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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Parish Council
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 19th January 2015 at 7.30pm.

Councillors: *Mr K Petty (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr K Elcoate	*Ms B Golden
*Mr D Hindle	°Mrs A Hoare
*Mr B Jackson	°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)
Mrs C Cockeram (Deputy Clerk to the Council)

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

Apologies for absence:

164. Apologise for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Hoare and Cllr Mrs Saxby.

Public Participation

165. There was no public participation.

Declarations of Interest

166. Cllr Hindle and Cllr Petty declared an interest in DCLG consultation on Local Government Pension Scheme.

Chairman's Report

167. Sea Mounting Centre – the closing date for tenders/bids was last Monday (12th). It will now take them about three weeks to review the bids and make a recommendation. That recommendation will go to the Minister and a scrutiny panel.

ABP – have purchased the industrial park. We have invited them to the Annual Parish Meeting in March.

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Cork Farm – Barker-Mill Estates have written to all Councillors and invited them to discuss the proposals with the project team. There will be a public exhibition at the end of February.

The Precept request has been returned to and received by NFDC.

168. Cllr Ms Golden entered the meeting at 19.35.

Minutes

169. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2014.

Report from New Forest District Councillors

170. Cllr Mrs Hoare's report was read out:

171. In view of the news that ABP have bought Oceanic estates, and the possible development of Cork farm, I have again contacted Hampshire County Council with regard to reducing the speed limit along Normandy way to 30mph.

172. With regard to the possible development at Cork farm of an Anaerobic Digester and Thermal Heat Plant, I have contacted Barker Mills and asked about the status of the land. In view of its close proximity to the Old Incinerator site, I am worried that the land may be contaminated and that the proposed allotments etc. may never materialise.

I have received a reply which I have sent to all of you and I have also sent copies to planning and environmental health.

I will be attending the meetings with the project team on February 6th and have been told that they hope to put on an exhibition in the Village Hall on 27th Feb 2015 for local residents to give their views. Once the Parish Council receive the details, I think we must all ensure that every person in the village is aware of the exhibition and we get as many residents as possible to attend. If we need to deliver leaflets informing people of this event I am more than happy to deliver.

173. I have again contacted enforcement about the containers on the land adjacent to Wrenwood, so will give you all an update when I receive a reply.

174. However I have been told by Building Regulations that the unfinished house next door to Marchwood Cottages in Main Road, has been sold, the new owner has been in contact with building regs and has employed a surveyor, so hopefully the house will be completed soon.

175. I have reported flooding in Tavells Lane and Main Road during the recent bad weather.

176. I have also been asking that Bury Rd be litter picked as I have never seen it look as bad as it does now, I have been told by Colin Read that it will be done ASAP.

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177. Cllr Mrs Bennison's report:
178. Environmental Panel – 15th January
179. Home Energy Conservation Act – Progress Report
There are two principle priorities to be targeted are:-
 1. A reduction in the level of domestic CO2 emissions for the district as a whole
 2. A reduction in the level of households considered to be in 'Fuel Poverty'.
180. The total district wide domestic CO2 emissions have risen between 2009 and 2012, now stand at 3.75% higher than 2009 levels, which is lower than experienced Hampshire wide and nationally. The main reason is that during this period coal overtook gas as the biggest single source of UK electricity generation; coal fuelled power stations generate higher CO2 emissions than gas stations. Per capita domestic CO2 emissions have fluctuated over the same period; 2012 levels are the same as the previous 2009 level. The Council has set a long term 10% reduction target for overall CO2 emissions on 2009 levels by 2020.
181. The number of households in fuel poverty within the district at 9.2% is below the national average but higher than that for Hampshire as a whole. All future initiatives to be developed, promoted or supported will seek to target these households.
182. NFDC were partners in the Insulate Hampshire scheme which proved to be very successful.
183. NFDC promoted the Switch Hampshire scheme – 271 households registered.
184. NFDC were partners in the Solent Green Deal; take up has been slow nationally and only 116 enquiries from the New Forest.
185. The Council has continued to install solar PV Systems, and has panels at Lymington Town Hall, Appletree Court, Totton & Lymington H&L Centres, Gore Grange and Lyndhurst Public Conveniences. A further installation at Bannister Court; an all-electric housing scheme is planned for 2015.
186. 99% of the Council's housing stock meets the decent homes standard; 90% of properties have loft insulation; 98% have cavity wall insulation. The remaining properties will be completed in 2015.
187. The Council's Local Plan Core Strategy (CS4) requires all new buildings should be constructed to high levels of energy efficiency; achieving a minimum of Level 3 from 2010 to 2012; Level 4 from 2012 to 2016; and Level 6 from 2016 (net zero CO2 emissions)

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188. Project Integra – Performance Against Action Plan for 2014-2016
A fairly lengthy presentation from Chris Noble, Head of Project Integra on current performance; It is a 3 year Action Plan to be revised in February 2015. There are two videos available on Recycling covering bulky waste, organic waste and mixed plastics.
189. Do NFDC check the sustainability levels in Housing Association properties?
Not as far as I am aware, they can only enforce the requirements on new builds. There may be a route to report bad properties to Environmental Health.

