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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council in the Pine Room at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 26th July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Councillors: Cllr J Case – in the Chair (P)

Cllr W Bucknell	(A)	Cllr M Havercroft	(P)
Cllr D Hindle	(P)	Cllr P Mballa	(P)
Cllr M Proctor	(P)	Cllr M Saxby	(P)
Cllr A Ushamba	(P)	Cllr G Wright	(P)
Cllr R Young	(P)		

(P) Present (A) Absent

In attendance: Mr B Gibbs (Clerk to the Council), Mrs C Cockeram (Deputy Clerk) & Mrs A Woodward (RFO).

Also in attendance were District Cllrs Bennison & Hoare, Three representatives from Oceanic Estates Ltd and six members of the public.

Apologies for absence

22/110 Cllr Bucknell & County Cllr Harrison sent their apologies.

Declarations of Interest

22/111 Cllr Young declared a prejudicial interest regarding the current traveller incursion at the Cork Field. He said he would leave the room when this item was due to be discussed.

Public Participation

22/112 Representatives from Oceanic Estates Ltd (OEL) spoke about the NFDC strategic planning site at Cork Farm. Mr Tony Boyle and Mr Phil Deacon alongside Mr Harry Hutchinson explained that the site was now included in the NFDC Local Plan as a development opportunity to deliver up to 150 dwellings.

22/113 Mr Boyle showed the meeting some drawings that showed the master plan for the development. He explained that Cork Farm had a number of constraints that would determine how the final development would look. These constraints included a number of power lines crossing the site, the proximity to the waste water treatment works, previous bunding on the site and the need to provide more than one access route into the development.

22/114 Mr Boyle highlighted the fact that OEL were also looking to provide 9,300M² (100,000 square feet) of employment space (Use Classes B8 and E) at the western side of the development.

22/115 It was acknowledged by OEL that this aspect of the master plan was against the planning principles of the site.

22/116 Mr Boyle said that the residential dwellings would be a mixture of 2 bedroomed apartments and 2 to 5 bedroomed houses. There would be an affordable housing provision of 35% to include shared ownership and rental.

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22/117 The master plan also took into consideration the provision of public open spaces and suitable alternative natural green spaces (SANGS).

22/118 Mr Hutchinson said he hoped that the Parish Council and OEL can work together through the lifetime of the planning application for the benefit of all.

22/119 Cllr Case thanked OEL for their presentation. He commented that the Parish Council will wait for the planning application to be validated before discussing it and making its comments and recommendations.

22/120 Residents of Park Lane spoke about their concerns regarding any proposals to increase the number of carriageways on the A326 (The Marchwood by-pass). They were particularly concerned about the potential for the road to be widened and a dual carriageway built that would result in the loss of a significant number of trees. These trees provide screening and noise attenuation at present and their loss would severely affect their lives.

22/121 Cllrs Case and Young asked the residents to remain at the meeting so that they could hear the Parish Council consider its response to the Waterside Travel Improvements strategy due to take place later on in the meeting.

22/122 A resident of Ferndale spoke about speeding issues in the village and especially in Normandy Way. He had previously spoken about this at the Annual Council Meeting. The Clerk said that he was hoping to meet with Ms Swan Gan-Marsh of NFDC in order to discuss ways of securing the use of a Speed Data Recorder (SDR) and a Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) for deployment.

22/123 The Clerk also reminded everyone that the Marchwood Community Speed Watch team are always looking for new volunteers.

The Waterside Travel Improvements Consultation

22/124 The Clerk introduced this item and said that those who live, work or travel to and from the Waterside area of Hampshire are being encouraged to respond to the County Council's consultation before the 29th August 2021.

22/125 The Waterside Transport Strategy aims to shape the approach to planning and delivering a transport solution along the Waterside Corridor for those living in and travelling to the area.

22/126 The consultation seeks views on whether the strategy should aim to improve bus services by making them quicker and more reliable; increase road capacity on the A326; reintroduce passenger rail services on the current Waterside freight line and enhance provision of high-quality cycling and walking routes.

Specifically, the County Council is seeking views on:

- The draft Waterside Transport Strategy.
- A326 Improvements (between Totton and Applemore).
- Waterside Passenger Rail.
- Developing Active Travel schemes.
- Enhancing bus services.

22/127 The County Council is also delivering an improvement scheme for the A326 southern section, between Dibden and Fawley as part of the Fawley Waterside development.

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Additionally, improvements are proposed for to north-south routes for cyclists and pedestrians including a continuous cycle route between Eling and Fawley. More reliable bus journey times are also envisaged.

22/128 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to complete the survey and asked him to focus on the following four topics.

