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**Marchwood Parish Council**

Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm.

Councillors: Cllr R Young (Chairman) – in the Chair (P)

Cllr J Case (P)	Cllr G Gant (A)
Cllr M Havercroft (A)	Cllr D Hindle (P)
Cllr A Hoare (A)	Cllr P Mballa (P) from 7.16pm
Cllr M Proctor (P)	Cllr M Saxby (P)
Cllr G Wright (P)	

(P) Present

(A) Absent

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

**Apologies for absence**

20/310 Apologies were received from Cllrs Gant, Havercroft, Hoare and Mballa.

**Declarations of Interest**

20/311 There were no declarations of interest recorded.

**The Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on the proposed new ward boundaries of New Forest District Council.**

20/312 Cllr Young explained that a working party had been set up to consider the issues raised by the ward boundary review. The working party had produced a document that was put before the members present. After a period of consideration the following comments were made.

- It is important for the Parish Council to comment at every stage of the ward boundary review.
- These reviews are not periodic and are usually as a result of government policy to provide “smaller” governance.
- Does anyone know the views of other local councils?
- The current ward boundary matches that of the civil parish of Marchwood.
- In the future there may be a situation whereby the ward councillors will need to focus on different parts of the ward rather than all of it.
- Eling residents will be most affected by the changes proposed.

20/313 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council made the following comments as their response to the consultation.

Marchwood Parish Council would like to ask the Local Government Boundary Commission to anticipate the developments that are proposed within the NFDC Local Plan 2016-2036 Part One and extend the existing boundary of Marchwood Ward along the A326 until its junction with Jacob’s Gutter Lane and then eastwards to the tidal waters of the River Test.

This area will enclose the proposed developments that in time will house sufficient electors to justify the existing two councillor model. This option has the advantage of moving towards the required electoral equality objective whilst respecting the community integrity of Marchwood.

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**Exempt Business**

20/314 **RESOLVED:** in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion of the following personnel or confidential matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

There was no exempt business to discuss.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.19pm.