Report from Hampshire County Councillor

190. Land ownership & Plans

I'm sure Parish & District Councillors will have been surprised as I was that Associated British Ports have apparently purchased Marchwood Industrial Park. I don't regard this as a welcome development given the long term fears many residents have that this side of the River Test will be developed for port use. I would certainly welcome ABP being encouraged to announce their intentions. To that end, I have called on them to clarify what plans they have, both for the Industrial Park and other land holdings they have.

It's interesting also that Southern Water plan to build a desalination plant on this land at a future date. I can only assume that the company have been in talks with ABP.

As with the MOD, a lot seems to be happening behind the scenes without locally elected Councillors and MP's knowledge.

On the same theme, I'm equally concerned by the news that Barker Mills Estates, working with Trants, plan to construct two more Energy from Waste facilities in Marchwood. It would seem that there is a real danger that the village will suffer terribly if all these things come into being.

191. Cycling

Much of the planning for the new Marchwood to Totton off road cycle route has been undertaken, with all the necessary resources in place. The project will be managed by the Project Delivery team of Hampshire County Council and I would expect them to liaise with Marchwood PC, to make sure you are happy with all that is proposed.

I'm afraid I am rather "out on a limb" as far as cycling events and the New Forest National Park Authority are concerned. Most members are insisting on a charter that includes a cap on the number of competitors that can take place in anyone one event. It isn't workable, either as a voluntary arrangement or legally... and so we

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will likely have a cycling charter that has no legal effect and that the cyclists won't sign up to. Just to clarify, all large cycling events are subject to an assessment by the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) and limited in numbers, if necessary.

192. Highways

I'm naturally very pleased that the long awaited work to construct a footpath along Long Lane has been programmed in for work to start next month. Weather could delay this, but fingers crossed!

I have asked for the central white lines along the road to be repainted as they have faded.

Highways workers have been busy gritting roads during any night when there is a risk of ice forming on our roads. Thankfully, we have had no repeat of the flooding that we endured last year. HCC has been investing in repairing damage caused by the flood waters, a lot of the money coming from central government.

193. The cumulative impact of extra vehicles on Bury Road due to all of the proposed developments, could you check what the full capacity level is with HCC? **I will ask.**

194. Monitoring of traffic levels on Bury Road, could you get a copy of the results? **More than happy to ask HCC for them.**

195. ABP / Oceanic Estates are they planning to dredge the waterfront and use that for access?

196. Cllr Harrison left the meeting at 19.55.

Reports of Representatives to Outside Bodies

197. Cllr Vango-Fisher reported that Waterside Heritage are due to hold their AGM on 26th March at the Hythe Community Centre – all are invited.

198. Cllr Petty reported that both the Youth Club and Fete Committee are due to meet on 20th January.

199. Cllr Petty reported that the Marchwood Twinning Association are due to have French visitors here for the 1st bank holiday in May.

200. Cllr Petty reported on the NFALC meeting. Bob Jackson from NFDC gave a presentation on Council Tax and the tax grant. He confirmed that NFDC are still planning on reducing the grant amount by a ¼ each year until we receive nothing.

There was an interesting presentation on the upcoming elections, copies of the presentation can be circulated if required.

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Minstead PC would like the ability to cycle from the village to the other side of the forest (Lymington) along the A337. This was supported by the meeting and will be put forward to the National Park Authority.

Local Council Award Scheme

201. **RESOLVED:** To apply for the automatic transition to the Foundation level. To start working towards the higher levels for qualification in a years' time.

Department of Local Communities and Local Government: Local Government Pension Scheme, technical consultation.

202. **RESOLVED:** To note the consultation on Local Government Pension Schemes.

Department of Local Communities and Local Government: Parish Polls, consultation on the Government's intention to modernise parish poll regulations.

203. **RESOLVED:** To support all of the recommendations in the consultation document.

The Parish Council Purchasing Group

204. **RESOLVED:** To join the group on a 12 months trial.

Exclusion of Press and Public

205. **RESOLVED:** That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded.

Recognition of long service by staff

206. **RESOLVED:** To recognise 20 years' service with Marchwood Parish Council with a gift of £150. To review each case on its individual merits.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.20.

Chairman