

MALBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 2016 Annual Parish Meeting *under the Chairmanship of Cllr John*

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Date: 20 th April 2016		Venue & Time: Village Hall Annexe, commencing at 7.00pm
Present: Geoff Allen Cllr. Gill Boyce Mrs Debbie Ede (Clerk to the Council & Minute taker) County Cllr. Rufus Gilbert (part meeting) Cllr. Lucinda Goodhead	Cllr. Ann Kendall Hugh Mitchell (part meeting) Dist. Cllr. Judy Pearce (part meeting) Cllr. Paul Pedrick Cllr. Michael Wesley Dist Cllr Simon Wright Cllr. Kevin Yeoman Cllr. John Yeoman (in the Chair)	Apologies: Gail Allen Jane Greaves Cllr. Kathy Harrod Cllr. Keith Makepeace PC Jo Pengilly

Ref Minutes Action

- The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2015 had already been agreed and signed as a true record.
- John Yeoman, in the Chair and Chairman of Malborough Parish Council, welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting of the Parish, highlighting the fact that it was an opportunity for everyone to hear reports and comment on how the Officers of the village are doing and highlight any areas of concern or aspiration.

2016-1 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Rufus Gilbert reports:

Re local issues:

- Cllr Gilbert felt it had been a good year, from DCC's perspective, with most issues raised (by us in Malborough) addressed and answered with more positive than negative outcomes.
- In addition to the opportunity to bid for his Locality monies (thank you for Cllr Gilbert's help with the Village Hall roof) there are new capital grants available from a £10k budget. This has to be spent by Christmas 2016.

Re DCC matters:

- The Boundary review means that the new division expands to 16 parishes (from 13) and now includes Modbury so there are three towns to service. Cllr Gilbert says he has put himself up for re-election and has concerns about the viability of the expanded ward and his ability to provide adequate coverage. If he is re-elected then how he operates will need reviewing. It is likely that the work of our link officer into DCC, Adam Keay, will also increase so that his area of responsibility mirrors that of the new ward.
- Re Devolution: this progress with lots of things happening, DCC have sent in some proposals into Government. The 2nd phase is more important and DCC are keeping a watching brief.
- Re. Committees: Cllr Gilbert advised that he continues as chair of the pension fund (which now totals £3.5 billion). There are national changes to the scheme so it is becoming more time intensive. Funds are being pooled with the pooling being the investment vehicle although the scheme itself remains independent. The 'local' pool (Bristol based) will be £25bn.
- The Health & Wellbeing Committee is active and Cllr Gilbert advises that he continues to enjoy his role on the PROW Committee especially as it links with his hobby of walking for pleasure.
- He has recently been made Chair of a new task and finish group for income generation for the County Council.
- Re. Footpath news: the year has seen lots of repairs being undertaken including the Hope Cove path and the planned work at Beacon Point is now imminent (moving the footpath across). This was delayed as resources had to be deployed at Torcross following the flood damage.
- Re. Libraries: these are a success story, now as a Trust
- Re. Roads: here the work is ongoing and time consuming, taking up 33 to 50% of his time, especially given the budget cuts and the need to fight for funds. The online reporting system for potholes is now

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working well and there are less complaints being received. Cllr Gilbert remarked that he managed to get the Totness Cross to Halwell road repaired and patched on a Sunday! Overall more is being done but with less money

- Re. Academy schools: as yet the direction is unclear, there will be compromises to come and a watching brief is being kept.

There were no questions from the floor. John Yeoman highlighted an incidence of bad road erosion/potholes on the narrows towards Salcombe; this has recently been reported on the online system but there have been four cars with ripped tyres. The meeting agreed to contact Cllr Gilbert if the repair was not carried out within 10 days.

Re the VAS, Cllr Yeoman advised that we were waiting on costings across the 2 sites – the meeting accepted that a VAS can only be sited where there has been a SCARF monitor. Cllr Gilbert reiterated his pledge of a minimum of £1,000 to help fund this.

