

MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2016 at Goodrich Village Hall

PRESENT A Drabble (Chairman) N Roper A Williams M Wigmore

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor E Swinglehurst

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. APOLOGIES S Parker

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None submitted

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2016

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Boat Lane. Dead tree to be removed. S Parker to investigate and report to the Clerk if removal has taken place or is still required.

Luke Brook. Clearance of the brook has improved water flow. M Wigmore will continue to monitor the situation.

6. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

The monthly report had been circulated to all members. The meeting was minded of the future consultation with Highways / Kier regarding the proposed 4 gap closures on the A40.

One gap includes Boat Lane. It is also proposed to improve the slip road at Pencraig to Glewstone and improve signage.

The Clerk and Ward Councillor will keep Council members informed of the consultation process. Copies of the proposals were circulated at the meeting.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Proposed budget and precept for the financial year 2017/2018. The proposed budget and notes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Clerk highlighted the changes to the lengthsman scheme grant funding and the subsequent impact to Parish and Town Councils.

The meeting agreed that the scheme was most important to the maintenance levels of the Parish and that funding should be made accordingly to continue at the present level.

The meeting resolved that the budget and precept for 2017/2018 should be adopted and the request made for the precept at £8500.00.

Payments

Lengthsman. The expected invoice for scheduled work for the second quarter 2016 had not been received by the date of this meeting. It was proposed by N Roper and seconded by M Wigmore that when this invoice was received the cheque could be signed by the mandate signatures.

Clerk fee £243.00 Administration £14.46 Travel / meetings £40.00

Traning event part share £69.00

Marstow PCC contribution to the churchyard maintenance £75.00

8. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

None received for comments / consideration.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

The Clerk had attended the Balfour Beatty review update and budget meeting and Herefordshire Council planning meeting / Call For Sites and highlighted the key elements to Council members.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Owls Oak Glewstone. M Wigmore has spoken to the resident / land owner and reported that the tree branches will be cut back to assist improved visibility for road users. Balfour Beatty will install a new sign and remark the junction white lines.

A request was made under The Freedom of Information Act to determine the number of speed traffic offences through Pencraig over the past 6 months.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No new items were reported.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM AT GOODRICH VILLAGE HALL
SHOULD URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRE ATTENTION BEFORE THIS DATE
THEN A SEPARATE MEETING WILL BE CALLED.**

The meeting started at 7.30pm and ended at 8.30pm

Signed

Chairman

Date