

## MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2019 at Goodrich Village Hall

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

**ATTENDING** K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor E Swinglehurst

**1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC** Not required

**2. APOLOGIES** All Council members present

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** None reported

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2019**

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES**

Speeding concerns Glewstone. Discussion concluded that the concerns reported earlier in the year were largely the result of the increased volume of traffic caused by a road diversion whilst road resurfacing work was being carried out.

Litter Pick review. The Chairman thanked the Council members who had participated and also the resident from Pencraig.

It was suggested that another date be arranged at the May 2020 meeting.

**6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR**

The monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

General discussion took place regarding Herefordshire Council activities including the latest developments regarding the proposed by pass at Hereford.

**7. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS**

194074 Elmssdale Marstow washing up shed for campers and shed for bikes kayak and gardening tools – part retrospective.

The Council members gave no objections to this application.

**8. FINANCE MATTERS**

Estimated budget and proposed precept for the next financial year 2020/2021.

Finance papers and explanations had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Following discussion it was resolved to request a precept of £9000.00 for the next financial year 2020/2021 being proposed by N Roper seconded by M Wigmore and agreed by all Council members.

Local churchyard maintenance contribution. The Clerk reviewed the advice note from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) to Town and Parish Councils that in their opinion contributions to the maintenance of local churchyards are not supported by the Local Government Acts.

The Clerk explained that this was not the opinion of Central Government and not the opinion of a leading consultant on Town and Parish Council matters Paul Clayden who state that there is sufficient legislation available for a contribution to be made to the local churchyard if a Council wishes to do so.

It was agreed the Clerk summarise this matter for further discussion and resolution at the May 2020 meeting.

Payments

Lengthsman scheme scheduled work £510.00

Clerk fee £243.00 Administration £34.88 Travel / meetings £47.22

#### **9. POSSIBLE REVISED LOCATION FOR FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Chairman reviewed the recent investment and changes that had taken place at Marstow Parish Church and that following discussions with the Clerk and PCC members they were more than willing to consider that our Council meetings be held at this location.

It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for the March 2020 meeting to be held at Martsow Parish Church and the Council determine if the facilities were suitable for future meetings.

#### **10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED**

Reference was made to the recent telephone conversation and correspondence from a resident concerning the removal of hedges used to separate fields and the removal of public rights of way across these fields.

The Clerk had sent all these concerns to the Public Rights of Way Officer for investigation. Similar correspondence had also been sent by the resident.

#### **11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

M Wigmore reported that following the severe rain conditions the ditch and road near Dry Arch had flooded. Balfour Beatty were aware of this and were in discussion with the respective land owners regarding the condition of the ditches.

N Roper expressed concerns regarding speeding traffic about to leave the 50mph zone near Ashe Farm Pencraig and questioned why speed control checks could not be used in this area in addition to the other locations in Pencraig.

Following further discussion it was agreed the Clerk contact the Roads Safety Partnership and determine if a site meeting could take place to resolve this issue.

#### **12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

No new items were reported.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 3 MARCH 2020 AT 7.30PM AT MARSTOW PARISH CHURCH.**

The meeting started at 7.30pm and ended at 9pm

Signed

Chairman

Date