

Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Parish Council
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 20th January 2014 at 7.30pm.

Members: *Mrs A Hoare – 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 apologies for absence

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

Also present: David Harrison – County Councillor
2 members of the public

Apologies for absence:

103. Apologies were received from Cllr Sue Bennison.

Public Participation

104. A gentleman addressed the meeting and explained that he cycles to work in Southampton every day. I am experiencing more and more problems with vehicles. Please can I urge that this project is taken forward as quickly as possible.

How important is a proper crossing at Eling Hill? Very, the current situation I feel causes more danger as you are less visible on the side of the road. I feel safer being in the middle of the road.

Do you have any simple ideas on how to make Trotts Lane safer? No, the road is too difficult to alter to make it safe for cycling.

Could we please make a contact list of people that cycle from Marchwood to Totton? Yes.

Once the route has been designed perhaps we could put on an exhibition for residents and cyclists.

Declarations of Interest

105. No declarations of interest were made.

Chairman's report

106. During the past inclement weather, we had reports of flooding in Lloyd Avenue, Woodside Close and Old Magazine Lane.

The area surrounding Lloyd's Avenue has flooded in the past, and following a previous incident, NFDC installed a large storage tank in the road verge. This was designed to capture and store some of the flood water; it seemed to do the trick up until now.

The Environment Agency has declared the whole Long Lane, Crescent and Lloyd's area as a Flood Zone 3.

I have contacted the Environment Agency to ask if anything further can be done to prevent this happening again, and to ask if the new drainage system installed by Southampton Football club has made the situation worse, as this water drains into the same water courses that also protect Long lane. The flooding seems to occur when Long lane floods and the low lying gardens that back on to the lane flood.

We have put information on the Marchwood Parish Council website regarding how to prepare and what actions to take if you are at risk of flooding and Melanie is trying to arrange a joint waterside councils meeting with a representative of the National Flood Forum, so we can all learn what our responsibilities as a Parish Council are.

I believe that as funding to the larger councils is reduced more responsibility will filter down to the Parish's.

Old Magazine Lane suffered flooding following a tidal surge, the car park, which I believe had 2 cars in it at the time was flooded however the defences held.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

107. The flooding on Long Lane and the surrounding area has been worse since the development of the football club. **I will report this to the club and speak to the Planning Department.**

Minutes

108. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2013.

Report from New Forest District Councillors

109. Cllr Sue Bennison's report was read by Cllr Mrs Hoare

I am sorry I cannot be with you all this evening, our own Village Hall in Bramshaw is holding its AGM this same evening and there is a bit of a crisis looming which necessitates me attending.

110. Transfer of land at Admiralty Way and Footpath 501

I spent some time with Martin Peacock at District addressing the issues raised by Crest solicitors on the plan of the land to be transferred to District. This has now

been sent to District solicitors for onward transmission to Crest. Hopefully I will hear soon that this has been accomplished. Revised plan is attached.

111. Waterside Passenger Rail Project.

I shall be attending the Decision Day meeting on 21st January and speaking in support of many of the residents in Marchwood.

112. Age Concern

Just to let you know in case you have not already been advised, there is an event to help the elderly make the most of later years, being held at the Waterside Sports and Social Club, Holbury from 10am to 12.30pm on Thursday 6th February.

113. Welfare Reform

District has recently held a training event for councillors on Welfare Reform. There were two training sessions, I attended one and Alison attend the other. The session was very interesting and was packed with useful information on the whole system. So I think I now have a much better understanding on the Welfare system.

Just a few facts and figures for you on the District as a whole.

District has 8,441 claimants in receipt of Housing Benefit of which 3,146 are council tenants. 10,215 claimants are in receipt of Council Tax Reduction payments.

From April 2013 the "Spare Room Subsidy" came into effect, 610 claimants are affected of which 350 are council tenants.

If there is anyone in the parish that need help due to recent changes the Call centre No. is 01590 646121 or email: ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk where they can discuss their particular problem and get advice.

114. Use of Developers Contributions

I have read with interest Report A on possible uses for Open Space monies currently held by District. I am sorry I cannot be with you this evening as I would have like to hear your thoughts on the various ideas that have come forward and I hope that they will all progress to a satisfactory conclusion.

