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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 11th
March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Councillors: (Vice-Chairman) – in the Chair

Mrs R Andrews (A)
Mrs A Hoare (P)
Mr K Petty (P)
Mr J Piernicki (P)
Mr M Saxby (P)

Mr D Hindle (P)
Mr D Makinson (P)
Mr M Proctor (P)
Mrs J Saxby (A)
Mr R Young (P)

(P) Present

(A) Absent

In attendance: Mr B Gibbs (Clerk to the Council)

Also present: Two members of the public.

Apologies for absence:

212. Cllrs Andrews, J Saxby and Co Cllr Harrison sent their apologies.

Declarations of Interest

213. Cllr Hindle recorded a personal declaration regarding the agenda item concerning the Marchwood Community Association grant application. Cllr M Saxby recorded a personal and prejudicial declaration concerning the same agenda item. Cllr Saxby said that he would like to speak about the grant application at the time it was due to be discussed prior to

Public Participation

214. A resident spoke about the Lloyd Recreation Ground generally and the Scout & Guide Headquarters in particular. He expressed his concerns about the state of the build and also the state of the project's finances. He continued by saying he was disappointed by the number of differing accounts as to the project's viability. He said that there was no consistency regarding the reporting of the project's finances.

215. The resident said that no more public money should be contributed to the project until there was a full disclosure about the current state of the project with a fully costed proposal for completing the entire project. He also expressed concerns about information held by the Charity Commission in relation to the Scout & Guide Management Committee.

216. The resident also said that it was absurd that a Scout & Guide building of this nature should cost so much to construct. He confirmed that he had made a number of Freedom of Information requests to the Parish Council with differing results. He said the response to some of the requests bordered on being obstructive. The Parish Clerk said that his initial response to the resident's latest request indicated that the Parish Council did not hold the information asked for.

217. The Village Hall manager introduced herself to the meeting and said that she was available to answer any questions that councillors may have regarding the Marchwood Community Association's grant application.

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Chairman's report

218. The Chairman said that this was the last Full Council meeting of the municipal year. He expressed his gratitude to all his colleagues for their support of the time he has been Chairman of the Parish Council. He said that Ms Beverley Golden had recently resigned from the Parish Council and that he had thanked her for all her efforts whilst she was a councillor.

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219. **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2019 as a true record. It was noted that the exempt minutes from that meeting were not presented for approval this evening.

Report from District Councillors

220. Cllr Bennison spoke about the cycle path extension at the Bury Road – Tavells Lane junction. News has emerged that work to complete this project would be commencing soon. Funding is coming from Hampshire County Council along with a potential contribution from the NFNPA.
221. Cllr Bennison commented on the desire line on the highway verge on the north side of Normandy Way. She said that she had been in touch with Hampshire Highways in the hope that a tarmac path may be constructed from the roundabout at the Industrial Estate through to Byams Lane.
222. Cllr Hoare spoke about the Marchwood power station eels project. She said the power station takes in water from the river Test (Southampton Water) to act as cooling water with the water is then returned. To stop fish being taken in to the plant there are mesh grills. However the eels get caught in this mesh and cannot escape.
223. As a result the power station was unable to comply with 2009 Eels regulations In order to comply they have been working with the Environment Agency and The Chalk Stream Trust to create an Eel habitat further upstream at Broadlands, between the River test and Blackwater. This has now been completed and the signs are looking good that it is being used by Eels. Marchwood Power has given the project funding to be able to monitor the site for the next 5 years.
224. Cllr Hoare also spoke about consistency in Household and Business recycling. She said that there are 37 different recycling schemes throughout the country. The government want to have a national scheme so that where ever you live in the country you will recycle the same set items including plastic pots, plastic bottles, tubs, trays, glass, paper/card and metal cans.
225. The government also wants to standardise the colour of bags and wheeled bins for refuse and recycling collections.

Reports from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies.

226. Cllr Petty said that planning for the annual Marchwood Fete to be held on Saturday July 6th is well advanced.

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227. Cllr Hindle said that he had did not attend the last meeting of the MCA.
228. Cllr Young said that he had attended a meeting of the Marchwood Youth Club. He made an appeal for volunteers to help with this organisation as they require some administrative help.

Grant Application from the Marchwood Community Association.

220. Cllr M Saxby spoke in support of the application and said that the current Village Hall kitchen had been in place for 30 years and was in need of replacement.

Cllr Saxby left the room prior to the discussion commencing.

221. The Clerk presented the grant application and associated documents to the councillors with a short commentary on each document. This was contained in Appendix A of their briefing pack

222. Cllr Hoare said that the application was worthy of support with funding drawn from the Marchwood Solar Farm earmarked reserve.

223. Cllr Petty said that he had nothing against the principle of supporting the MCA but was concerned about where funds would come to provide a grant. He was against using the Solar Farm earmarked reserve for this project.

224. Cllr Makinson said that he would support this grant application.

225. Cllr Piernicki also said that he would support the grant application.

226. Cllr Hindle said that the Village Hall was a heavily used building and it was clear that the kitchen would need replacing soon.

227. Cllr Proctor asked the Village Hall manager about the level of hygiene regulations they had to follow and whether these were more stringent than elsewhere. The Village Hall manager replied that they were not due to the fact that no food was prepared on site.

He concluded by saying that he too would support the grant application.

228. Cllr Petty said that everyone should be aware that the money held in the Parish Council's earmarked reserves could only be spent once. He made a proposal to hold back the Solar Farm earmarked reserve and not use any part of it in conjunction with this grant application.

229. This proposal was **not** seconded.

230. Cllr Hoare proposed that the Parish Council supports the Marchwood Community Association's grant application with the money coming from the Solar Farm earmarked reserve.

- . **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council supported the Marchwood Community Association's grant application for the sum of £5,000. The money needed to pay the grant would come from the Solar Farm earmarked reserve.

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Orders for Payment March 2019

231. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council approved the Orders for Payment that were outstanding up to the date of the meeting

The Clerk referred members to Appendix B in their briefing pack.

Income & Expenditure as at 31st January 2019.

232. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Income & Expenditure Report as at 31st January 2019.

The Clerk referred members to Appendix C in their briefing pack that showed the summary of the Income and Expenditure (by Cost Centre) up to the 31st January 2019.

Income & Expenditure against budget as at 31st January 2019.

233. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Income & Expenditure Report against Budget as at 31st January 2019.

The Clerk referred members to Appendix D in their briefing pack that showed the Income and Expenditure up to the 31st January 2019.

Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2019.

234. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Balance Sheet report as at 31st January 2019.

Members were told that the Balance Sheet up to the 31st January 2019 was Appendix E in their briefing pack.

Bank Reconciliations as at 31st January 2019.

235. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Parish Council's Bank Reconciliations as at 31st January 2019.

The Clerk gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the monthly reconciliations as well as an explanation of what each account held and each individual account's purpose.

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236. **RESOLVED:** To receive as follows:

Planning: 4th February 2019
Policy & Resources: None to receive.
Amenities: None to receive.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27pm.