

MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2015 at Goodrich Village Hall

PRESENT A Drabble (Chairman) M Wigmore S Parker N Roper

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor E Swinglehurst and 1 resident

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. APOLOGIES A Williams

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2015

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk confirmed that a request had been written to the Road Safety Partnership with a copy to Ross on Wye Police for the continued support and presence in Pencraig of both the speed monitoring vans and police patrols including radar.

The meeting was minded that monitoring black boxes had also been recently used in this area. The request for a safety barrier for the cottage directly adjacent to the A40 continues with the Highways Agency. The Clerk has received no response from this agency despite reminders. Our Ward Councillor kindly agreed to make further attempts on our behalf.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The concerns regarding litter on the A40 and at the road lay byes was discussed with the Ward Councillor describing the investigations being made and possible future actions that can be taken.

Ward related matters and reports will continue to be sent to the Clerk for further distribution.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Estimated budget and precept for 2016/2017. Members had received the estimated prepared budget prior to the meeting. The Clerk explained that for this budget it had been assumed that no grant would be available for the lengthsman scheme. The Clerk will attend a meeting with Balfour Beatty early December 2015 and it was agreed that depending on this outcome and information received the budget for 2016/2017 would either remain as it was proposed or adjusted in line with any grant that would be available. The meeting agreed that the Chairman and Clerk were appointed to action this matter and prepare the precept request being minded that the submission for the precept was latest 31 December 2015.

It is estimated that the precept request for 2016/2017 will represent £7500.00.

8. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

No new applications had been received.

9. NOTICE BOARD

It has been reported that the Parish Council notice board requires some attention and maintenance. The Clerk will arrange this matter.

The meeting considered that the present location was not the most suitable for the community and it was agreed S Parker and M Wigmore would investigate a possible new location.

As required the Clerk will arrange repairs and relocation. The Clerk will also speak with the present landowners to inform them of the above situation.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

S Parker will attend the Tree Warden Workshop.

The Clerk informed the meeting that 5 tons of grit/salt mix has been ordered under the Balfour Beatty Self Help scheme and will be located with our lengthsman.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Notice board / relocation

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM AT GOODRICH VILLAGE HALL UNLESS IN THE MEANTIME THERE ARE URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS TO ATTEND AND THEREFORE A FURTHER MEETING WILL BE CALLED.

The meeting started at 7.30pm and ended at 8.30pm

Signed

Chairman

Date