

MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2021 at St Matthews church Marstow

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

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

1. **OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC** Not required
2. **APOLOGIES** All members were present
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
T Watson and N Roper declared an Interest in planning application 213277 Mobile Home Upper Trebandy which were recorded in the register.
4. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
It was proposed by M Wigmore seconded by T Watson and agreed by all members that N Roper be appointed as Vice Chairman.
5. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2020**
The minutes were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
6. **REPORT / COMMENTS FROM OUR WARD COUNCILLOR**
The meeting thanked E Swinglehurst for the regular monthly report all the way through the covid crisis.
The verbal comments included an update on Childrens Services and the pollution / phosphate levels in the river Wye. This followed with a debate on the condition of the river and both the short term and longer term potential situation if careful monitoring and changes do not take place.
The latest stand by Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty regarding the responsibility of land owners / home owners on ditches was highlighted and discussed.
Reference also item 10 of the agenda Correspondence received.
7. **PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS**
213277 Mobile Home Upper Trebandy replacement dwelling
T Watson left the meeting during this discussion / resolution.
The resident attending was given permission to speak and present the background reasons to this application.
N Roper explained that he would not comment or participate in the resolution of this application.
The meeting gave no objections to this application. Reference HC 784195
213138 Sunray Perks proposed extension and conversion of barn.
The meeting gave no objections to this application.
Comments sent by email to HC.
213367 Herriot Cottage variation of conditions proposed community orchard
The meeting gave no objections. Reference HC 784194
212661 Lower Daffaluke proposed conversion and extension of barns to provide holiday accommodation
The meeting objected to this application being concerns for the increased traffic of visitors and service providers on such a narrow lane. Reference HC 784198

8. FINANCE MATTERS

- 8.1 Bank account status. This was reviewed by the Clerk
- 8.2 Precept second payment. This is being transferred to our bank account.
- 8.3 Estimated budget and precept for 2022 / 2023. Financial papers with the proposed estimated budget for discussion had been circulated to Council members prior to the meeting. The meeting resolved that the requested precept for 2022 /2023 be maintained at £9500.00.
- 8.4 Churchyard maintenance contribution. A paper outlining the opinions of NALC and those of Central Government and the specialist advisor Paul Clayden had been circulated to Council members prior to the meeting for their consideration. Following discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council would continue to give a contribution towards the churchyard maintenance the agreed sum being £250.00.
- 8.5 Meeting room payment. Following discussion it was agreed by all members that £150.00 should be given to cover a potential 10 meetings from October 2021 to September 2022.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

It was agreed that – pending urgent business matters – the next Parish Council meetings would be held on 18 January and 15 March 2022 starting at 7.30pm at St Matthews church Marstow.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

There were no further comments.

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

The meeting discussed if Marstow church had a Christmas tree planned or considered lighting the tree by the entrance gate for the festive season.
The Clerk agreed to discuss the matter with the PCC members.

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No new subjects were proposed.

The meeting started at 7.30pm and ended at 8.40pm

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM AT ST MATTHEWS CHURCH MARSTOW UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS TO ATTEND AND A MEETING CALLED ACCORDINGLY

Signed

Chairman

Date