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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Parish Council
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.30pm.

Councillors: *Mr K Petty (Chairman) – in the Chair

°Mr K Elcoate	*Miss B Golden
*Mr D Hindle	*Mrs A Hoare
*Mr B Jackson	°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
1 member of the public

Apologies for absence:

125. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr's Elcoate, Mrs Saxby and White.

Public Participation

126. There was no public participation.

Declarations of Interest

127. Cllr Ms Golden declared a pecuniary interest in the Marchwood Sea Mounting Centre as she wrote the letter.

Chairman's report

128. The Chairman wish to give his thanks on behalf of the Council to Rolli Rowlands for all of his hard work during his time as a Councillor.
The Chairman attended the Remembrance Service and along with Cllr Saxby laid wreaths at the village memorials.
The meeting dates for next February have been amended and circulated.
Discuss the installation of a Hearing loop with the Village Hall.
129. Cllr's Mrs Bennison and Mrs Hoare entered the meeting at 1933.

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Minutes

130. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2014.

Report from New Forest District Councillors

131. Cllr Mrs Bennison reported:

132. Magazine Lane

The remaining stream side reinstatement has not been completed. I have again contacted Andy Harding (Assistant Highways Manager HCC), he has confirmed that it is not due for completion for a few weeks but he has asked Amey to bring it forward.

133. Cork Lane

Steve Harding has confirmed that County have ordered the work to be done on HCC part of Cork Lane. Steve Jones will carry out this work when the work for the Parish is undertaken.

134. Southampton Football Club Training Ground – Drainage Pipes

The latest that I have heard from Peter Burrige (NFDC Enforcement) is that the drainage condition to Application No. 13/10861 is being considered by Jim Bennett (Case Officer). Peter advises that the enforcement case may be closed pending the outcome of this submission, but he will advise accordingly.

135. Environmental Panel – 13th November

A couple of items I thought would be on interest.

Food Hygiene Ratings in the District (FHRS)

The scheme is designed to help customers choose where to eat out, or shop by giving information about the hygiene standards in restaurants, pubs, cafes, takeaways, hotels and other places. Supermarkets and other food shops are also included in the scheme.

The “hygiene rating” is between 0 and 5 when it is inspected by a food safety officer. 0 being very poor and 5 being very good. It is published on the FSA website, there is a mobile app; and businesses are encouraged to display a window sticker. Inspections started in January 2013, and there are currently 1100 New Forest businesses with a rating. Businesses attaining a poor rating can request a re-inspection and to date some 70 businesses have made this request.

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Provision of Allergy Information to Businesses

New legislation will soon require allergy information to be made more clearly available to consumers. From 13th December 2014 information on 14 specified allergens used as ingredients will need to be provided for foods sold without packaging or wrapped on site. It is likely to be onerous for businesses with extensive menus.

Enforcement of regulations will be shared between Environmental Health and Trading Standards. District is providing advice on compliance to local businesses during food hygiene inspections.

I gave a couple of leaflets that District has had printed to Melanie, perhaps they could be displayed on the Village Hall notice board. If you would like some more I am sure I can get some.

136. Cllr Mrs Hoare reported:

137. Long Lane

Today it was confirmed that the foot path along Long Lane will be completed in 2 parts, the 1st part from the junction to the old entrance of the Saints training ground is hoped to be completed within this financial year. The second part is estimated to cost £105,000, because of the need to culvert/pipe the drainage ditch. I am told there is no allocated funding for stage 2 at this moment. But negotiations may be taking place in the near future to see if funding can be obtained from an outside body.

138. Flooding Long Lane

As previously reported the drainage tank at the corner of The Crescent/Lloyds Ave was inspected in September, I have now had confirmation that regular inspections of the tank and drainage ditches will take place in October/ December and February this year.

In future years there will be annual inspections. This will include clearing the silt trap on the verge prior to the storage tank and from the main manholes related to the watercourse system as well as the ditches.

139. Southampton Football Club

Southampton Football club have informed me, that the works to Parks Farm are hoped to be completed early in the New Year, and once finished their intention is to invite local residents and the parish Council to view the new development.

140. Speeding Pooksgreen

The reports of speeding cars in Long Lane and Pooksgreen have increased in the last 2 weeks; I have passed these concerns on to Hampshire Highways and our Clerk to inform the police.