- Improving the northerly section of the A326 to address congestion and improve access.
- Making changes to the Level Crossing on Junction Road in Totton.
- Investigating the re-introduction of passenger rail services on the Waterside rail line.
- Improving cycling and walking facilities in the Waterside area.

22/129 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council objected to the proposals to dual carriageway the A326 throughout its entire length.

22/130 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council objected to the Highways Authority's preferred option for improving the A326 in Marchwood.

22/131 The Parish Council re-affirmed its resolved position on the re-introduction of passenger rail services on the Waterside rail line.

Marchwood Parish Council supports, in principle, the delivery of an integrated transport infrastructure solution for the waterside area with the restoration of a passenger railway serving the parishes of Totton and Eling, Marchwood, Hythe and Dibden and Fawley being a major part of this.

22/133 The Parish Council made no comment on the proposals to improve the Junction Road level crossing.

22/134 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council supports all efforts to improve walking and cycling facilities in the waterside area.

Grant Applications

22/135 Grant applications have been received from:

The Marchwood Fete – Report A.

22/136 **RESOLVED:** The Full Council approves a grant of £175 for The Marchwood Fete Steering Group.

22/137 The Parish Council of Marchwood noted that the statutory basis for this item is the Local Government Act 1972, Section 144.

The Forestside Medical Practice

22/138 Between meetings it had been announced by the Forestside Medical Practice that they were going to make changes to their services as listed below.

- To utilise Marchwood as a chronic disease management hub.
- To also utilise Marchwood for routine follow-up appointments.
- To house extra admin and PCN (Primary Care Network) staff.
- For all acute on the day illness to be assessed at Dibden Purlieu.
- To continue to triage by phone initially before seeing patients face to face if required.

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22/139 The Parish Council had invited a representative of the practice to attend tonight's meeting but the Practice had sent their apologies due to pressure of work.

22/140 It was agreed that representations need to be made to the NHS Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group in order to mitigate the effect of this announcement or to reverse the decision.

22/141 Cllrs Bennison and Young agreed to follow this up with the authorities concerned and with Dr Julian Lewis MP.

Chairman's report

22/142 The Chairman informed the meeting that he had recently received correspondence from Dr Julian Lewis MP. The correspondence consisted of a request for information from Dr Lewis as well as copies of letters sent to Dr Lewis by two discontented parishioners. Both letters referred to alleged irregularities in the Parish Council's management of its finances.

22/143 Cllr Young commented that once again the good name of the Parish Council was being dragged down by baseless allegations made by people who possessed no evidence of any irregularities financial or otherwise. He proposed that the Chairman respond to Dr Lewis's letter refuting all of the allegations made in the parishioners' letters in the strongest terms.

22/144 **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk and the Chairman compose and despatch a strongly worded letter to Dr Lewis refuting all of the allegations contained within two letters sent to Dr Julian Lewis MP by Marchwood parishioners.

22/145 The Chairman informed the Parish Council that a group of travellers had driven on the Cork field and had established an unauthorised encampment. He asked that the Clerk to make a full report to the Parish Council on his behalf during this agenda item.

22/146 The Clerk informed the meeting that a convoy of travellers were currently occupying the Cork field. Hampshire Constabulary has attended the site and senior officers have declined to use their Section 61 powers to disperse the convoy.

22/147 The Clerk presented the options open to the Parish Council:

- Do nothing and hope they convoy disperses soon.
- Request the use of Section 61 powers from Hampshire Constabulary.
- Work with its legal team to seek a court order.
- Work with a commercial bailiff in order to remove the convoy without a court order.

22/148 A debate followed where the following comments were made.

- We cannot simply sit idly by and watch the facilities at the Cork field be severely damaged.
- Councillors were disappointed that Section 61 powers were not used.
- A court order would mean at least two weeks occupation based on past events here.
- Would a commercial bailiff be acting legally without the protection of a court order?

22/149 The Clerk presented two quotes from suitably recommended commercial bailiffs. He said that the costs may exceed £5,000. He said that both companies would be able to respond promptly if the Clerk instructed them to take on the work.

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22/150 **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk makes a decision as to which commercial bailiff to use and to instruct them to remove the convoy in a prompt, efficient and legal manner.

22/151 **RESOLVED:** The Clerk was instructed to keep all councillors informed of events and also to inform the Chairman of the Parish Council if costs proved excessive.

Minutes

22/152 **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on the 19th May 2021 and the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th June 2021.

Reports from the New Forest District Councillors

22/153 Cllr Bennison had no report to make to the Parish Council. She did say that she welcomed the presentation from Oceanic Estates Ltd as a useful exercise in laying out their initial proposals.

22/154 Cllr Hoare spoke about the following items.

- The retirements of the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive.
- The roadworks on the A326
- Government waste Strategy Consultation
- Fly Tipping
- Party in the Park 4
- A report on the work of the "Crossings" charity

Cllr Hoare's written report will be appended to these minutes.