I was particularly interested in the plan for Magazine Lane wildlife area, as I had asked District if a project such as this could be helped with the Open Space monies. It seemed to me that this area was just in need of a little TLC (tender loving care). I joined Melanie, Collette, and Alison to outline my thoughts and subsequently met again with the parish and Angela Peters to discuss what could be done to enhance this small area. Her report I must say is first class and the suggestions shown in the plan attached would certainly improve that spot greatly and make it much more user friendly. I hope this one in particular goes ahead.

115. Cllr Alison Hoare's report

116. I have been working with NFDC and Marchwood Yacht Cub on an exciting project to hold open days at the club a couple of times a year, so that members of the public can learn the history of this very important site and see the completed restoration works on Magazine A

As part of the project it is hoped to have 4-6 movable boards and one permanent. These will describe the history of the site and the renovations. It is hoped that the movable boards will also be able to be used by Marchwood Parish Council, for the fete or community evening and also by NFDC.

We hope to have another meeting soon to progress the project.

117. Following requests from members of the public I have contacted HCC regarding installing dropped curbs at the corner of Cracknore Hard Close and at other locations along Main Rd where none exist, I am pleased to report that these works are now taking place; this should make life easier for people in electric scooters and parents with prams.
118. I have reported the very large pothole opposite the entrance to Moss Drive along Main Rd.
119. Finally unfortunately there have been 2 suspected cases of the ongoing mysterious dog deaths in the New Forest over the last 3 weeks. One dog sadly died, but the other although very poorly survived. The pathology results on the deceased dog are due this week.

Should you notice a blister or wound on your dog's leg or face anywhere from 0-7 days following a walk in the Forest you must seek veterinary attention, equally the advice remains the same should your dog start to vomit or is of his/her food. More detailed advice can be found on the NFDC website

Report from Hampshire County Councillor

120. Cllr Harrison's report
121. Accredited Community Safety Officers.

I'm unhappy with a sudden announcement that HCC are to make all ACSO's redundant. There was no prior warning or consultation about this. It's bound to have a significant impact on crime and anti-social behaviour in many communities that benefit from the service.

122. Waterside Railway Passenger Service.

The Decision Day is tomorrow. HCC will probably decide not to progress matters beyond the current GRIP 3 study that has been carried out, until there is some significant change that would alter the business case.

I believe the future demand modelling procedure they have used isn't fit for purpose and I will be asking them to review this and carry out some local research amongst potential users of the service. If it's really as popular as I think it is, it will radically change the business case.

The media are very interested in the proposals. It will feature on BBC South Today tomorrow evening, the Julian Clegg show, Radio Solent, in the morning and Railway magazine.

123. Highways

A lot of pot holes, owing to the weather, I'm afraid. The worst one I have spotted locally is at the entrance to the Marchwood Industrial Estate. I have checked with the local highway engineer and confirmed that an order has already been raised to repair it.

124. Sea Mounting Centre

I am slightly amazed that the proposed sell off has apparently attracted 25 bidders. I don't think this alters the prospect that Associated British Ports will be in a position to secure it, for use initially as a place where vehicles can be stored. I will be attending the meeting tomorrow to see if we can learn any more

125. Cycle + Footpath: Totton-Marchwood Link.

I'm told the legal transfer of land is being completed and we should all get confirmation shortly. Chis Gregory, the lead transport officer at the National Park Authority has left the organisation for a new role. I will be keen to meet his replacement & to try and secure funding for the project.

126. Flooding

I will remember this Christmas break for a long time as "The Wet Christmas". I have been involved in helping issue flood warnings, making sure sand bags were available and liaising with the Environment Agency over various water related issues in my patch. I'm sorry to hear that the work carried out in Trotts Lane didn't prevent another severe garden flood for one or two properties nearer the A326. I have asked the local highway engineer to investigate what more might be done.

127. Dibden Bay

There has been a sudden outbreak of speculation about port development at Dibden Bay. As far as I can see, this has only arisen as a result of the Port Director retiring and in an interview he said that one day it would be developed. The media contacted myself for a response which was "over my dead body". It's clear that some supporters of the project, including an ironically named Mr Kind, would like to arrange that and so I have doubled my life assurance!