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141. In my duties as Vice Chairman of NFDC Council I have attended The Veterans Christmas Lunch at Dibden Golf Club, The North Eling friends of Guiding AGM and will be attending The Mayor of Ringwood's Carol service in Ringwood next Sunday.
142. Can I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
143. **The litter in Pooks Green is awful, seems to be a lot of MacDonalds wrappers.**
144. **Speeding traffic in Trotts Lane, it seems to be going to and from Hythe.**

Report from Hampshire County Councillor

145. Cllr Harrisons report was read out by the Clerk:
146. I'm not completely sure I will get along to read this report as your meeting clashes with another two I have tonight! Apologies, if not.
147. Totton to Marchwood Cycle Route

I am sure that all members will be aware of the great progress that has been made and that construction will likely start in the Spring and hopefully an opening in late summer 2015.

It's not a sticking point, but the question of ongoing maintenance has yet to be agreed. I expect that it will be a high quality surface with little in the way of future maintenance costs, but (of course) you never know!

148. Marchwood Military Port

Again, I think members will be well aware of the ongoing campaign to force the MOD to consult with local people. I'm supportive of the initiative of Cllr Mrs Golden, instigating a legal challenge and asking for a Public Enquiry. I'm working on gaining the support of NFDC and the NPA.

149. Buses

HCC recently announced yet another round of cuts to bus subsidies, with the intention of saving £1.5 million. Fortunately, Marchwood has been spared this time around, but it will hit the link buses in Totton. I am, however, hoping that the Town Council will step in and replace the existing service with a similar one, using minibuses.

I am pretty certain that, with the scale of cuts required, HCC will be withdrawing all subsidy for bus services in future years. This will likely have a significant impact on Marchwood. Maybe, this is a good time for the Parish Council to consider what happens then.

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150. Police

The front desk at Totton has now closed. Local people are now expected to use Lyndhurst police station as an alternative. I'm afraid I don't know whether Hythe retains a front desk service. I'm told that people can ring the non-emergency number "101" for things like keys, wallets or mobile phones found.

151. Highways

In the pipeline, we have safety improvements to the crossroads at Long Lane, junction with Tavells Lane, with the idea of making it safer for cyclists.

Hopefully, we can also get a pavement installed along Long Lane (fingers crossed, with a contribution from Southampton Football Club).

152. All the very best to Staff & Members for Christmas and the New Year!

Reports of Representatives to Outside Bodies

153. Cllr Hindle reported that Marchwood Community Association were having ongoing problems with the car park. They are now considering installing drop posts to secure the car park.

154. Cllr Vango-Fisher reported that Waterside Heritage had held their second open day in October and this had been very successful and well attended.

155. Cllr Petty reported that the Fete Committee had met but a couple of members had forgotten and therefore didn't turn up. Cllr Petty has concerns about the viability of the Fete next year due to a lack of volunteers. Many of the volunteers are also involved with other organisations in the village who have stalls.

Committee minutes

156. **RESOLVED:** To receive as follows:
Amenities: 10th November 2014
Planning: 3rd November and 1st December 2014
Policy & Resources: 17th November 2014

Budget and Precept 2015/16

157. **RESOLVED:** To approve the budget and precept for 2015/16 as attached at appendix A. To request the precept figure of £215,400 from New Forest District Council. This includes a Precept Support Grant of £5,458.

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Internal Audit Report 2015/16 (Interim)

158. **RESOLVED:** To note the interim report. Congratulations to all of the staff for the clear report. Appendix B.

New Scout and Guide building

159. **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council submit the planning application for the new building on behalf of the Scouts and Guides.

To fill the vacant positions on the Amenities and P&R Committees

160. **RESOLVED:** That Cllr Jackson fill the vacant position on the Amenities Committee and the position on the P&R Committee remain vacant.

Milford Conservation Volunteers

161. **RESOLVED:** To support their request to ban Chinese lanterns and Helium balloons from any land owned by the Council.
Refer this item to a meeting of the Lloyd Recreation Ground Trustee.

162. Cllr Miss Golden left the meeting at 2010.

Marchwood Sea Mounting Centre

163. The letter written by Beverley Golden as a resident to the MOD was noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15.

_____Chairman