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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 9th
March 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

Cllr J Case (P)	Cllr G Gant (A)
Cllr M Havercroft (P)	Cllr D Hindle (P)
Cllr A Hoare (P)	Cllr P Mballa (A)
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)

Also present: District Cllr S Bennison, County Cllr Harrison and five members of the public.

Apologies for absence

20/315 Apologies were received from Cllrs Gant and Mballa.

Declarations of Interest

20/316 There were no declarations of interest recorded.

Public Participation

20/317 Although members of the public were present none of them wished to speak in the public session.

Chairman's report

20/318 Cllr Young informed members that the Marchwood War Memorial re-dedication service would take place at 11.00am on Friday 23rd October 2020. He also commented plans for the Marchwood Fete and the Party in the Park were now well advanced.

20/319 Cllr Young said that plans for the proposed play park improvements at the Lloyd Recreation Ground have now been exhibited at the Marchwood Infants School. It is hoped that the children at the School would provide advice on the most popular pieces of equipment to be used.

A presentation from the Chairman of the Marchwood Twinning Association

20/320 Mr Keith Petty spoke to members about events to mark the 21st anniversary of the village's twinning with the Normandy commune of St Contest. It is hoped that this year's exchange visit due to take place in late May 2020 will provide a suitable celebration of this anniversary.

20/321 He continued by saying the principle of twinning foster closer relationships across borders whilst encouraging a better understanding of different cultures and languages.

20/322 He concluded by saying he hoped that members of the Parish Council would see fit to support the aspirations of the twinning association by the consideration of a grant application.

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The Handy Trust (provision of a targeted youth service)

20/323 The Clerk referred everyone to Report A and Cllr Case spoke about the new arrangements with the Handy Trust.

20/324 He said that a six-monthly review of the service had taken place and its report had been published in February 2020.

20/325 Cllr Case again highlighted the following as the core outcomes of the review.

- To celebrate notable achievements achieved over the last year.
- To highlight areas for corrective or preventive action.
- To continue planning for the 2020-21 Business Year.

20/326 Cllr Case then highlighted the individual elements of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the forthcoming year. The SLA highlights those activities that the Handy Trust is bidding to provide and their cost. These were as follows.

- Older Youth Club sessions.
- The Younger (Junior) Youth Club sessions.
- Outreach provision in the community.
- Targeted Youth Support Service - one to one (1:1).
- Work in partnership with other agencies and members of the community.
- Provide a job education training service for young people.

20/327 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council accepted the Handy Trust's proposal in order to provide a full youth support service for Marchwood Parish throughout the financial year 2020-21.

Reports from District Councillors

20/328 Cllr Bennison had previously supplied a written report and asked if members had any questions to ask about it. The written report is added to these minutes as an appendix.

20/329 Cllr Hoare had previously supplied a written report and asked if members had any questions to ask about it. The written report is added to these minutes as an appendix.

Report from the County Councillor

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Memorandum of Understanding between the Lloyd Recreation Ground Trust and Marchwood Parish Council

20/331 The Clerk referred everyone to Report C. The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had now been drawn up to include all tasks undertaken by the Parish Council on behalf of the Lloyd Recreation Ground Trust.

20/332 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council approved the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Lloyd Recreation Ground Trust and Marchwood Parish Council.

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It would now be offered to the Lloyd Recreation Ground Trust for approval and signing at its Annual General Meeting to be held on the 18th May 2020.

Policy Review 2019-20

20/333 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council approved the following draft policies with immediate effect.

- Discipline Policy.
- Grievance Policy.
- Sickness and Absence Policy.
- Complaints Policy.

These would now be published on the website and sent out to each employee of the Parish Council.

Orders for Payment March 2020

20/334 **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 A in their briefing pack.

Income & Expenditure as at 29th February 2019

20/335 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Income & Expenditure Report as at 29th February 2019.

The Clerk referred members to Appendix B in their briefing pack that showed the summary of the Income and Expenditure up to the 29th February 2019.

Income & Expenditure against budget as at 29th February 2019

20/336 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Income & Expenditure Report against Budget as at 29th February 2019.

The Clerk referred members to Appendix C in their briefing pack that showed the Income and Expenditure against budget (listed by Cost Code) up to the 29th February 2019.

Balance Sheet as at 29th February 2019

20/337 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Balance Sheet report as at 29th February 2019.

Members were told that the Balance Sheet up to the 29th February 2019 was Appendix D in their briefing pack.

Bank Reconciliations as at 29th February 2019

20/338 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Parish Council's Bank Reconciliations as at 29th February 2019.

Lloyds Bank Instant Access Account £91,242.32

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Lloyds Bank 30 Day Notice (Treasurers) Account £52,257.92

Members were told that the Bank Reconciliations up to the 29th February 2019 was Appendix E in their briefing pack.

Financial Risk Assessment 2019-20

20/339 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council reviewed and approved the Financial Risk Assessment for the year 2019-20.

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

Exempt Business

20/340 **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 being no further business the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

District Councillor Report to Marchwood Parish Council

9th March 2020

Shared Ownership Scheme by NFDC

The Council has just created a new Shared Ownership Scheme. This will allow a tenant to purchase 25% of the property via a mortgage and rent the remaining 75%. The scheme will allow them to purchase further portions as they are financially able until they own 100% of the property. Over a period property values will increase so each time a portion is bought by the tenant it will be at current market values.

