

Annual Report 2014/15

This year has seen some major industrial proposals which could have a large impact on the lives of Marchwood Residents. The Ministry of Defence have been working on leasing out the military port and recently announced that Solent Gateway has been selected as their preferred bidder. The Parish Council, concerned that the MOD had refused to “consult” on the issue, organised and took a petition to 10 Downing Street calling for more involvement in the Government’s plans. At the time of writing this report we are waiting to see what the new Developers have planned for the Military Port, although we are sure it will mean increased road and rail traffic.

Another commercial change in our Village is that Associated British Ports have purchased the industrial estate. We have invited them to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to outline their plans and we are still awaiting a response.

Residents will no doubt be aware that Barker-Mill Estates have been consulting on developing the Cork Farm site with an anaerobic digester and industrial units and in return they are offering the Village part of the site to be used for allotments and public open space. The Parish Council have yet to receive the planning application and until we do Councillors are unable to comment on whether they support or disagree with the plans, doing so would exclude them from taking part in the vote at the Planning Committee.

On a more positive note, the Parish Council is working hard with the Scouts and Guides to replace the old Scout Hut with a new building fit for purpose. The Lloyds Trustee has agreed to the location and design of the building and it is hoped that a planning application will be submitted shortly.

This is the final year of the term of office for all Marchwood Parish Councillors and elections will be taking place on 7th May to decide who will be representing the Village for the next four years. I would like to put on record my thanks to all the Parish Councillors and Staff for their contribution and dedication in working to improve our Village whilst trying to maintain the elements that make our community such a pleasant place to live in.

Cllr Keith Petty - Chairman

Your Councillors



Cllr Hoare



Cllr Petty



Cllr Elcoate



Cllr Golden



Cllr Hindle



Cllr Jackson



Cllr J Saxby



Cllr M Saxby



Cllr Vango-Fisher



Cllr White

Highlights of 2014/15

Picnic in the Park 2



The Parish Council celebrated being 120 years old by holding another Picnic in the Park.

The event was 8 hours long and free for all to attend. The evening ended with an Abba tribute band which seemed to be 'super trouper'.

The event raised £900 which was split equally between 3 Marchwood village based charities.

3G Football court

The five a side courts at the Lloyd Recreation Ground have been refurbished this year. This has included having one side fitted with 3G solely for football use. The other court can still be hired for netball, tennis or football. For prices and information please contact the Parish Council office.

Marchwood Youth Club

The Youth Club celebrated its second birthday in October and continues to go from strength to strength. Working with the Youth Club is Sharron Fitzgerald the Marchwood Youth Worker. Sharron is employed by The HANDY Trust and part funded by the Parish Council. The Youth Club have extended their hours to include an extra night and an after school drop in session. They were also open over the school holidays.

Public Open Spaces

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. Over the autumn they planted another 5,000 bulbs which have flowered this spring.



We would also like to say thank you to Marchwood Yacht Club who provided the parish with a dingy which we have used as a new flower bed on the junction of Main Road and Oakland Drive.

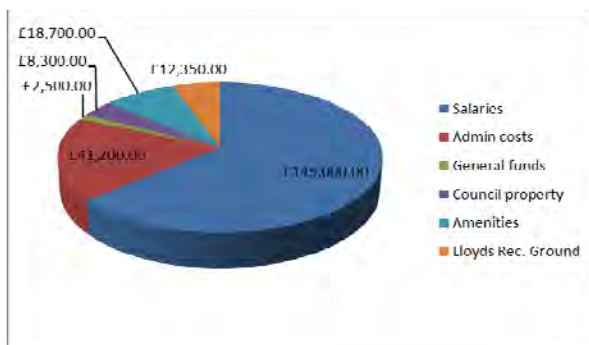
Bury Road cycle path and Long Lane footpath



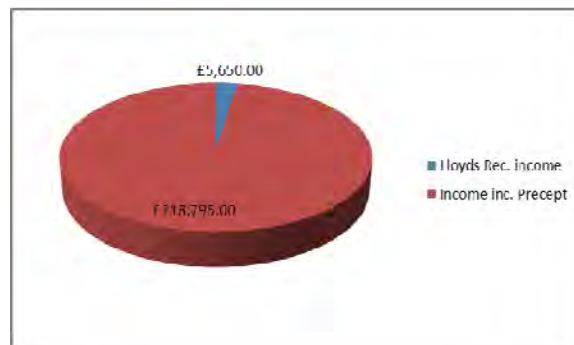
At long last work has commenced on both of the above footpaths / cycle path. The installation of these paths will make it safer to move around the village and to travel to Totton by foot or bicycle.

Expenditure and Income 2014/15

The precept for 2014/15 represented an increase of £1.10 or 2p per week per band D property. The amount payable to Marchwood Parish Council this year for a band 'D' property was £100.48.



Expenditure



Income

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