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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Parish Council
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 20th July 2015 at 7.30pm.

Councillors: *Mr F White (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mrs J Bovey	°Mr D Dale
*Ms B Golden	*Mr D Hindle
*Mrs A Hoare	*Mr K Petty
*Mr M Proctor	*Mrs J Saxby
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* 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
2 members of the public

Apologies for absence:

32. Apologise for absence were received from Cllr Dale.

Public Participation

33. I am an Army wife and I help with the new netball team in Marchwood – Team Fusion Netball. The team is made up of young Fijian girls and we also have 4 British girls playing.
All of the players are registered with Netball England and are therefore covered by insurance.
I have also applied to the District Councillors and Dibden Allotments for support.
Thank you for the support you have shown in the past to Marchwood Rookies.

Declarations of Interest

34. No declarations of interest were made.

Co-option of Parish Councillor & Declaration of acceptance of office

35. **RESOLVED:** To elect Mr Richard Young as a Councillor. Mr Young duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

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Chairman's Report

36. The Chairman reported that:

- 22nd May: He attended Ron Vango-Fisher's funeral as Chairman and a close friend. The Parish was well represented. Ron will be missed by us all.
- 1st June Marchwood Parish Council hosted a training meeting for old and new Councillors from Parishes all along the Waterside.
- 3rd June Attended the Dibden Allotments AGM at Hythe.
- 8th June I represented the Parish at the Annual wreath laying at the War Memorial for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. As usual a memorable dinner after. Thank you Judy for organising it.
- 30th June Planning Training at Hythe.
- 4th July Carol and I organised the Parish Council stall. Thank you to those who helped. No serious issues raised but I believe it is important that the Council has a presence.
- 16th July Attended NFALC AGM at Lymington. Spoke to David Yates who has announced his retirement.. Asked him if he had received any further information concerning Cork Farm. He has no other information. He is as mystified as we are.
- 19th July Trouble in Village. Traveller event caused significant chaos and concerns. It was necessary to close the gates at Lloyds. Police were alerted.

The event on the 19th July is mainly a Police concern. Likely to be an annual event. The Road Safety Advisory Group may be able to assist. EMTAS at HCC work with travelling families. Bring this item to the next Parish Council meeting.

A question has been raised if items 13, 14 and 15 should be in this meeting. It was noted that they were in this meeting as they were urgent items and could not wait until September for the relevant Committee meeting.

Minutes

37. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2015.

Report from New Forest District Councillors

38. Cllr Mrs Bennison reported that:

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39. The Promenade – Rose Bed

A local resident contacted me regarding the state of the rose bed adjacent to the sea wall outside Quayside Walk flats. I arranged to meet Byron McGrail, NFDC ground maintenance, and the residents on site and we discussed what would be the best action for a lasting solution.

It has been agreed that the remaining plants and weeds will be killed off completely; the soil will be completely removed, thus removing the weed seeds as well. New soil will be imported and covered with a weed suppressant material and new rosa rugosa bushes replanted. A top dressing of pea shingle will complete the job.

Work is to start about September/October time so that the new shrubs can get established before the cold weather starts.

40. Cork Farm Field

As I walked along Footpath 501 last week for the site visit for the Rosebed, I was disappointed to see the vast amount of Ragwort that had sprung up in these fields.

On my return journey from the Promenade whilst litter picking the path with Byron's assistance I mention how disappointed I was to see this ragwort that in on the verge of seeding everywhere. Byron informed me that NFDC have equipment that would be able to cut and collect all the ragwort very effectively. So I asked him how long it would take, what would be the cost and how soon could he do the job.

So I contacted Debbie Stokes (the owner of the ponies) and asked her if she would like the ragwort attended to. Then I contacted Simon Barker to seek if the Estate would be amenable to covering the cost.

We had a site visit this morning and subject to confirmation that the Collector does not leave bits of ragwort on the ground as it cuts and my ability to get a purchase order number from District the work should be completed this week.

Many thanks to NFDC and Barker Mill Estate.

41. Footpath from The Crescent to Long Lane

I was contacted by a resident who lives one of the two bungalows that front this path regarding the state of the path as a result of a large oak tree having fallen down adjacent.

Firstly I needed to find out who owned the footpath, which turns out to be jointly owned by District and possibly the owner of Rose Cottage. Rose Cottage is not registered with Land Registry nor is the part of the path that is in a bad state of repair.

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Again thanks to NFDC the path has been cleared of the debris and new tarmac to replace the existing broken up surface is in the programme of works. So another good result.

42. Community Grant

Again I have a sum on money for projects in the community, please contact me if a small sum of money would help. I have been contacted by Team Fusion Netball group already and am pleased to be able to support their project.

43. Bury Lane Cycle Path

I spoke to Simon Barker yesterday regarding the erection of some guard rails along the raised section of the cycle path. He sounded quite positive and requested that the P.C. write to him directly with the request.

An email just received this morning from Simon Found (HCC Principle Engineer) states that the connections to off road shared use ped/cycle route is being put out to tender under their SE7 sub regional framework. Tenders should be received in the next 2-3 weeks. Once the successful tenderer is selected a pre contract meeting will be set up to discuss and agree the works programme etc. Simon will let us know the proposed start date asap.

44. Cllr Mrs Hoare reported that:

45. I would very much like to say congratulations to Karen Nelson of Marchwood, who on the 3rd July received her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. I was lucky enough to attend the ceremony representing NFDC and I was so pleased to see a young woman from Marchwood who had earned this great achievement.