Cllr Gilbert advised there is a TRO going through and there is a DYL (double yellow line) application from Malborough Parish Council going through re additional lineage on Collaton Road. There are also parking restrictions requested outside Hope Thatch in Lower Town; these have not originated from the Parish Council who will investigate and advise Cllr Gilbert whether it should be progressed. The cost of the latter would be £500. It is not known who asked for this.

Cllr Gilbert advocated/proposed that a regular 1/4ly F2F (face to face) meeting with the Chair and the Clerk to raise/catch up/unblock any outstanding issues might be a useful way forward.

John Yeoman thanked Cllr Gilbert for all his help in moving forward issues of importance to the village *After giving his report Cllr Gilbert left the meeting (to attend another Parish annual meeting) at 7.20pm*

2016-2 POLICE REPORT: With apologies from PC Jo Pengilly and David Gibson their report reads; *....."Please can you accept our crime figures for the past two years; as you will be able to see there have been 8 less reported crimes 2015 -2016 than the year previous; this is very positive.*

Dates taken from 01/04/2014 – 01/04/2015 crimes as follows:

• Theft -	8
• Burglary -	1 x attempt
• Criminal Damage	7
• Pub. Order	3
• Dog related	3
• Drink Drive -	1
• other -	4
TOTAL	27

Compared to this past year 01/04/2015 – 01/04/2016

• Theft -	3
• Burglary -	2
• Criminal Damage -	2
• Public Order-	0
• Dog Related -	1
• Drink Drive -	1
• Other -	10
TOTAL	19

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Assaults have been included in OTHER offences this will also include drugs etc.

We have completed a number of traffic operations throughout the past year, concentrating on speeding through Malborough and also traffic offences no seat belts and using a mobile phone whilst driving where prosecutions have been completed and many warnings issued.

CUMBER CLOSE – parking issues are still an ongoing concern but Dave and I do regularly patrol this area and issue warnings to vehicles parked in the turning bay and prosecution has also been enforced to repeat offenders.

The past year has been a very good year with very positive results as can be seen by the decline in crime figures. We still encourage the giving of information to help us with the target of offenders in the area including drug abuse.

The traffic theme this month is Speed so you will see Officers completing Speed checks with the Speed Gun in the area.

May we thank you for your support throughout the past year and we look forward to the coming year.

One issue which is still pending is what can be done to improve the visibility of the Zebra Crossing by the garage, this is still a concern of ours as many still do not see people waiting to cross and drive through. If there are any updates on this please can you let us know?

Kind regards, WPC 10901 Jo Pengilly & PCSO 30477 Dave Gibson, Salcombe Neighbourhood Beat Team”.....

There were no questions from the floor but John Yeoman thanked the Officers, saying that we do appreciate all the work that is done.

2016-3 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Dist Cllr Judy Pearce took the meeting through key issues of note:

She remarked that it is very nice to have completed 2 years with us now and she hoped that she and Simon had kept us up to date. Assuming we were up to speed, she gave a summary update on events in the last month:

- The 1st meeting of the joint LOCAL PLAN group had taken place, round the table with Plymouth and West Devon. Targets for new housing should be made public in July. The timetable as to what should be happening and when with respect to the Local Plan needs to be agreed and published as soon as possible.
- This week a PEER PLANNING REVIEW took place when lead members and officers came into the council to look into the planning service. Another forum took place with town and parish councils. Senior reaction was ‘they were aware’ of issues identified in the review – not complementary about the new IT system for example which needs fixing urgently - but hopefully will now expedite improvements to the systems. The Development Management Committee was complimented on their decision making and their good record re. appeal decisions.
- There is a new case officer with a Neighbourhood Planning Brief.
- Certain criticisms were made about the T18 process (transformation – change management) but at least there was a process in place and early thinking taking place about the future configuration and work of the Council(s).
- There was a move to put all Councils’ business into Local Authority controlled company and a options appraisal/review paper was being written by Price Waterhouse (at great cost!). The plan was to move quickly once the report was received, with a vote due to take place at the end of June as to the way forward. However the peer review suggested sort out the basics needed sorting out first!

