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**Marchwood Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of the  
Parish Council  
held at Marchwood Village Hall  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

\*Ms B Golden

\*Mrs A Hoare

\*Mr K Petty

\*Mrs J Saxby

\*Mr R Young

\*Mr D Hindle

\*Mr D Makinson

\*Mr M Proctor

\*Mr M Saxby

\* 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  
2 members of the public.

**Apologies for absence:**

212. Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr David Harrison and Mr David Dale.

**Public Participation**

213. There was no public participation.

**Declarations of Interest**

214. No declarations of interest were made.

**Chairman's report**

215. The Chairman thanked Members for getting their reports submitted so that they could be circulated with the agenda. He reminded others to do the same.

216. **War memorial**

I have had a meeting with Rev. Hones and attended a training course on war memorials. Following my article in the Village News a gentleman in the village has offered £500 towards the maintenance of the memorial.

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I have asked Rev. Hones if the Church could contribute and he is going to ask at a future meeting of the church.

217. **Emergency planning**

I attended a meeting last week at NFDC, I will write a full report and circulate to Members. This needs to be on a future agenda ASAP.

218. **Interviews for Grounds Person**

I assisted the Deputy Clerk and AMF Supervisor in the selection process to the above position. The Deputy Clerk will give a full report later in this meeting.

219. **Litter pick**

There is an annual litter pick organised for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. It was planned to pick the cycle path but this has recently been done by a resident. Other areas are going to be checked and picked if needed.

**Minutes**

220. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

**Report from New Forest District Councillors**

221. Cllr Mrs Hoare reported:

222. **Community Charge**

New Forest District Council has set the budget for 2017/18, there will be an increase of 3.2% to the Community Charge, this equates to a rise of £3.14 a week for a band D property.

223. **New Executive Head of Economy, Housing and Planning**

As a lot of you are aware, Chris Elliot will be retiring at the end of the month, his replacement will be Flo Churchill, and she is currently Head of planning at Sheffield City Council, which interestingly has part of the Peak District National Park within its boundary. She will commence work on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.

224. **Marchwood Industrial Park**

I have been in contact with Hayley Sheppard from ABP, firstly about the Lorries parking overnight on the slip road into Admiralty Quay and the need for more screening around the entrance to the industrial park.

Hayley has contacted all businesses on the park and asked them to stop using Admiralty Quay as an unofficial overnight stop and has asked to be informed if this practice doesn't desist .

ABP have asked their landscaping team to have a look at the entrance and I am waiting to hear back.

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225. **New Council Houses**  
New Forest District Council has just completed building 21 new Council Houses on the North Milton Estate in New Milton, all are occupied with new tenants from the waiting list.  
Unfortunately the right to buy, policy set out by the government remains, and tenants will be eligible after 3 years tenancy. NFDC along with other councils from around the country have written to the government asking for an end to this policy.
226. **Refuse collections – why do both the clear and black bags get collected together? It seems that our recycling is not being recycled. Cllr Hoare will look into this and report back.**
227. Cllr Mrs Bennison reported:
228. **Roundabout at Marchwood Industrial Park**  
You will have seen that for the next three weekends this roundabout will be partially closed on both Saturday and Sunday. Traffic accessing the Industrial Park will be diverted along Normandy Way to Cracknore Hard where it will access the Park via Oceanic Way and East Road.  
  
Initially this work was to be done overnight to keep the problem of road closure to a minimum but having spoken to Andy Holding he explained more fully the plan that HCC have given a lot of thought to and have come up with this ingenious plan that will hopefully keep the traffic flowing whilst this very overdue repair work is undertaken.
229. **Environment Panel 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
There were a number of issues discussed by the Panel and below is a flavour of some of them. In particular I thought a more detailed summary of the Housing White Paper would be of interest.
230. **Traffic Management Service**  
Funding from HCC this year will be £100,000, next year it reduces to £60,000 and the year after £40,000. The amount of funding will cover officer time for liaison and design of any schemes. Funding in the main will be for lines and signs only.
231. **Planning Policy Update**  
Chris Elliott advised the timetable for the Local Plan. There will be an opportunity to raise any concerns before the plan goes to PDC in July, then in September a 6 week public consultation begins, followed by the submission to the Inspector in 2018.
232. **Building Control Service**  
Chris advised that the partnership with Southampton & Eastleigh for a joint service has not proved to make financial sense for NFDC. There will be an in house review of the service in order to stabilize the loss of the market share.

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In essence the best developments are cherry picked for the building control service providers.

233. The Housing White Paper

In the forward to this paper the Prime Minister says that *“Our broken housing market is one of the greatest barriers to progress in Britain today. We need to build many more houses, of the type people want to live in, in the places they want to live. To do*

*so requires a comprehensive approach that tackles failure at every point in the system”*.

