approved by all.
 - e. There being no further AGM business the Chair declared the 2021/22 AGM closed.
4. Minutes of previous meeting;
 - a. The draft minutes as circulated and previously corrected were approved for publication as the final minutes.
 - b. It was noted that at least 30 people had attended the Village Meeting in March, which was declared a success.
5. Footpaths;
 - a. The footpath from Bunce Lane through to the Church was noted as being in poor condition. JR will try and contact the Ramblers Association and advise.
6. PCSO Report;
 - a. PCSO, Garry Charnock will gradually take over from Julia Short.
 - b. The incident report was noted.
 - c. JR had attended the Police Commissioners meeting. It was noted that although the PCSO officers were now technically based out of Knutsford, that Macclesfield was still the main Police hub for Marlon and the local area.
7. Planning;
 - a. Marlon Meadows Golf Club;

- i. 21/6443M A meeting was scheduled between the Golf Club manager, JR and DM for 30 May to discuss current concerns about the recent extension proposals.
 - ii. The meeting would also discuss the issue of Hedgerow removal and concerns by neighbours over the effectiveness of the noise fencing facing Oak Lane.
 - iii. 21/6404M Messuage Lane has been approved.
 - iv. 21/5778M The Shippon, Moss Bank farm has been approved.
 - v. Barlows had been served a 7 day notice re the planning consent to store Caravans, requiring them to apply for approval. There was now some doubt about the relevant ownership of various parts of the site and who might have been served the notice. LS will follow this up. AS to forward and planning application numbers or reference.
 - vi. Cherry Barrow Farm hedgerow issue; The CPRE had suggested JR contact a consultant, Phillip Bailey who has suggested that elements of the disturbance to the hedgerow may require some attention to preserve the structure. JR to follow up.
- 8. Environmental Plan;
 - a. School have trees have been thinned by John Percival.
 - b. It would be nice to reference the environmental plan update in the Parish magazine, in a similar way to other parishes.
- 9. School Liaison;
 - a. The pole for the mirror has been sourced, JR will progress the fitting.
 - b. Footprints Nursery, no current updates.
 - c. It was noted that the school was organising a party on 8th June to which the village were invited.
- 10. Welcome Pack;
 - a. The new resident at ChapelBrook has spoken to SP about the narrow and at times almost impassable footpath which she would like to use with a buggy. Can JR contact Andy Simpson (Cheshire East) re this?
 - b. The grit bin at the end of Oak Lane is falling to bits; can this be replaced, if so by whom?
 - c. An email re the gritting program was sent out some weeks ago but AS will try and locate and re-send.
- 11. Village Maintenance;
 - a. York Stone is still unavailable.
 - b. Wildflowers; there is some sign that the Yellow Rattle is starting to take hold, we may need to review this autumn.
 - c. AS commented that Kingsmead in Northwich have had some success and he will try and find a contact at Northwich to get advice.
- 12. Highways;
 - a. Chapelbrok Cottage pathway (see item 10.a).
 - b. Peter Davis will weed kill when he next does Siddington.
 - c. Grit Box (10.a) it should be logged on the CE highways faults site. SP.
- 13. Website; nothing to report.

14. Clerk:

- a. Current Accounts balance = £9950
- b. Cheques approved as per submitted list.
- c. Village meeting expenses were approved, JR to confirm amount and submit a claim.

15. Community Governance;

- a. LS reported that the boundary changes campaign had resulted in almost complete success for Eaton and surrounding areas, and the parish thanked LS and our local MP for their efforts to achieve this.

16. Correspondence:

- a. A resident, R Booth on Cocksmiss Lane reported his frustration at the very slow internet speed; he has been quoted £70,000 to upgrade the lane but the residents feel this is beyond them. We have pointed him towards a transmitter on Bosley hill, he has explored this option and not had a good outcome. LS noted the issue and has asked for an email contact.
- b. JR raised the issue of speeding on the A34 with the Police Commissioner. A trial in the area is under way but its location is being withheld. LS pointed out that in terms of Police action, the number of serious incidents on the A34 is relatively low which may mitigate against speed measures.
- c. Manchester Airport are reviewing the flight paths but JR is not optimistic that any representation (from any quarter) will influence the outcome.

17. Other matters;

- a. There have been no responses to the Clerk's position; AS will now canvas other PC's.
- b. The Parish Magazine has no section on MPC matters. AS to ask for the clerk to be included on the mailing list.

18. Meeting dates;

- a. Tuesday 19th July 2022
- b. Tuesday 13th September 2022
- c. Tuesday 29th November 2022
- d. Tuesday 7th February 2023