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Cllr Yeoman asked if they were going to publish the peer review. Cllr Pearce replied there was a recommendation is that it should go to all members and that she would circulate the summary slides due out soon unless they were 'embargoed'. She was not sure whether the full report will be made available.

Dist Cllr Simon Wright added re. the year's overview:

- The transformation process, T18, is now three quarters of the way through. It is costing £2.9m to do but with a £430k contribution being received from Central Government. It should produce a recurrent £ 2.5 m annual saving. The Council has shed some 25% of its staff but this happened before the new systems were fully operational. It is this that has caused the blip in service delivery. Cllr Wright said credit had to go to the staff that were left and there was now light at end of the tunnel. It has made extra work so hopefully next year will see improvements.

From the floor, Hugh Mitchell queried the historic planning records kept on the web site and said that some are now missing. Mr Mitchell has emailed SHDC re. this and Cllr Pearce suggested she be copied in and she can expedite resolution. Cllr Wright reiterated this 'use us' message.

There were no questions for our District Councilors from the floor. *Dist Cllr Pearce left the meeting at 19.40hrs.*

2016-4 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT; John Yeoman's 2016 report (Chairman of Malborough Parish Council) is reproduced in full below:

"Last May after the election we welcomed Malcolm Wesley as a member of the Council after Roger Rendle had stepped down.

As I reported last year we had obtained funding with the Village Hall committee to replace the hall roof and by May the scaffolding was up and the work was underway. So by the time we got to the Village Fete the hall had a fine new roof and smart new downpipes with funds from the Community Reinvestment Project Fund from SHDC and help from our County Councillor as well. Whilst the scaffold was there Geoff Allen and the Village Hall committee helped me to pressure wash the walls.

Highways matters have been in the fore front again this year and we have been working out solutions as far as budgets and experts allow with Cllr Gilbert. The speed of traffic through the village remains a problem. Devon County did two speed surveys, one outside of Hillside and the other at Alston Gate. A high proportion of the vehicles at both sites were well in excess of the 30 limit. This will lead to action by the County with Electronic signs and Police visiting from time to time. We have asked for the signs to be at holiday times.

One solution is for the village to buy our own sign and Cllr Gilbert has offered £1000 grant towards the cost of roughly £2200. Highways have to approve the siting of the sign and we are waiting to hear the cost of sites at each end of the village and the costs of moving it between the two so that drivers do not get too used to it. The County is also hopeful to have new Beacons on the Zebra crossing like those in Kingsbridge and Modbury that are more easily visible with the LED lights around the main light.

This year we have taken on the grass cutting on the cycle track which has been successful, Jack Stone has done a brilliant job and he will be doing it again in early May. The funds for this have come from a TAP fund grant that we got for other works on the track but were not allowed to carry out but we can use the money on grass cutting. Once the grass is cut we intend to ask Channings Wood open prison for some prisoners to tidy back the grass that is growing across and making the path narrow. It will also show where repairs are needed. The chain gang idea came from Cllr Gilbert who has had experience of these things, only to get things done you understand!!

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Talking of road signs the Bolberry sign has reappeared after being removed but it has shrunk and the time they have taken to replace it they obviously left it in the water too long. We have also got a new sign at White Cross to make sure that caravans take the right route to sites. This backs up the long vehicle sign and the majority take notice although we have had larger delivery lorries that still believe the sat nav instead of their own eyes.

