

Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Parish Council
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 17th March 2014 at 7.30pm.

Councillors: * Mr K Petty– in the Chair

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

* 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

Apologies for absence:

152. Apologies were received from Mrs Hoare, Mr Rowlands, Mrs J Saxby and County Cllr Harrison.

Public Participation

153. There was no public participation.

Declarations of Interest

154. No declarations of interest were made.

Chairman's Report

155. The Chairman reported that the following actions had taken place since the last meeting. A meeting had been held with Officers from NFDC regarding the use of S106 monies and that a report had been submitted to them for approval of the projects. Hampshire County Council had been contacted about the maintenance of Public Rights of Ways. Poppy seeds have been purchased and distributed to different organisations within the village.

Minutes

156. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2014.

Report from New Forest District Councillor

157. Cllr Bennison reported that:

158. Footpath 501

After the clearance of Footpath 501 and the adjacent shrub area outside Quayside Walk Flats, a gap was left which Steve Jones, NFDC said they would plant with some beech hedging. Not only have they planted the hedging but they have also fenced the gap with post and rail fencing.



Also outside the Quayside Walk flats the cotoneaster hedge has also been neatly trimmed behind the seat in front of the now completely grassed area.



The graffiti on the brick wall has now been completely obliterated. Just one small inoffensive area left, I have asked Paul Denford if he could get painted over as well.



159. Use of Developers Contributions

I am meeting Tony Farthing MYC and Marchwood P.C. Staff to see if he has been able to find a suitable dingy to make a flower boat bed for the village.

160. Apprenticeships at NFDC

I thought you might be interested in hearing about a number of apprenticeships that District have undertaken. There have been 16 in total to date.

Vehicle Mechanic is a 4 year course,

Electrician is a 3 year course, other 2 year courses are

Grounds Maintenance, Building Surveyor, Graphic Design, Maintenance (plasterer or plumber) and

1 year courses such as Audit Assistant, Business Admin, Customer Services and Streetscene & Waste.

5 individuals have secured permanent positions with District

161. Permitted Development Rights – Pond Close, Forest Field Estate

Planning permission for this estate is Ref. 21192, which was subject to planning conditions.

Conditions 5,6 and 9 take away permitted development rights (PD). Condition 5 effectively removes any potential PD forward of any front or side elevation of the approved dwellings that face a highway, including the siting of caravans and boats, and the erection of walls or fences.

Condition 6 removes the potential to erect garages anywhere on the estate and Condition 9 removes any rights to construct any other access to the site other than that which has specific permission as part of the approved development.

It would appear, therefore, that no restrictions apply to domestic development in rear gardens.

Report from Hampshire County Councillor

162. Cllr Harrison's report was read out in his absence.

163. MPC Meetings

As luck would have it, I have pre-arranged evening meetings for the 17th & 24th, so apologies if I am not present in person to read this out or answer questions. As always, very happy to help with any of the following or other issues members of MPC wish me to.

164. Highway Matters

The bad wet weather, including the flooding, has hit the 5000 miles of roads in Hampshire very badly. There are an unusually large number of defects which are being attended to as rapidly as possible. Central government have provided extra funding. Operation resilience has been delayed but locally, we should see Main Road resurfaced shortly. As always report any dangerous pot holes immediately and let me know if they need chasing.

Along Main Road, there is an issue of overgrown vegetation encroaching across the pavements. This is usually because home owners aren't meeting their responsibility to cut back their hedges. Have asked the local highway engineer to re-issue warning letters and cut back if not done within a set timescale. It's an important safety issue that overrides the bird nesting situation.

I'm waiting for the news that the legal agreements that secure the land for the Marchwood to Totton cycle link have been completed. When done, I am hoping MPC will agree to instruct Sustrans to project manage it. There is still money available in the Sustainable Transport fund, being handled by the National Park Authority. I received confirmation that it can be spent outside the boundary of the park, if it improves access (as it clearly does).

I'm dealing with a complaint involving HGV's from the local quarry parking up at the entrance to the Admiralty Quay Estate.

