

MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2019 at Goodrich Village Hall

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor E Swinglehurst and 3 residents

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

A resident was concerned and wished it recorded in the minutes that an agreed site meeting between him and the Locality Steward to discuss a drainage issue at Marstow had not taken place and with no apology for absence.

It was agreed that the Clerk will speak with the Locality Steward and request a new site meeting date.

The resident also complained that the gate entrance to a field at Marstow A4137 was being used for parking and litter dropped.

The Council members discussed and suggested possible actions that could be initiated.

2. APOLOGIES S Parker

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None reported

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2018.

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 A40 Pencraig – review of responses from residents. Following the December 2018 PC meeting when some residents had attended to discuss their concerns regarding the traffic situation through the 50mph zone at Pencraig a letter had been prepared by the Parish Council and distributed to all homes in the Parish giving all residents the opportunity to give their comments and concerns regarding this situation.

From this letter distribution the Clerk had received 5 responses.

The Council members discussed the issues highlighted and resolved that the Clerk write to Highways England requesting a site meeting and highlighting the main points of concern being – possible increased positions of speed checks and an additional speed indicator Monmouth direction as well as the possible consideration to extend the 50mph zone before entering Pencraig in the Ross on Wye direction.

The Council agreed that concerns regarding the two bus stops for school pupils was a matter that parents should take directly with the appropriate school.

A resident attending stated that his children used these bus stops as he had done (when there was no 50mph zone) and had no problem with the present locations.

5.2 Lengthsman quotations drainage School Lane / Boat Lane - discussions have taken place and the lengthsman will review the situation during his next maintenance schedule.

5.3 New notice board – this is now having special fixings attached. The lengthsman has visited the proposed site and will cut back the hedge branches before installation.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The monthly report had been circulated to all members.

Balfour Beatty are preparing a revised brochure for land owners / residents regarding ditches and the responsibility involved.

The Ward Councillor had also attended the recent Inter Parish (neighbour Parish Councils) meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman would attend the next meeting together with the Clerk.

7. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

No new applications had been submitted for comment.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk will prepare the end of year accounts and papers for audit ready for the May 2019 meeting.

Payments

Lengthsman maintenance work £306.00

Clerk fee £243.00 Administration £8.04 Travel meetings / training £17.10

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / DISTRIBUTED

The meeting was minded of the May 2019 Elections.

The Clerk will attend the briefing meeting 6 March 2019 and will arrange to distribute the Election submission papers.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

It had been noted that the litter bin on the lay by Ash Farm Pencraig had been removed. As a result it appeared that there was now considerable less litter - the meeting resolved that no further action should be taken.

Grit bins in the Parish. Balfour Beatty have visited all locations and marked them as Herefordshire Council for future maintenance.

Litter Pick Event. The agreed date is 20 April 2019 at the same meeting point Pencraig (at the yellow grit bin near the previous Post Office location) starting at 10am to 12 noon.

The Clerk will prepare a poster for the website and notice boards and inform Herefordshire Council for the date of the Litter Pick to include in their publicity.

The meeting started at 7.30pm and ended at 8.40pm

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 21 MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM AT GOODRICH VILLAGE HALL

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Signed

Chairman

Date