Also on a road theme we have our new gritter, as I told you last year we had TAP fund money for it working with S Huish Parish. We found the machine on line near Preston and I drove up, bought it and then back at 30-35 mph, a long slow trip. We obtained 10 tons of free salt from DCC for the two Parishes under the Snow warden scheme. Graham Hocking has stored it for us at Withymore and we can load the spreader with his tractor. Paul Pedrick, Kevin Yeoman and Dave Illingworth carried out the salting of the six mile route which allows most people in the two parishes a safer way to work. We have received some very complimentary remarks and thanks from parishioners. We owe those volunteers many thanks for their efforts, but secretly they enjoy it!

The other TAP fund grant for last year was for the outside area in the School and recently I presented them with their cheque of £4905, the TAP money and grants from District Cllrs and the Parish Council. Then I had a guided tour of the school which was very interesting and I was greeted in all the classes by very polite youngsters.

This year we have been lucky enough to be awarded another TAP fund grant for the Village Path from Cumber Close to the cycle track. This will allow people and dogs to have somewhere else to walk and have a circular route. We await prices for the work from a number of local fencing contractors. We have also received some of the 106 money from Alston Gate with Cllr Gilbert's help again to stone the end of the path. Phil Rowell has assured me it will be done in the next few days now the ground has dried out.

Soon after this meeting last year, the final act of the Alston Gate saga was played out. The appeal was heard and approved, not really what we wanted unfortunately but not unexpected. We have all learnt from this to be vigilant and have a neighbourhood plan fit for purpose. Compared to that the planning this year has been straight forward in the main with nothing controversial in the Parish. It will be good to see the development at Yarde Gate get underway, Mark Ashby tells me that it will start this May June time. The main thing that concerns the Council, is the capacity of the sewage works and it something we bring to the District Council's attention over the developments in Salcombe as well as the village.

In looking at the future financial position of the Council and the calls on its budget it was agreed to raise the precept by £3.62p for the average household. This works out at just 7p per week. This will enable the Council to operate properly and cover some of the jobs when other authorities stop doing them. The Council continues to give grants to village organisations and organisations that operate in the Parish- the Youth Club in the Baptist Chapel, the Preschool, the School, the WRVS, the CAB, the Malborough Horticultural Society and the Hope Cove Lifeboat and the Haig Fund Poppy Appeal.

In this report the Council must thank those that help with its work and look after its assets. Geoff Allen looks after the playground keeping everything working properly, like being spun around at speed while greasing the works of the roundabout recently.

We must also thank Ann Kendall for keeping us all informed with the Messenger and she can now share the load with her new assistant editor. Remember there is always a report of the Council in the messenger and the minutes on the two notice boards.

Thanks also go to Debbie our clerk who has had a busy year, not only making sure we are solvent, well behaved and legal but also taking a major role in producing the Neighbourhood Plan as well as all her other duties.

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I must also thank the District and County Councillors for their support through the year and all our Parish Councillors for all their work from Gritting - not rubbing salt in the wound!! to neighbourhood planning and beyond."

2016-5 MALBOROUGH'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This was put on this agenda to give another opportunity for questions. Given there was no one in attendance not already involved in the plan, the report was c/f to the Council Meeting. No questions were forthcoming.

2016-6 PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT; Jane Greaves had sent in her report, the full text of which is reproduced below.

....."20th April 2016 : **Malborough with South Huish Primary School**

Part of the South Hams Federation (with Stokenham, Loddiswell and Modbury)

Numbers

Since September we have had 6 extra new children.

Class 1 – 12

Class 2 – 27

Class 3 – 22

Class 4 – 20

81 on role – 36 boys 45 girls

Classes Re-structure

We are running 4 classes – Foundation stage, Year 1 & 2 Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6

We have 14 children starting in September into Foundation

Staffing

- *We have 4 class teachers; one teacher will be going off on maternity leave in August. Advertising to cover this maternity leave is in progress*
- *We have 4 Teaching Assistants with one going off on maternity leave in the summer, a replacement TA has been sourced.*
- *We welcomed in September Mrs. Moore who delivers Forest Schools on a Monday on the Playing Field.*
- *Mrs. Jackie Heath is still our Head Teacher and Mrs. Sue Jezard the Executive Head*
- *We currently share across the federation a full time Special Educational Needs Coordinator and a full time Sports Specialist.*
- *Are full time Kitchen Manager continues to cook for both the children at Malborough and Loddiswell, with three Meal Time Assistants; we are in the second year of the government's initiative to provide free school meals for all Key Stage One children. With school meals proving very popular.*

