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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Parish Council
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 13th October 2014 at 7.50pm.

Councillors: *Mr K Petty (Chairman) – 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)

Also present: Sue Bennison – District Councillor
David Harrison – County Councillor

Apologies for absence:

92. Apologise for absence were received from Cllr's Mrs Hoare, Jackson, Rowlands, Mrs Saxby, Vango-Fisher and White.

Public Participation

93. There was no public participation.

Declarations of Interest

94. No declarations of interest were made.

Chairman's Report

95. The Chairman reported that he had attended 'The Beating the Retreat' at the Army Officers' Mess and that the evening had been very enjoyable and provided a good networking event,

Minutes

96. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July and 29th September 2014.

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Reports from New Forest District Councillors

97. Cllr Mrs Bennison reported:

98. Footpath 501

Still have an issue with a couple of trees on this footpath adjacent to Quayside Walk, I have met Dominic Gane on site and hoped that the necessary pruning would take place. I have heard today that again the pruning works have not gone far enough to alleviate the problem, so will take it to a higher level to see if I can achieve a mutually reasonable result.

99. Magazine Lane

When Andy Harding (Assistant Highways Manager HCC) came to the Cork Farm Lane Site visit, I took the opportunity of taking him along to inspect the works already done to the stream side in Magazine Lane. He could see that a further length of stream requires the same approach to make it safe, he said he would investigate. I contacted Andy today for an update and he has advised that an order will be raised, and the work should be done shortly.

Question: From Andy - has NFDC given a quote for Cork Lane clearance, as HCC are going to liaise with District to get County's part attended to.

100. Southampton Football Club Training Ground – Drainage Pipes

I have heard today from Peter Burridge (NFDC Enforcement) and it appears that these drainage pipes are a drainage condition to Application No. 13/10861 which has not been discharged. Peter has written to the football club requesting details but as of today has not had a reply, he will be chasing this up.

101. Environmental Protection Liaison Committee – 9th October

Despite the appalling weather conditions and my ignorance as to where Jubilee Hall in Fawley was, I managed to arrive about 5 minutes late for the meeting last Thursday so unfortunately missed the first part of Exxon Mobil's presentation given by Ian Althorp.

Biopile Facility – Composting waste material with sawdust and spreading over the soil, reseeding with wild flowers – growth takes about 18 months. Further biopile application in the pipeline.

A new sewage system in Newton Copse to serve Cadland Area.

Upgrade to Berth 5 which will require dredging they are working with ABP.

SSI Salt Marshes are in good condition although slight reduction in area of the marshes.

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It appears that Fawley's Environment Permit requires renewal in 2015/16 it is covered by Refinery BREF it will take 4 years to implement and will cost several Million Pounds.

Eel Regulations – Exxon have been carrying out some work on eel migration patterns in the Southampton basin to prevent eels being sucked into water extraction pipes. By the use of finer filters, it is hoped that the decline in the number of eels can be halted.

102. Air Quality Management – Racheal Higgins (NFDC)

Magazine Lane Real Time Analyser to be removed but will still monitor the A326 and diffusion Tube monitoring to continue at various sites in Marchwood. Past results are stable and low.

103. Lakeland Gardens – Flooding

I was contacted by a resident in Lakeland Gardens last week regarding a severe flooding issue. County cleared a blocked pipe in Lakeland Gardens which allowed the water from the drain at the junction of Lakeland Gardens and Hythe Road to escape.

Have heard today from Richard Bastow (HCC) that in fact the problem was a 4" main pipe had fractured and that it has now been repaired, and the resident tells me that the water flow has stopped. They have arranged for the road to be swept to remove the sandy deposits.

104. Cllr Mrs Hoare report was read out by the Chairman:

105. Junction Tavells Lane/Staplewood Lane/ Long lane

Hampshire County Council has approved some safety improvements to the junction of Tavells Lane/Staplewood Lane and Long Lane, following a series of accidents involving cyclists at this junction.

I have supported these improvements but have asked that dragon teeth be put in around the left hand verge as you approach from Tavells Lane, because when cars park on this verge the already poor visibility to the left is worsened

106. Flooding

I have reported the flooding at the bottom of Twiggs Lane, (Hythe Road end). I have also asked that Hampshire check that the works being conducted on the field adjacent to the lane by Southampton Football Club is not making the situation worse by blocking the drains.

Hampshire County Council has confirmed that the drainage tank and drains will be checked in Long lane/ Lloyds and the Crescent very shortly.

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107. Eling Tide Mill

NFDC working with Totton Town Council have received a grant from the Heritage Lottery fund of around £1,379,300 for improvements to the learning and visitor experience at Eling Tide Mill. The monies will go towards construction of an extension to the existing heritage centre, interactive activities within the mill and internal and external conservation works to the mill building and machinery, as a result it is hoped to produce more flour at the mill.

108. Applemore Recreation Centre

The swimming pool will re-open on Saturday 15th November, 7.30am-2.45pm public swimming and 3pm-4pm inflatable fun.

The swim academy commences on the 17 November 2014.