165. Buses

You will probably be aware that HCC have just launched a public consultation on bus services across the whole of the County. It will be important for MPC to make representations to HCC, detailing just how important it is that the village has frequent and reliable services. The consultation is on the HCC website.

166. Waterside Railway Passenger Service

I attended a meeting of the supporters group, the Waterside Community Railway Partnership, following the decision by HCC not to proceed with the Grip 4 study until circumstances change. The feeling was not too downcast amongst supporters as it seems the decision was only down to "timing" and that the prospect of a great deal more noisy freight traffic to and from the Sea Mounting Centre isn't to be welcomed, without soundproofing and an upgrade to the track that a passenger service would bring about. I am to have meetings with key stakeholders including Network Rail and South West Trains before deciding how best to persuade HCC to review the decision. It would be very wasteful if they wait too long and have to pay for all the work that was carried out for the Grip 3 study once again because it was no longer valid.

Interestingly, I have been contacted by people who were opposed to the project now indicating support, largely as a result of the issues being explained and the possibility of freight traffic increases without any mitigation measures.

167. Bury Brickfields Travellers Site

HCC intended to dispose of four such sites at different locations in Hampshire. They did not consult with myself until very recently and claim that they consulted with a lot of organisations, including MPC (I have my doubts about this because I think I would have then become aware of it).

Anyway, I kicked up a real fuss, because I know that the District Council were asked and declined to take over ownership / management of the site. I see little benefit of it being transferred to another party. I want HCC to continue to be responsible for it, so if we have problems, HCC are still accountable.

I made direct representations to the Council Leader, Councillor Roy Perry, asking him not to confirm the decision and to reconsider. To my surprise, he has apparently agreed to do so.

168. Little Gardners Nursery

I enjoyed a visit and the chance to meet staff at the Little Gardners Nursery recently. I was generally very impressed with the building, the facilities and – most importantly – the quality of the staff.

169. Broadband

HCC are spending some £9 million on the roll-out of broadband across the County. I took the opportunity, at the last County Council meeting, to ensure that appropriate priority is being given to the more rural parts of my division, reminding Cllr. Perry that there are more businesses based in the New Forest than there are in either Southampton or Bournemouth.

Linked to this, you can watch full meetings of the County Council on the HCC website.

170. Grants

My annual grants budget of £8,000 to support local organisations is now effectively frozen until after the Euro elections in May.

Reports of Representatives to Outside Bodies

171. Cllr Hindle - Marchwood Community Association, there have been issues with parking in the Village Hall car park by non-users. The Junior School have assisted by putting a letter in a school newsletter and encouraging the children to ride scooters to school. The situation has improved a little.
172. Cllr White – New Forest Environmental Protection Liaison, there was a discussion on the Hythe ‘hum’ noise at night. There have been lots of investigations but it is still unknown what the noise is.
173. Cllr Vango-Fisher – Waterside Heritage, they are due to hold their AGM this Thursday evening at 7.30pm.
174. Cllr Hindle – Marchwood Youth Club, they are supportive of the recruitment for a new Handy Trust Youth Worker. They are due to hold their AGM on 1st April.
175. Cllr Petty – Marchwood Fete, work is progressing on this year’s fete. They have a new Facebook page.

Annual review of Risk Assessments

176. **RESOLVED:** To split the risk assessments into the relevant Committees and add this as a standard agenda item. To review the assessments as a whole before the end of the next financial year.

S106 Open Space monies

177. The Clerk confirmed that a report had been sent to NFDC requesting the release of S106 monies for different projects (report attached). These include improving the waterfront at Admiralty Quay and the walk along Magazine Lane.

Hampshire County Council – consultation on Mobile Library service

178. **RESOLVED:** To ask HCC for more details on the number of people using the service and the exact location of the stops. Bring this item and information back to the P&R Committee meeting in April.

Hampshire County Council – consultation on the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme

179. **RESOLVED:** To pass the information onto organisations within the village including Solid Silver, WI and Age Concern. Ask for the organisations to return their responses to the Parish Council for them to collate before submitting to HCC.

Marchwood Fete

180. **RESOLVED:** To have a stall at the 2014 Marchwood Fete.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.19.

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