128. **At the junction of Park Lane and Park Close the manhole cover is sinking.**
I will report this for you.

Reports of Representatives to Outside Bodies

129. Cllr Petty - New Forest Association of Local Councils had met and the main discussion had been about cycling events in the forest. They are hoping to produce a cycling charter for event organisers to follow. The minutes to this meeting have already been circulated to all Cllr's.

130. Cllr Vango-Fisher - Waterside Heritage has been asked by Hythe Library to take part in a display to mark the start of WW1. They will be providing photographs and other items.
131. Cllr Petty - Marchwood Youth Club are looking at the proposals put forward by the small working party that had been formed. They are due to discuss these in the next week or so.
132. Cllr Mrs Golden - New Forest Consultative Panel had a presentation from the NFNPA. The NFNPA have received a 40% reduction in their DEFRA grant over the last couple of years but they have been able to secure funding through other means to cover this reduction.
A new code on cycling in the forest is being written.
There are going to be changes within the Forestry Commission, there is likely to be a new body from 2017.
They are looking for ideas on how to mark the WW1 centenary.

Committee Minutes

133. **Resolved:** To receive as follows:

Planning: 6th December 2013

Use of Developers contributions

134. Several ideas were suggested for the use of the Developer contributions.
135. **RESOLVED:** To consider the following ideas:
136. Waterfront Area – to improve the waterfront area by adjacent to the car park at Admiralty Quay. This will include planting, seating and an information board. **Support.**
137. 3G surface at the Lloyd Recreation Ground – to request further funding to all the kick boards and fencing to be replaced / upgraded. **Support.**
138. Footpath between Main Road and Mulberry Road – check if this is owned by the Army and their future plans for the area. Get estimates for the cost of the work. **Support with caution.**
139. Community Orchard – to plant a community orchard on the field behind the Village hall / Village Mews. Check the impact on the properties in Village Mews, see if the schools would adopt and plant a tree. **Support subject to the concerns being checked.**
140. Rowing boat flower bed – to purchase a rowing boat and use it as a flower bed at the Main Road / Oakland Drive junction. **Support.**
141. Concrete outdoor table tennis table – these are a full size table tennis table. **Bring back to the working party.**
142. Community garden – to lease a piece of land for a community garden, not sure that S106 monies can be used for paying rent. **Not supported.**

143. Magazine stream – to improve the footpaths along the stream to allow people to walk its length. To install information boards and increase the biodiversity of the stream and surrounding areas. To link this with the work at the waterfront. **Support.**

Access at the bottom of The Rowans

144. **RESOLVED:** To install a bollard at either side of the footpath by the lamppost to allow access for MPC staff. To purchase ornamental rocks for the rest of the area to act as a barrier.

Alterations to the Skate Park at Corkfield

145. Due to the specialist work required to install the soundproofing material we were unable to obtain three quotes as normally required. We obtained two.
146. **RESOLVED:** To support the extra funds needed to complete these essential works and take the money from contingencies if needed.

Interim Internal Audit Report 2013-14

147. The Interim Internal Auditors report was noted and Members thanked all of the staff involved for the good report.

Standing Orders

148. **RESOLVED:** To adopt the new Standing Orders recommended by NALC issued in October 2013. Subject to the following item being amended 3i. To remove 'and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely or suffer discomfort). The Chairman of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking'.

Review of the electric supplier for the Lloyds Recreation Ground

149. This item was deferred to the Lloyd Recreation Ground Trustees.

Hampshire County Council Rights of Way cutting list 2014

150. **RESOLVED:** To request that footpath's Marchwood 501, Marchwood 14 and Normandy Way be added to the annual cutting list.

Distribution of Poppy seeds

151. **RESOLVED:** For the Parish Council to plant Poppy seeds at the following locations Falklands Memorial, Millennium flower bed, front of the Lloyd Recreation Ground, Junction of Main Road / Oakland Drive and under the flower boxes at the entrances to the village.

To supply the following organisations with the packs of Poppy seeds purchased with the Chairman's allowance: Scouts, Guides, Youth Club, Churches, Schools and WI.

Include an article in the Village News on how to grow Poppies.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.16.

_____Chairman