The tilling of both the poolside and pool has been completed, but it takes 3 weeks to dry, the pool then needs to be filled and heated, this needs to be done slowly and will take 2 weeks.

On 29th November Applemore Recreation is holding an open day from 10am-4pm there will be lots of free taster sessions and activities for all ages, including health checks.

109. I have attended a memorial service for the Hampshire 7th Regiment who were based at Lyndhurst prior to fighting at Ypres in WW1
The Chairman of New Forest District Council's Civic day

Report from Hampshire County Councillor

110. Cllr Harrison reported:

111. Cycle & Footway Route, linking Marchwood to Eling

Good progress to report on this project, partly as a result of good fortune. Government money that would have been spent on a rural bike hire scheme, (which is not now going ahead), is now available for other projects, but must be spent within a tight timescale. Officers at the New Forest National Park have asked members to look at a variety of schemes in different parts of the New Forest and just outside the park area, if they deliver easier access and promote family cycling.

The project to construct an off road footway and cycle route between Marchwood and Eling has been shortlisted with a provisional allocation of funding in the sum of £184,000. This might well be enough to provide a good quality tarmac route but I'm also pursuing some commercial sponsorship in case this is needed or to give the option of enhancing it with things like signposting, planting etc.

I was invited to attend a meeting with the quarry people, HCC officers and the landowner. It went well. There are still a few issues to be resolved, including approval from the Department of Transport and NPA that the funding can be used but, subject to these, I'm hopeful that we can get construction underway in the spring and it ready for use by September 2015.

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It does not appear now as though we will need to utilise the services of
Sustrans as the project will likely be undertaken by HCC's project delivery
team and I'm also confident that the issue of maintenance will be taken care of.

112. Highway Matters

There has been a change around in staff at HCC Highways. Colin Hibberd, the local highways engineer will no longer be looking after Marchwood, replaced by Rob Millar. I have thanked Colin for all his hard work over the years. Rob I know well because he covers Totton (and continues to do so). Colin has arranged to cut back vegetation, hedges, that have been growing out into pavements alongside the school routes in Main Road.

113. Buses

The public consultation over bus services that HCC has undertaken has ended and thank you to all who contributed. Everyone is expecting further cuts to be announced in bus subsidy. The question is whether this will impact on Marchwood given the history we have of campaigning, the efforts of our Bus Services Liaison Group, our reliance on services and comments made backing this up at the consultation. A decision will be made and announced shortly by Councillor Sean Woodward. We can then decide what to do, whether to call a meeting of the bus liaison group, or challenge the decision.

114. Social Media

A few weeks ago we had several people descend upon Totton and surrounding areas undertaking a doorstep scam, selling fake art, pretending that they suffered a disability and that the money would be used for charitable reasons. I learned this was happening through my Facebook Page (which now has over 2000 followers). The police were notified. I'm pleased to say that as a result of the flurry of Facebook activity that ensued when these people visited the village, the police were quickly able to locate and apprehend the offenders.

115. Eling Wharf / Rushington Roundabout

I am attending an informal meeting on Wednesday looking at revised plans to develop the wharf area at Eling. I assume that we will still be getting interest from Sainsbury's Supermarket to locate there, but I will report further on my Web page and Facebook.

As expected, Gentian Developments have appealed against the decision of NFDC to reject a plan for provision of fast food outlets at the current Ridgeway Car Sales site at Rushington roundabout. An inspector will now settle the issue.

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116. Grants

My annual grants budget of £8,000 is spent for this financial year. There has been an unprecedented demand for funding from both communities I represent. I'm pleased to have been able to support some worthwhile causes, particularly those that help bring the community together. I am pleased the Party in the Park was such a success and only sorry I missed it (due to a holiday).

Reports of Representatives to Outside Bodies

117. Cllr Petty reported that the Fete Committee had presented a cheque to Keeley and her parents (Keeley's wishes) towards her treatment.

Committee minutes

118. **RESOLVED:** To receive as follows:
Amenities: 8th September 2014
Planning: 4th August and 29th September 2014
Policy & Resources: 15th September 2014

To receive the External Auditors report

119. **RESOLVED:** The qualified External Auditors report was noted and the Clerk reported that all changes had been made from the 1st April to be compliant with the recommendations.

Calendar of meetings for Marchwood Parish Council and its committees for 2015

120. **RESOLVED:** To check the date of the February half term and change the date of the P&R committee if it clashes. The P&R meeting has therefore been changed to the 23rd February. All other dates were approved.

Expenditure at the Lloyd Recreation Ground

121. **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council finance all of the expenditure at the Lloyd Recreation Ground and reclaim the VAT on that expenditure.

Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement

122. **RESOLVED:** To amend the contact details on this statement and resign it.

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Standing Orders

123. **RESOLVED:** To remove Standing Order 3L as it is no longer legal to stop people from photographing, recording or broadcasting council meetings.

The Solid Silver Club

124. Thank you letter relating to the donation received from the money raised at the Picnic in the Park.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35.

_____Chairman