

Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Parish Council
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at 4.35pm.

Councillors: *Mr K Petty – in the Chair

°Mr K Elcoate	°Ms B Golden
*Mr D Hindle	Mrs A Hoare
*Mr B Jackson	°Mr R Rowlands
°Mrs J Saxby	*Mr M Saxby
*Mr R Vango-Fisher	*Mr F White

- * Indicates attendance
- o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mrs M Wathen (Clerk to the Council)

Apologies for absence:

38. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ms Golden, Elcoate, Rowlands and Mrs Saxby.

Public Participation

39. There was no public participation.

Declarations of Interest

40. No declarations of interest were made.

To approve a letter to be sent to the MOD regarding the sale of the SMC

41. **RESOLVED:** To make a few changes to the draft letter and send this to Lt Col (Retd) George Kershaw for forwarding to the MOD team. To send a copy of the letter to the local press. Appendix A.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 17.02.

Chairman

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Dear Potential Concessionaire

Marchwood Sea Mounting Centre - Service Contract 170192-2014

Recently a meeting was held at Marchwood where staff from the Ministry of Defence briefed local representatives from Marchwood Parish Council, New Forest District Council, Hampshire County Council, New Forest National Park and a number of other local bodies, on the proposals for **“The Granting of a concession for Marchwood port to include the provision of port services for the MOD”**

Many concerns were expressed by those present as to the effects that these proposals would have on the on the local community in Marchwood and more widely on the residents of the Waterside and in the New Forest.

The MOD would not on the grounds of “commercial client confidentially” release details of any of the applicants for the Concession, but did agree to send to each and every applicant any representation submitted by local Councillors.

As your organisation is included on the invitation to tender list we would like to draw to your attention the following local factors.

Marchwood village

Marchwood is located on the edge of Southampton Water and has around 2,500 houses and 6,500 residents.

The village has two industrial parks, a power station, an incinerator, a household waste recycling centre, a sewage works and the Sea Mounting Centre.

There are just two roads in and out of Marchwood. One towards Southampton and the other towards Hythe.

Access to the SMC by road

Access to the SMC is gained via the village of Marchwood. The route to Southampton and the motorway network is via a single lane 40mph class D road, which is already heavily used by HGV's and other vehicles travelling to and from the industrial parks, incinerator, power station and recycling centre. It is generally accepted that the road towards Southampton is already near capacity and the addition of further HGV's or other transport will not be sustainable without

additional works needing to be undertaken. The village is bordered by the A326 currently serving the Waterside which is heavily congested and can become grid locked at peak times.

Access to the SMC by rail

The SMC has its own railway link which joins up to the old Fawley branch line which connects to the Network Rail system at Totton. The line is used by the SMC and some train movements occur each day.

The branch line closed to public service in 1966 and since then the village has been expanded around the line and it is now adjacent to many homes, some set only a few feet away.

The line cuts through the village in two locations, each with a level crossing and extensive increased use could cause disruption to residents as they try to move around the village.

We are also concerned about capacity issues linking with the main line which could lead to additional movements at night. If the trains were to be moved at night this would bring more noise and disruption to the lives of Marchwood's residents.

The National Park

The Sea Mounting Centre site borders the New Forest National Park and Dibden Bay, a site of special scientific interest. Any change of use needs to take into account the environmental impacts on these protected areas.

Your Proposals for the Sea Mounting Centre

The Ministry of Defence have assured us that as part of their tender evaluation they will be taking the environmental impact of any changes of use into account, when selecting the preferred bidder. We would therefore kindly encourage you to address the concerns above as part of your tender bid. At the start of your bid process, we ask that you engage with the residents of Marchwood via their local representatives. As such, at the start of your bid process, would you be prepared to attend a private or public meeting so the issues could be shared and you would have the opportunity to reassure us?

We would also ask that you authorise the MOD to release to us those relevant proposals that will affect Marchwood Village and the surrounding area.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully



Cllr Keith Petty
Chairman
Marchwood Parish Council



Cllr Alison Hoare
New Forest District Council



Cllr David Harrison
Hampshire County
Council