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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the
Annual meeting of the Parish Council
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

°Mrs R Andrews	*Ms B Golden
*Mr D Hindle	°Mrs A Hoare
*Mr D Makinson	*Mr K Petty
*Mr M Proctor	°Mrs J Saxby
*Mr M Saxby	*Mr R Young

* 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
1 member of the public.

Apologies for absence:

156. Apologise for absence were received from Cllr's Mrs Andrews, Mrs Hoare, Mrs Saxby and Cllr Harrison.

Public Participation

157. Neighbour to the proposed development at Olive Cottage, Park Lane explained that some of the work had already been completed. The room in the ground floor of their property with obscure glazing is a bedroom.

Declarations of Interest

158. No declarations of interest were made.

Chairman's report

159. I have attended the following meetings:
19th October – New Forest Association of Local Councils
4th November – Hampshire Association of Local Councils
22nd November – Hythe Pier Heritage Association
29th November – ABP London Property launch
30th November – Waterside Heritage
7th December – The HANDY Trust

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12th December – Being Father Christmas at the Children’s Party in the Village Hall

13th December - Hampshire Highways (Parish Briefing)

160. Can it be checked if ABP own the foreshore at Dibden Bay?

Minutes

161. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October and 16th October 2017.

Report from New Forest District Councillors

162. Cllr Bennison reported that:

163. NFDC New Enforcement Team

Now provide weekend dog cover with trained staff from within the team. Increased levels of education and enforcement in all areas and trained staff out on patrol and able to respond district wide to improve urban and rural environments.

Improved handling and removal of abandoned vehicles.

Continue to patrol 7 days a week to maintain high levels of compliance from drivers throughout the District.

“Operation Robin” – Enforcement officers work in partnership with DVLA and Police to clamp and deal with untaxed vehicles on the streets of New Milton, Ringwood and Fordingbridge.

“Ring of Steel” – Enforcement Officers and Police target trade vehicles operating without a waste carriers licence.

Through the changes to the management structure of the service a £35k saving has been made in this financial year.

164. Public Conveniences

The Council has refurbished toilets at Barton Court Avenue, New Milton Recreation Ground and Bath Road in Lymington. In the next three years it is proposed to modernise to a cubical system, The Quay, Lymington Year 1, Sea Road Milton on Sea Year 2 and Bransgore and replacement of Barton Beach unit Year 3.

Open discussions with Totton & Eling Council to hand back the Eling Recreation Ground toilet block

165. New Forest Waterside Conference

I attended this Conference hosted by Bob Jackson.

There were presentations from Deloitte given by John Adams and Sir Howard Bernstein.

Followed by Presentation from members of the Private Sector Commissioning Group.

Alastair Welch for ABP, Aldred Drummond for Fawley Waterside and James Hannon for Solent Gateway.

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The Public Sector Perspective was given by Frank Baxter HCC followed by Alison Barnes New Forest National Park on the "Importance of Natural Capital".

We were than able to fire questions to the panel of speakers.

166. There is obviously a lot going to happen along the Waterside over the next few years and I am sure there will be many more meeting of this sort in an attempt to soften us up as regards the amount of development that is to come the Waterside's way. Dibden Bay will not be immune.

So as we so often say we must "Watch this Space".

2018 will be a very interesting year. A Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year.

167. Cllr Mrs Hoare submitted the following report:

168. There has been a review of the Cabinet at NFDC, as a result I have been appointed Portfolio Holder for the Environment. Two new Cabinet positions have been created, Local Economic Development, Property and Innovation, which covers Economic Development Strategy, Business Engagement and Growth, New Forest Business Partnership, Local enterprise partnerships, Asset Management/property Matters, Smarter Working, and Collaboration and Innovation. This position has been given to Cllr Michael Harris. The other Portfolio is Communications, this covers Community Engagement, Community Grants and support, Customer Services, Electoral Services, Community Safety Partnership, (safer New Forest) CCTV, Careline and Communications. This position has been given to Cllr Diane Andrews.

As a result of these changes I will no longer be on the Planning Committee.

169. Emergency Plan

Following my request in the Village News asking for volunteers with 4x4 and chain saw holders with appropriate licences, I have had one volunteer. I also hope to attend a briefing on Emergency planning at HCC this month.

170. Waterside Infrastructure Group

I attended a meeting of the group on 29th November 2017, we were given presentations from ABP, which related to its activities as the port moves forward, it is now capable of handling the largest Cargo ships in the world, which are actually more environmentally friendly than the smaller ones, they are using electric cars on the port side and are transporting a quarter of their commodities by train. There was little mention on Dibden Bay but they are on huge investment programme as we progress to leaving the European Union and I would expect the process for a National Infrastructure Planning Application to start possibly next year or the year after.

We had a presentation relating to the large scale development at Fawley Power Station, should there be another public exhibition relating to this site, I

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would advise Councillors to visit, I was surprised to learn that the whole project may take up to 30 years to complete, which did worry me a little. Hampshire County Council did acknowledge the problems on the A326 and are thinking of some small measures which may help alleviate the delays in the short term, long term they aim to work with the Cadland Estate (Fawley Power Station) and ABP for a solution.

Wishing you all, a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Reports from Hampshire County Councillor

171. At the last full meeting of Hampshire County Council, the administration pushed through a budget which includes a further cut of £140 million over the next two year period.