46. On the 17th June 2015 Dave Yates, Chief Executive for NFDC, announced his retirement, he will officially retire on 31st October 2015 and the process has started to find his replacement. Dave Yates has been in post for 15 years.

47. At long last the requested dragon's teeth have been put in on the verge at the junction of Long Lane/ Staplewood and Tavells Lane. For a long time cars parking on this piece of grass has severely reduced visibility for cars exiting from Tavells Lane.

48. Since 2012/13 NFDC have purchased 105 properties, 48 of which are on the Waterside.

Report from Hampshire County Councillor

49. Cllr Harrison reported that:

50. Health

I have been to Dorset to question health bosses over the proposed Clinical

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Services Review. The changes are likely to include new Hub hospitals, the closure of some existing hospitals, changes to how health and social care is delivered and where services and Consultants are located. It will have an impact on some Hampshire residents but might also be a pointer to how things are done in our County later on.

51. Combined Authority

HCC is proposing to form a combined authority, with others, in order to try and adopt powers from central government. This could include decisions about investment in local transport infrastructure projects.

52. Footway / Cycle route

Good progress on this. Thanks to the District Councillors for their support in accessing extra funding needed to complete the job. The specialist work to ensure safe exits and entrances will be going out to tender shortly.

53. Cork Farm

I have been told the Barker Mill Estates are considering an alternative use for Cork Farm, (other than the Anaerobic Plant), but they won't tell anyone what it is!

54. Grants

I have recently been able to support Marchwood Scouts & Guides and the Mulberry Pre-School with grant aid.

55. Visits

I have recently attended Southampton Football Training Facilities, Marchwood Yacht Club and Marchwood Annual Fete.

56. Bury Brickfields

I am trying to put right an unfairness to tenants who have been penalised by the change of ownership from HCC to a private company, meaning that they don't now qualify for the same level of housing benefit.

57. Chief Executive

HCC's CE, Andrew Smith is retiring and is due to be replaced.

Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

58. Cllr White reported that he reported to the NFALC meeting that ABP had launched a judicial appeal against the decision made in relation to the selling of the SMC site in Marchwood.

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59. Cllr Proctor reported that the New Forest Consultative Panel had been on a forest tour with the Forestry Commission. They looked at the broad leaf regeneration projects and wet land restoration happening at Pig Bush. Work is currently happening all over the forest.
The Forest Management Plan has been out to consultation and following replies a new Partnership Plan has been published.
60. Cllr Petty reported that the Marchwood Fete had been a success despite only having a committee of 7 members. Since the Fete the Chairman and Secretary have resigned leaving 5 members. Those still on the committee would like the fete to continue but more help is needed. An article will be put into the next Village News magazine and on the website.
Some people felt it was a shame that there was no fancy dress parade as this usually attracted people to the fete.
61. Cllr Bovey reported that she had attended the Waterside Arts concert in Marchwood and had thoroughly enjoyed listening to Marchwood Military Wife's Choir.

Committee Minutes

62. **RESOLVED:** To receive as follows:
Amenities: 18th May and 15th June 2015
Planning: 18th May and 6th July 2015
Policy & Resources: 18th May and 22nd June

Appointment to the Amenities and Policy & Resources Committee

63. **RESOLVED:** To appoint Cllr Dale to the Amenities Committee and Cllr Young to the Policy & Resources Committee.

Public Liability insurance and events held on Parish Council land

64. **RESOLVED:** To request that organisers of any formal event to be held on Parish Council land hold a minimum level of £5,000,000 (million) Public Liability insurance. A copy of this must be given to the Parish Council before any event is approved or held.
To place an article in the Village News magazine explaining about public liability insurance.

Grant application

65. **RESOLVED:** To issue the following grant under the General Power of Competence.

Team Fusion Netball	£300
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Replacement railings in the U12's play area

66. **RESOLVED:** To use BDB Engineering Ltd to replace the missing railings at the play area at a cost of £600 + VAT.
If further railings are damaged in the future check the CCTV coverage to see if the persons can be identified.

Falklands Memorial, flag poles

67. **RESOLVED:** To forward a request to the Sir Galahad Association that a single varnished wooden flag pole is granted by the RFA.

Proposed letter to Associated British Ports

68. **RESOLVED:** To amend the letter slightly by adding an introduction and ending. To move the invite to attend a meeting to the end of the letter.
To copy the letter to Dr Julian Lewis MP.

Marchwood Quarry and the Southern Water sewage pipe

69. **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk writes to Barker Mill Estates requesting that they look into this issue as the vent pipe is on land within the quarry.
Request that the Clerk look into other options that may assist with this problem and to report back to a future meeting.

Internal Audit Report 2014/15 - final

70. **RESOLVED:** The report was noted and congratulations to the staff on a clear report.

Armed Forces Covenant Fund

71. **RESOLVED:** To note this information.

New Forest District Council

72. Gambling Act 2005 – Section 349, Consultation on the review of the Statement of Gambling Policy

RESOLVED: To note this consultation.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

73. Electoral review of Hampshire

RESOLVED: To note this consultation.

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New Forest District Council

74. Licencing Act 2003, Statement of Policy.

RESOLVED: To note this policy.

The HANDY Trust

75. Tripartite Service Level Agreement between The HANDY Trust, Marchwood Parish Council and Marchwood Youth Club.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will stick with the current SLA which is due to expire in March 2016. Request that Candy Huxham and Malcolm Wade from The HANDY Trust come and give a presentation to Members on the role of The HANDY Trust.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.54.

Chairman