Clubs and Activities

- *We run various afterschool and lunch time clubs and are always looking for something different and exciting, some of the clubs we run are choir, football, yoga, netball, recorder, ukulele, keyboard, games, drum, multi skills, swimming (summer term only) and Wake and Shake on a Monday morning. To name but a few.*

Residentials

2015 & 2016

- *Yr3 –Forest and Beach, Beeson for a night of camping*
- *Yr4 – East Soar Farm, for a night of camping*
- *Yr5 – Heatree, Dartmoor for great outdoor activities*
- *Yr6 – Grenville House, Brixham for lots of exciting water*

Activities

Space Odyssey, Junior Life Skills, Year Six transition to KCC, math's, science challenges Remembrance Service and Poppy Appeal, Theatre Alibi, Visits to East Soar Farm during the year, Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal, Children in Need, Themed Weeks , Eden

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Project, Circus day, Trips to Tesco, Fire Safety, Primary Singing, Sports Relief, Animal dressing up day, World Book Day, Pennywell Farm, RNLI, Bikeability, SAT's Week

PTFA Fund Raising

Halloween Disco, Christmas Party, Scholastic Book, Easter Raffle, Easter Day at East Soar Farm

Cinema Night,

Church Involvement

School leavers 2015, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Service, Christmas whole school performance, Christingle Service, which the whole school made 150 Christingles, Easter Service, The Children made the Mothering Sunday posies, Monthly services held on the 1st Wednesday of every month, Ethos Committee meets once a term Trevor Backer comes into school once a week and teaches the children singing, Father Daniel and Father Stephen visit the school once a fortnight, School board in Church which reflects the work the children are doing in school Communion lessons for the year six children

Awards

We were awarded the Gold Mark for RE

School Games Mark Silver Award

Sports.

We attend many competitions, tournaments and festivals and for a small school, compared to others in our area, we do incredibly well.

- *Hockey, Netball, Gym and Dance show, Swimming Gala and Swimathon, Cross Country, Athletics, Tennis, Football, Tag Rugby, Surfing, Rounders, Tri-Golf, Sports Day*

Building works 2015 -2016

- *New outside area for Foundation Class and inside re modeled*
- *New Roof on The Old School House*
- *New heating*

Thank you to everyone who has helped the school this year, especially to Malborough Parish Council, Malborough Church, Trevor Becker and father Daniel, Bantham Surf Academy, East Soar Farm, Marijke and Schalk, Heather Gillard, Tesco and Sue Durrant, and to Malborough Village Hall Committee, Kingsbridge Baptist Church.

Mrs Jane Greaves – Chair of Governors for the South Hams Federation.....”

The Chair thanked Jane for her report and efforts. No questions were forthcoming.

2016-7 FEOFFEES REPORT; Cllr Boyce gave her report

In 2014/15 the Feoffees have funded 15 emergency life lines and 5 higher education students within Malborough itself. To recap the monies distributed by Malborough Feoffees are the interest on investments made from the sale of properties originally owned by them from a charity founded in 1573 – one of the oldest in the country. The meeting was reminded to contact Cllr Boyce if they know of anyone within the Parish (the old Parish of Malborough which includes Salcombe) qualifying and in need of these grants.

2016-8 TREE WARDENS REPORT; No reports had been received from Allan Benstead or Eva Bond so we must assume another quiet year in the Parish for the trees!

2016-9 OPEN FORUM AND GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PARISH AFFAIRS

There were no other questions asked or issues raised other than those taken above

AT 19.50 the Chair, Cllr John Yeoman, closed the meeting with thanks to all those that had attended.

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____