It is very hard to know exactly what this will mean, because it wasn't accompanied by any specific details as to exactly what will be cut to achieve the savings required. However, it is likely that all bus subsidies will now go. I also understand that 50% of the Household Waste Recycling tips will go (unless new charges are introduced). Clearly, there is a "risk" to our Marchwood facility. There will be no new road safety schemes unless there have been actual incidents involving serious injury or death which require engineering solutions.

172. I do expect some new signage to be erected on the approaches to Rushington roundabout shortly, advising lorry drivers to slow down (in response to a number of vehicles tipping over). I am also pressing to have the adjacent footpath moved back away from the road. However, schemes which include a degree of work, such as pedestrian safety in Long Lane and the planned extension to the cycle route (Marchwood end) aren't being progressed at all quickly – almost certainly as a result of cuts that have already taken place.

I visited the local Area Office, to see the latest equipment being used by Hampshire Highways. They do, at least, seem to be well prepared for winter with gritter spreaders, snow ploughs and even a new pot hole buster machine.

173. I have, once again, been pushing the campaign for restoring the passenger service along the Waterside railway line. It seems government are warming to the idea and looking at lines that can be used again. Hampshire County Council are still officially "agnostic" (a word that HCC officers use a lot). However, there is a pressure to do more about traffic congestion west of Southampton and particularly the urgent issue of poor air quality. Part of Totton, (along the A35) is now included in a newly designated Air Quality Zone.

174. There was a lot of public concern in advance of the closure of the Redbridge flyover a few weeks ago. I posted a notice about this on my Facebook Page which had a reach of over 80,000 people! In the event, the work was carried out in a timely fashion, with some degree of inconvenience to a number of

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people – but then any road that is used by 65,000 a day is always going to be missed when not available. It is planned that the Eastbound section will be closed for similar work in February.

175. I have undertaken another visit and tour of the Marchwood Power station, partly as a means of getting to know the new General Manager, Steve Pace. I have also paid a visit to Richard Tauntons College in Southampton, meeting the Principal, now that they are teaching increasing numbers of students from this area (following the contraction of Totton College). It was also a great pleasure to enjoy an afternoon with the Solid Silver club in Marchwood.
176. I also attended (& spoke) at the Waterside Conference, held at the Balmer Lawn Hotel, learning a little about development plans and ideas for infrastructure improvements.
177. I have stepped down from my role as a Governor at Eling Infants School, simply to reduce commitments on my time.

That's it. Apart from wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year!

Reports of Representatives to Outside Bodies

178. Cllr White reported that he attended the Waterside Heritage meeting. The latest newsletter had been distributed by email and they have promised to provide an article for the Village News in the future.
179. Cllr Petty reported that Marchwood Fete would be going ahead in 2018 as Alison Cross had offered to step in as Chairman and a few more people had volunteered.

Committee Minutes

180. **RESOLVED:** To receive as follows:
Amenities: 13th November 2017
Planning: 6th November and 4th December 2017
Policy & Resources: 20th November 2017

Budget & Precept 2018 / 2019

181. **RESOLVED:** To approve the budget and precept for 2018/19 as attached at appendix A with the addition of 1% (£2,200) for salary costs due to the potential increase proposed by Employers to the Unions. To request a precept figure of £237,200 from New Forest District Council.

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Income & Expenditure for October 2017

182. **RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts for October 2017. Appendix B.
Income: £6,638.14
Expenditure: £26,632.53

Internal Audit Report 2017 / 18 (Interim)

183. **RESOLVED:** To note the Internal Auditors Report at appendix C.

Appointment of an Executive Committee

184. **RESOLVED:** To defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting.
Prepare a further report giving more details and a Terms of Reference.
Could we ask HALC how other Councils deal with urgent issues and
the potential costs involved before being able to hold a meeting to
discuss this?

Replacement of steps at Oaklands bridge

185. **RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Rocon for £2,262.50 + VAT.
This is to install 9 new steps made from oak sleepers with hoggin
treads and a treated softwood timber handrail.

Hampshire County Council – Area teams and Rights of Way vegetation priority cutting list for 2018

186. **RESOLVED:** To ensure that ROW Footpath 14 remains on the list.

Planning Application 17/1154 – Olive Cottage, Park Lane (two storey rear extension; porch; flue.

187. **RESOLVED:** Refuse. We support the development of properties but
the proposed extension is harmful to the street scene and should be
subservient to the original dwelling.
If the application is approved we request that a landscaping condition is
attached the approval.

Parish Council priorities 2017-18

188. Scouts and Guide Build

The old building has been removed and the road way has been partly installed.

There has been no contact with the Councils Solicitor regarding the SW pipe.
Funding – they have been selected for the final of the Aviva award. They
need to answer more questions and speak to a panel of judges.

NFDC Major Project grants – they have to complete a 15 minute presentation
on 18th December.

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The Clerk has requested from NFDC a breakdown of all S106 monies spent to date and what is left in the pot.

189. Engage with the Community at more events - No update.

Exclusion of Press and Public

190. **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.

Compensation for covering the RFO and Deputy Clerk post

191. **RESOLVED:** In recognition and appreciation of the extra work carried out by the Clerk during the 6 week absence of the RFO the Council award the Clerk an ex-gratia payment of £173.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.37

_____Chairman