

MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2018 at Goodrich Village Hall

PRESENT A Williams (Chairman) S Parker M Wigmore N Roper T Watson

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) and 1 resident

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Following the resignation of A Drabble an appointment of a new Chairman is required. It was resolved that A Williams be appointed Chairman being proposed by N Roper seconded by M Wigmore and agreed by all members. A Williams signed the Declaration of Office.

2. APPOINTMENT / CONFIRMATION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was resolved that S Parker continue as Vice Chairman being proposed by M Wigmore seconded by N Roper and agreed by all members.

3. COOPTION OF A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

It was resolved that T Watson be appointed to the Parish Council to fulfill the vacancy available being proposed by S Parker seconded by M Wigmore and agreed by all members. T Watson signed the Declaration of Office and agreed to complete and return to the Clerk The Register of Interest Declaration papers.

4. APOLOGIES None

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

N Roper declared an interest in planning application 174007 Ashe Farm proposed 2 lakes with overflow for irrigation of crops.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

The resident attending reported that he was aware of the dead tree on his land and was waiting for Open Reach to remove the top branches from power lines before removing the remaining tree.

He was also concerned regarding litter on the A4137 near a gate to farm land that was often used as a pull in and layby. Following discussion T Watson kindly agreed to address the matter. A further concern was water coming down Marstow Lane and collecting near the bridge on the A4137.

Near Marstow Court a drain requires clearing. The resident is willing to carry out this work but would appreciate the agreement of Balfour Beatty before work is started.

The Clerk will report these matters to Balfour Beatty.

Residents are concerned about possible drug dealings taking place at Marstow. Incidents as reported to the Council are given to our local police officers and residents are also advised to report such matters directly to the police.

7. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2018

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

8. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Overhanging branches – Marstow – the matter has been reported to Balfour Beatty.

Dead tree - Marstow – reference item 6.

9. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The monthly report had been circulated to all members.

10. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

Applications responded.

180240 and 180241 St Matthews Church proposed external temporary WC – Council members had given no objections.

174007 Ashe Farm Pencraig proposed 2 lakes with overflow system for irrigation of crops – Council members had given no objections.

172076 land adjacent to Herriot Cottage – the Council are waiting for this application to go to Herefordshire Council Planning Committee.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The VAT refund for 2017 has been received being £571.60

Bank mandate. It was resolved that Council members A Williams N Roper and S Parker are the agreed signatures for the bank account with any two signatures being required.

Internal Auditor. Due to temporary reasons of the present auditor a new Internal Auditor was agreed and has been appointed.

The outline paper for the new proposed Data Protection Act relating to Marstow Parish Council has been circulated to all members and further associated papers will follow and be included on the Council website.

Payments

Clerk fee £243.00 Administration £18.60 Travel / Meetings / Training £54.00

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

No further comments were made.

13. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lengthsman. Following the recent bad weather the lengthsman has repaired all grips in the Parish and cleared all drains.

Water stands on the road near to Porch Farm A4137. The Clerk will report the matter to Balfour Beatty.

Further fly tipping incident at the bottom of Boat Lane. The Clerk will report the matter.

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Reference the above action points.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 1 MAY 2018 AT 7.30PM AT GOODRICH VILLAGE HALL.
THIS WILL BE THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL – AND THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.
SHOULD URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE THIS DATE
THEN A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE CALLED.**