

Parish of Marchwood

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 24th March 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present: *Mrs A Hoare (Chairman of the parish council) – in the Chair

°Mr K Elcoate	*Ms B Golden
*Mr D Hindle	*Mr B Jackson
°Mr K Petty	*Mr R Rowlands
*Mrs J Saxby	*Mr M Saxby
*Mr R Vango-Fisher	°Mr F White

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologises 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

Apologise: Mr Elcoate, Mr Petty, Mr White and County Cllr David Harrison.

Minutes

1. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2013.

Annual report of the Chairman of Marchwood Parish Council

2. It has been a very busy year for Marchwood Parish Council. Together with our Officers we have been working towards achieving a cycle path along Jacobs Gutter Lane/Bury Road and hope to soon be in a position to really progress the project. Before any cycle path design is agreed we hope to consult with residents, especially the cyclists who already brave the road.

We have also been deciding on projects to enhance our village using some of our 106 monies which need to be spent within the next 3 years.

I am pleased to announce that once again the Parish Council will be holding Party in the Park, on the 2nd August 2014 to celebrate 120 years of the Parish Council, any monies raised during this event will be divided between local Marchwood community groups, the working group are Cllr Rowlands who we couldn't hold this event without, Cllr Judy Saxby, Cllr Hindle and myself plus a lot of technical advice from our Officers.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would very much like to thank all the Officers and Grounds men (for whom it has been a very long winter) for their hard work and support.

A copy of the full Chairman's report is attached at appendix A and will be in the June issue of the Village News magazine.

Parish Council accounts for year ended 31st March 2014

3. 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

4. Cllr Sue Bennison reported that there is currently a consultation taking place on subsidised bus services, taxi shares and concession bus passes. Hampshire County Council want to hear from the people that use them.

5. Cllr Alison Hoare reported:

6. NFDC, Local Plan, sites and development.

I am very pleased to inform you that the New Forest District Council's Local Plan part 2, (Sites and Development) has been found sound by the inspector. From the 15th April after it has been ratified by the full council, all NFDC's planning decisions will be made using the policies contained within this and the Core strategy, also the National Planning policy framework. There is only one saved policy from the previous New Forest Local Plan which is policy DW-E12, protection of landscape features.

There is training for district councillors on the 23rd April and together with the planning officers, I am arranging training for parish and Town Councils. Although these plans rarely please everyone, it does put the New Forest District Council in a very good position, having been viewing the problems of councils such as the Cotswolds who do not have a local plan, even David Cameron's constituency has not been left unscathed.

7. Flooding, Lloyd's Avenue and Woodside Close.

The excess water tank on the corner of Lloyd's Ave and The Crescent has been cleaned out, somebody had put a lot of building material into the tank, cleaning of the silt filters and jetting of the tank has been put on the priority list together with the jetting and cleaning of the culvert that runs along the south side of Long Lane.

8. Staplewood Training ground

At the moment I am unsure as to what is happening at the site, I have been told by Planning officers that Southampton Football Club have employed all new architects and landscape designers, they have also replaced the management team for the redevelopment project. I will update the council as soon as I learn anything.

9. Marchwood Sea Mounting centre

My freedom of information request for the total cost of the process from the start, October 2011 until this point and the amount spent on consultants has been denied. I was told that the amount of work needed to answer my request would amount to more than 4 working days, which is outside the limit.

I have resent a smaller request, asking how much money has been spent on consultants during the sale process?

I am writing again to Philip Dunne and will be contacting the Public accounts committee, to raise my concerns.

10. I have reported the missing fence at the Twiggs lane crossing on the National Park side of the A326, and the order is being processed. I have also requested that a litter pick is organised for Bury Road and Jacobs Gutter lane.

11. **Are there any further details on the sale of the Sea Mounting Centre?**
No.

12. **Concerns with the Staplewood Ground. There is erosion of the verges where cars are parking on them, there are cars parking on the roads in Tavells Lane, Long Lane and Staplewood Lane causing blockages.** The management structure at SFC has changed recently, we will try to have a meeting with the new Directors.

Report by County Councillor

13. Cllr Harrison gave his report at the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th March 2014.

Matters raised by the electors of the Parish of Marchwood

14. A resident gave his sincere thanks to all of the Cllrs and Officers for all of the effort they put into the village and the many different projects and schemes that take place.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.47.

_____Chairman