The Council will then try to obtain another property in the same area to offer the Shared Ownership opportunity to another tenant. Obviously it is early days for this scheme, it will be interesting to see how it grows but one thing for sure it is far better than the Right to Buy scheme which see the Council having to sell properties at 70% of their value.

Council Leisure Centres

I have sat on this T&F Group which has been looking for a partner to run its 5 leisure centres. At the same time the Council has reviewed how it runs its leisure centres in house.

The interested organizations have produced their bids, these have been scrutinized by officers and the T&F Group and have been whittled down to 2 possible parties. Staff and users have been kept fully informed of the process and on this Thursday 12th March there will be a Stakeholder meeting at ATC for Staff and Users to be able to ask question on the process so far.

The T&F Group will be visiting the sites presently run by the two remaining organizations to see how they run the leisure centres which are under their control.

Finally one organization will emerge as a partner to the Council to take over the running of the 5 leisure centres but this will again be compared with the In House scheme and the best result will win the day.

Waterside Rail Line

I sit on the Environment Panel and this Thursday the Panel members will discuss a motion

The Motion was:

That this Council supports wholeheartedly the resumption of a rail link along the Waterside as part of a strategic transport infrastructure in the light of planned development in the south waterside area. Officers will be tasked to work closely with HCC staff to ensure oversight on planning issues and economic and environmental viability are maintained and resolved.

I understand that an update on information from District Council will be received by members in order that they will be able to debate the motion. There will also be speakers in opposition to this resumption of this passenger rail line.

Report of District Councillor Alison Hoare March 2020

Shared Ownership Housing

New Forest District Council is to start building shared ownership homes. For people to qualify for the scheme, in which they can purchase between 25%-75% there must be a local connection, the aim is to encourage younger people to live and work in the district, and get on the housing ladder which is becoming increasingly difficult.

Stair casing will be allowed, allowing people to purchase the whole property as their circumstances change. It is hoped that the council will be able to build new properties for those sold. This will run alongside our council housing building scheme, in which the council aims to build 600 new council homes by 2026

Marchwood Footpath Scheme

I met with Richard Payne last Wednesday re Marchwood Parish Council's footpath scheme; he was meeting with Martin Peacock the following day to re-walk the paths, and hoped to have a developed plan very soon. He will arrange to meet with councillors and officers very soon.

Long lane Footpath

I contacted Nimish Vithani, the officer at HCC, who is working on the Long Lane footpath project; I will tentatively say that it is looking more hopeful.

He hopes to have the detailed design completed this month, he is still trying to secure funding for the scheme, but this can only be agreed once the design is completed. Once this is all in place he will have to draft a Project Appraisal, which once approved will release the funds. Subject to all this being met the tender for works will go out in April.

Marchwood Junior School Visit

I was invited by Marchwood Junior School to speak to the year 5's on the role of the Parish Council and what it was like to be a Parish Councillor. The children were then allowed to ask me questions. . I had a lovely time, but one very interesting thing came out of this meeting, the children want to write an article for the next village news, asking residents and visitors to Marchwood to take better care of our village. It was lovely to see how much they loved the village.

Finally councillors and officers at NFDC are changing to office 365, outlook, as such my email has changed, it is now alison.hoare@nfdc.gov.uk, and all officers' emails remain the same.

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Report for Marchwood Parish Council. March 9th 2020

Health.

There is a big concern about the strong possibility of the Covid 19 virus, spreading across the general population. New cases have been detected in Hampshire in recent days, including one in Southampton, an agency worker who worked a single night shift at Southampton General Hospital.

Hampshire County Council is focusing on mitigating the impact. They will be seeking to ensure ongoing delivery of critical services and to keep stakeholders and the public updated.

Latest updates are available via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Highways

The two big storms, including flooding and some freezing weather have had a negative impact on the state of many local roads, with more pot holes and other defects. The County Council has allocated another £2 million towards fixing holes and maintaining the roads. However, the pot holes aren't often being fixed within the agreed standard timescales. The online reporting system is working well.

It seems most likely that up to £8 million will be invested in improving the roundabouts at the southern end of the A326. I suspect that this is directly linked to the Fawley Waterside development (which doesn't yet have planning permission). I would like some investment to be used in the area of Marchwood, to improve junctions and accessibility for residents wanting to travel on foot or by bike into the New Forest. At this stage, it's not certain exactly how all the money (controlled by the Solent LEP) will be spent.

There is a separate bid being made to government for cash to improve sustainable means of transport into Cities from surrounding areas. This has very tight timescales and there has been limited opportunity to consult with the public and stakeholders (such as cycling groups). It's also limited in scope, so won't be available for the railway or better bus services.

Waterside Railway

Thank you to Parish Councillors for expressing support for the project to restore a passenger service along the Waterside railway line. Your support has been mirrored by Hythe & Dibden Parish Council. Every single Councillor voted in favour. Fawley Parish, Totton & Eling Town Council and New Forest District have yet to make a decision.

Library Closure Consultation

There has been a very big response to the consultation about proposed further cuts to the library service in Hampshire. Last time I heard, over 17,000 had responded with comments. There are petitions up and running, for the two most local libraries under threat, Lyndhurst and Blackfield.

Budget

Hampshire County Council has agreed its budget for the ensuing year. Hampshire County Council's council tax will increase by 3.99% in 2020/21 but will remain the second lowest of any county council in England. I didn't personally support it because of the proposed further £80 million cuts to a range of services. However, I did support the part that allocated £2 million to fighting climate change.