The paper sets out its proposals in four sections:-

Planning for the right homes in the right places

Building homes faster

Diversifying the market

Helping people now

234. Planning

Talks about “Objectively Assessed Need” being between 11,740 and 13,740 new houses over 20 years. Making land ownership and interests more transparent by improving the Land Registry. Giving priority to brownfield land being brought forward for housing development.

235. Green Belt

The Government continues with its commitment to protect the Green Belt but there is an interesting, and perhaps significant, change in the wording.

It says, that national policy will be amended to make clear that authorities should amend Green Belt boundaries only when they have fully examined all other reasonable options for meeting their identified development requirements including brownfield sites, underused land, optimising densities and exploring whether other authorities can help to meet unmet need in a particular area. It also says that Green Belt released in one place should be compensated by enhancement in other areas and that the detailed boundaries of a Green Belt can be set in neighbourhood plans.

*Comment* - Marchwood does not have any Green Belt land but it might be able to take advantage of the release of Green Belt land in the south of the Forest by enhancement of green space areas that are close to Marchwood.

A section of the Paper then refers to using land more efficiently for development. This

means avoiding building houses at low densities where there is a shortage of land to meet demand and looking for high density options in urban areas that are well served by public transport such as railway stations.

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*Comment* - This is slightly at odds with the Sangs policy but I am informed that the Sangs land will need to be supplied on the edges of a development to meet that policy requirements.

236. Building homes faster

There is often a substantial time lag between planning permission being granted and houses being built. It is perceived to be unnecessary delays caused by too many planning conditions being imposed.

Developers will be required to get on with the development of site where planning permission has been granted and there will be a consultation on whether they might be penalised, by the refusal of further planning permissions to them, if they have not implemented previous permissions. There will also be a consultation on whether planning permission should be granted for two and not three years to encourage quicker implementation.

A new housing delivery test will be introduced for local authorities. Local authorities will need to ensure that builders deliver them at the annual rate set out in the Local Plan otherwise they will be forced to allocate more land for development, if the annual building rate is below the Local Plan target, even though they have allocated enough land for it to be achieved.

237. Diversifying the market

The Government want to attract more institutional investment in building more homes for rent. They will change the National Policy Planning Framework to make it easier for Build-to-Rent developers to offer affordable private rental homes instead of other types of affordable housing.

*Comment* - I am particularly disappointed that the Government have retained their commitment to new Council developed property having to be sold to tenants at a Discount under the Right to Buy policy. I believe the Shared Ownership option is a much better route to home ownership especially for first time buyers.

238. Helping People Now

Starter homes remain an important part of the strategy but will not be a mandatory requirement on all new larger development sites. They will not be available to cash buyers. NPPF will be amended to ensure that all new housing sites are expected to deliver a minimum of 10% affordable home ownership units. The paper confirms that the pilots allowing housing association tenants to buy their homes will continue to be rolled out with right to buy discounts.

The Government invites responses to the White Paper by 2 May 2017.

239. Community Grant

I still have some of this year's grant available so, please get in touch if a small amount of funding will help any project that you may be considering.

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**Report from Hampshire County Councillor**

240. Cllr Harrison had no report to give.

**Reports of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

241. Cllr White reported that the Handy Trust meeting held on 26th Jan 2017 This was my second meeting at the Trustee Meeting since Jane Bovey ceased to be our representative. I am still learning

- 1) There was a lengthy discussion concerning the relationship between the Trust and the Hythe and Dibden Council There have been problems but I was reassured that significant changes have been made and others will be shortly in place.
- 2) The Budget was discussed and lots of issues were raised that confused me as I was new to this.  
But more to the point they are solvent.
- 3) I was asked to report as to the current position with regard to the Marchwood Youth Club and our Marchwood dedicated Youth Worker Lizzie. She has been in position since the beginning of the year. There were concerns expressed that Lizzie was not always getting full support from some members of the Management Committee of the Youth club and some misunderstandings had arisen. I confirmed that we were delighted at the contribution that Lizzie had made to date and she had the full support of the Council and our two representative on the Youth Club Committee. There had been some problems but I re-assured those present that matters were in hand and they were to WATCH THIS SPACE
- 4) We reviewed the reports of the individual Community Workers and Candy Huxman. I came away from the meeting they are a group of enthusiastic and committed individuals. I have copies of their individual reports if members would like to see them
- 5) The next full meeting of the Trust is on the 11th May

PS: At the end of the meeting I took the opportunity to reassure Lizzie that she had our support.

