

Parish of Marchwood

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 27th March 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: *Mrs A Hoare – in the Chair

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

°District Cllr Mrs Bennison

- * Indicates attendance
- Indicates apologises for absence

In attendance: Mrs M Wathen (Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Cockeram (Deputy Clerk to the Council)

Also present: 1 member of the public

Minutes

1. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2017.

Chairman's Report

2. This is my first Annual Parish Meeting as Acting Chairman and it is my pleasure to briefly report on the activities of Marchwood Parish Council during the past year. I sincerely apologise that I am not with you this evening, I am otherwise engaged with my "day job". I am privileged to work alongside Parish, District, and County Councillors who demonstrably care very deeply about this Parish, and we are fortunate to have a strong team of Officers and grounds staff who look after the day to day operations. My sincere thanks to you all for your endeavours during the last 12 months. This year we said a sad 'Goodbye' to Fred White who decided to step down after serving the Council for over a decade, and I would like to place on record my deep gratitude for his significant contributions and commitment to the community of Marchwood. Moving forward we are currently advertising that casual vacancy upon the Council, should anyone be interested in joining us please do speak to the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, or indeed myself via the office.

Perhaps the most significant development for the Parish Council during this last year has been the long-awaited construction of the new Scout/Guide building at the Lloyds Recreation Ground. It is my understanding that this project is over a quarter of a century in the making, therefore I am so very pleased that we are finally seeing fruition from the significant amount of volunteer time and effort that has been invested in this scheme. Please do pop by the Lloyds and see for yourselves the fantastic progress

that is being made to provide a modern purpose-built facility for the young people in our community.

The benefit of being in the digital age is that everything we as your Parish Council do is now all available online via our website, where meeting minutes are recorded for posterity. With that I mind I will not keep you further other than to refer you to the website should you wish to see documented examples of our endeavours to improve our village community for each and every one of you. There is undoubtedly much to look forward to over the next year as we approach the May 2019 elections, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during that time.

My sincere best wishes to you and your families.

Cllr R Young
Acting Chairman

Highlights of 2017/18

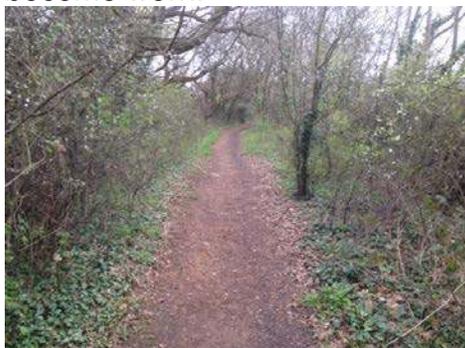
3. Public Open Spaces

After working for the Parish Council for over 20 years David Ince retired in May 2017. David had seen many changes in the village over that period.



The Grounds men have worked tirelessly again this year to maintain the 80 acres of open space within the village. The Grounds men have continued to carry out daily litter picks around the play areas and open space.

Improvements to the open spaces this year have included the installation of a new surface to footpath 14. We have also had work carried out to two sets of steps that had become worn.



Footpath 14 before



Footpath 14 after (view from opposite end)



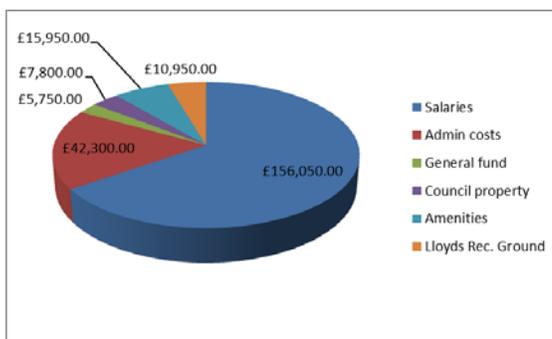
Oaklands Bridge before



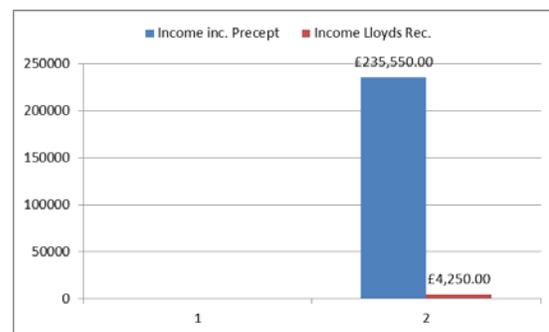
Oaklands Bridge after

Expenditure and Income 2017/18

The precept for 2017/18 represented an increase of £8.19 or 16p per week per band D property.



Expenditure



Income

Parish Council accounts for year ended 31st March 2018

- The Clerk reported that at the present time the accounts are within budget and will be prepared at the end of the financial year.

Report by District Councillors

- Cllr Mrs Hoare reported:

Bury Road, Jacobs Gutter Lane and Marchwood Road will be litter picked over the Bank Holiday weekend. This works needs to be carried out when the roads are quieter.

7th April at 10am Cllr Mrs Bennison and I have arranged a Great Britain litter pick. We will be meeting in the village centre. Volunteers will just need to bring protective gloves.

Anti-Idling posters have been sent to Cllr Mrs Bennison and she will be discussing this issue with the School's.

Report by Hampshire County Councillor

6. No report was received.

Local Police Report

7. Recent Police work

Marchwood male charged with Criminal damage/harassment after targeting a neighbour with eggs on a daily basis for nearly a year.

Marchwood address returned to housing after tenant had breached conditions. Address was known to Police for drug activity. Warrant conducted late 2016 and evidence of drug use found. As a result eviction notice was served to tenant and property reclaimed.

Local issues

Main road near to St Johns church has been raised as a concern for motorist speeding/driving inappropriately. This issue has been passed onto Road Policing team who intend to install data recorders and collect evidence. However there is a wait for this to happen due to high demand within the county.

Police are aware of the inappropriate parking at school pick up/drop off times. Patrols have been increased and vehicles parked in such manner will be issued with a fine.

We had a recent increase in residents having their vehicles' door handles tampered with, in an effort to gain entry to the vehicle. No other signs of forced entry and no reports of anything stolen. Enquires are ongoing however this issue has appeared to have ceased. Just to remind those to be vigilant and ensure that all vehicles are secured and valuables hidden if not removed from vehicles.

Engagements

The next beat surgery is on Thursday 5th April at 1100. This will be reviewed after with the possibility to change location.

Matters raised by the Electors of the Parish of Marchwood.

8. There were no matters raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.05.

_____Chairman