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Minutes of a meeting of Marwood Parish Council held at Marwood Social Centre

**on Tuesday 11th February 2025 @ 7.00 pm**

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| In attendance: Cllr. A Mairs (Chairman), M Fenwick (Parish Clerk),  Cllr. D Gill, Cllr. P Stubbs, and Cllr. E Marwood  Absent: Cllr. G Wilson  Press: No members of the press were in attendance.  Members of public: No members of the public were in attendance. |
| 1. Approval of apologies for absence   As Cllr. G Wilson had submitted his apologies, his reason for absence was duly noted. |
| 1. Declaration of interests   No declaration of interest was made. |
| 1. Requests for dispensations   No requests for dispensations had been received. |
| 1. Minutes of meeting for (Tuesday10th December 2024) was approved. |
| 1. Public Participation   No member of the public was in attendance. |
| 1. Planning Matters   No application has been received. |
| 1. Financial    1. To endorse the monies paid by the Clerk. The following are:   R A Groundworks New gate and fitting of said gate £646.80  J D Wearmouth Planters £380.00  Marwood Social  Centre Rent £180.00  Bowes Show Donation £300.00  Butler & Gee  Accountants Paye £451.47   * 1. Current bank reconciliation as of 31st January 2025 £ 7,795.30.   2. Reserve bank reconciliation as of 31st January 2025 £23,279.14. |
| 1. Updates    1. High Riggs - The Rockery   A price for the tidying up the rockery at High Riggs for removing  stones and roots have been received. It was agreed to put this  project on hold to establish the effect of previous works and  reviewing later in the year.  **Action** It was agreed that Cllr. A Mairs should speak to Mr G  Wearmouth regarding any planting that could be carried out to  enhance this area. |
| 9.0 Co-opt Council Vacancies – The council agreed that we put this on hold  until after the Election in May 2025. |
| 10.0 Donations  10.1 The council agreed a donation towards Bowes Show of £300.00.  10.2 The council agreed to the purchasing of a new gate and the fitting of  same for Marwood Social Centre cost being £646.80. |
| 11.0 Castle Vale Gardens – Rent  The council was informed that the gardens all looked in good condition  and it was agreed that there should be no increase in the rent year of  2025 – 2026. **Action** contracts to be sent out by the Clerk. |
| 12.0 Hamsterley Forest Development – 70 Eco Luxury Cabins, Forest  Holidays and Go Ape.  The council were duly informed that an objection letter/email has been  sent to Durham County Council Planning Department within the stated  time period of objections. The council now await outcome of this  project. |
| 13.0 Proposal of a Memorial Seat in Deepdale Reserve  The council has been approached by Dr Ian Gemmell and his family to  install a wooden bench in memory of his uncle Barry Proctor. The council  have ascertained that it is not within our Boundary and it is either in  Lartington Parish or in Startforth Parish. **Action** Cllr. A Mairs (Chairman)  is to e mail Dr Gemmell. |
| 14.0 Correspondence  The council were duly informed all had been actioned.  15.0 Dates of future meetings is as follows:  Tuesday 20th May 2025 MarwoodAnnual Parish Council Meeting  Tuesday 10th June 2025 Marwood Parish Annual Meeting  The above will be held at Marwood Parish Council at 7.00pm to allow for  members of the public to address the Council. |

Signed …………………….. Chairman ………………… Dated …………………..