242. Cllr Makinson reported the New Forest Environmental Protection Liaison Committee met on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2017 @ Appletree Court, Lyndhurst. Unfortunately I am unable to lie it was not the most riveting of Agendas or Meeting itself.  
Highlights:

243. Southampton Airport Noise Modelling  
No part of the New Forest should hear aircraft landing or taking off and any impact from flight paths is minimal unless you live between Veals Lane & Netley View Estate in Hythe. Unfortunately they are within the 3 southern flight paths for landing depending on what instruments being used to guide aircraft. Interesting from slides shown any overflight of Marchwood is result of the holding patterns imposed by Bournemouth Hurn airport.

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244. Eels in the Solent including Rivers Itchen & Test and Southampton Water  
Bad News: Serious decline in numbers  
Good News: The legislation governing Eels is UK Law and even though the decline is of Europe wide magnitude the eels have nothing to fear from Brexit.
245. Hythe Sea Scouts  
Still trying to secure funding in order to safeguard their building from effects of erosion. After an intervention from David Harrison their representatives did state “we have several members from Marchwood “ [so it is possible that they make a grant application to ourselves].
246. Dates / Venue of future meetings  
09/06/17 14.00, 14/10/17 14.00, 02/02/18 14.00  
Appletree Court as it was felt that due to level of public participation no further meetings to be held on Waterside.
247. Cllr Darryl Hindle reported that Marchwood Community Association  
Nothing much to report. Cheese and Wine Evening 17th March £10 per ticket.  
Pensions will be going live this month.
248. Cllr Proctor reported that the New Forest Consultative Panel had met. Steve Avery from the NPA spoke about the Local Plan review and that 400 response had been received, they are now working through these.  
It has been acknowledged that the 1500 homes proposed for Fawley will have an effect on the whole of the Waterside as well as part of the National Park.  
Fly tipping is increasing and causing problems.
249. Cllr Young reported that the Quadrant meeting had been held and that the Cycle Charter is an ongoing success.  
Coastal path, this is still progressing. When it gets to Marchwood it will be diverted around the SMC.
250. Cllr Young reported that Marchwood Youth Club was moving forward and that only good feedback was being received. Numbers attending has also improved.

### **Committee Minutes**

251. **RESOLVED:** To receive as follows:  
Planning: 30<sup>th</sup> January and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### **Co-option of a new Parish Councillor and signing of declaration of office**

252. **RESOLVED:** To co-opt Mrs Rachel Andrews into the office of Councillor. She duly signed the declaration of office.
253. Cllr Mrs Andrews joined the meeting and took her place at the table.

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**Filling of vacant committee position**

254.           **RESOLVED:** That Cllr Mrs Andrews fill the position on the Amenities Committee.

**Parish Council lease of the Oak Room, Marchwood Village Hall**

255.           **RESOLVED:** That a working party be formed comprising of Cllr's Mrs Hoare, White, Young and Officers.

**Village News magazine**

256.           **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council continue to use TLC On-line to produce the Village News magazine. Double check the proof reading as there were some mistakes in the last one.

**Improvements to the Parish Council IT network and backups**

257.           **RESOLVED:** This item should have been on a P&R agenda. Defer the item to P&R once two further estimates have been obtained.

**Parish Council priorities for 2017**

258.   New Scout & Guide build

Cllr Petty reported that the funding raising effort was still happening with grants being applied for.  
There is a meeting with a builder next week to see how the build can be progressed and there should be an update after that meeting.

259.   Engage with the Community at more events

Party in the Park 3 – The Clerk reported that an error had been made when filling in the Licensing form and that this had caused confusion so the application has been resubmitted. This means that the application needs to be advertised in the local press and a cost.  
Pedestrian barriers have been secured free of charge from Solent Gateway for the event.

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

260.           **RESOLVED:** That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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**Attendance at meetings**

- 261. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk were asked to leave the meeting.
- 262. **RESOLVED:** To refer the item to the Staffing Committee and for them to report back.

**Recruitment of a full time Grounds Person**

- 263. The Deputy Clerk reported that there had been 11 applications with 9 people interviewed. At the end of the process the position had been offered to a young gentleman who lives in the village called Ryan Lane. He is due to commence in his position on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

**Ground Person's capability update**

- 264. The Clerk explained that the member of staff had now been signed off for 6 weeks.
- 265. **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk obtain quotes for the services of an Occupational Health Advisor and make the arrangements to refer the member of staff.  
To appoint a temporary Grounds Person on a full time basis to cover until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, when it will be reviewed.  
To appoint the Summer Grounds Person as normal for 20 hours for 20 weeks from 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.19.

\_\_\_\_\_Chairman