Marchwood Fete 11th September 2021

22/155 The Clerk spoke about the upcoming Marchwood Fete. He said that the organisers had invited the Parish Council to take a stall. Cllr Mballa commented that he felt it was very important that the Parish Council had a presence on the day.

Lloyd Recreation Ground Trust matters

22/156 Following on from the last ordinary meeting of the Parish Council, the Clerk had written to the Charity Commission outlining The Parish Council's response to the latest Section 15 notice.

22/157 The Charity Commission has now responded as follows:

Our ref: C-015620-K7N5

Dear Mr Gibbs

Thank you for your email and attachments of 15 July 2021.

The information has been noted and will be retained on the charity's records. I can also confirm that we have closed our case and are not intending further action.

Rachel Eves

Charity Commission – Assessment & Compliance Casework

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22/158 The Party in the Park will take place on Saturday 7th August. The Deputy Clerk is still seeking further volunteers who are able and willing to assist her during the day.

22/159 The Marchwood Fete will take place on Saturday 11th September.

22/160 The Scout and Guides have paid their 2021-22 rental on time and in full.

22/161 Budget income for football pitch hires for 2021-22 has reached 85% before the half year end.

Orders for Payment July 2021

22/162 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council approved the Orders for Payment that are outstanding up to the date of the meeting.

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

Receipts July 2021

22/163 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the total of receipts up to the date of the meeting.

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

Orders for Payment for the 1st Qtr. 2021-22 (1st April to 30th June 2021)

22/164 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council approved the Orders for Payment for the period 1st April to 30th June 2021.

The Clerk referred members to Appendix C in their briefing pack

Receipts for the 1st Qtr. 2021-22 (1st April to 30th June 2021)

22/165 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the receipts for the period 1st April to 30th June 2021.

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

Income & Expenditure as at 30th June 2021

22/166 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Income & Expenditure Report as at 30th June 2021.

The Clerk referred members to Appendix E in their briefing pack that showed the summary of the Income and Expenditure up to the 30th June 2021.

Income & Expenditure against Budget as at 30th June 2021

22/167 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Income & Expenditure against Budget as at 30th June 2021.

The Clerk referred members to Appendix F in their briefing pack that showed the Income & Expenditure against Budget as at 30th June 2021

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Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2021

22/168 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Balance Sheet report as at 30th June 2021.

Members were told that the Balance Sheet up to the 30th June 2021 was Appendix G in their briefing pack.

Bank Reconciliations at 30th June 2021

22/169 **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council noted the Parish Council's Bank Reconciliations as at 30th April 2021.

Lloyds Bank Instant Access Account £97,815.13
Lloyds Bank 30 Day Notice (Treasurers) Account £13,768.70
Lloyds Bank Business Instant Account £50,006.98

Members were told that the Bank Reconciliations up to the 30th June 2021 was Appendix H in their briefing pack.

Lloyd Recreation Ground Trust matters

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22/170 **RESOLVED:** To receive as follows:

Planning: 8th June 2021
Policy & Resources: None to receive
Amenities: none to receive.

22/171 **Exempt Business:** To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the discussion of the following matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

Report of District Councillor

June 2021

It is going to be all change at New Forest District Council, firstly our Deputy Chief Executive Colin Read has retired after 18 years with the District and Bob Jackson NFDC's chief executive will retire on the 13th of August 2021. The post for Chief Executive will be advertised both externally and internally as per procedure but moving forward I believe there will be no Deputy Chief executive post.

Roadworks A326

There is going to be some major disruption for commuters along the A326 commencing today.

Works to improve the junctions and roundabouts along the road will take place in 2 phases starting with Dibden Roundabout. The works associated with this roundabout are estimated to take about 9 weeks to complete, temporary traffic lights will be in place for most of the duration of the works.

Importantly for Marchwood residents Main Rd, Dibden, (the road from the A326 to Hythe) will be closed to traffic from the end of July until the end of the school summer holidays, access for residents and businesses will be maintained and a diversion route put in place, but this will mean quite a detour for Marchwood residents hoping to visit Hythe.

Works to Hardley Roundabout will start mid /late July and Holbury early September.

Phase 2 will commence later in 2021 and will include improvements to Applemore Roundabout, widening of the approaches and exits, Blackfield/Church Lane, new signaled junction and crossing point. Holbury Drove and Southbourne Avenue, pedestrian crossing and capacity improvements, finally ending with widening of the approaches and exits from the roundabout at Dibden Purlieu.

Hampshire County Council have also launched the Waterside transport survey which covers everything from the roads, public transport and the possible introduction of the waterside train service. It can be found on the HCC website.

Government waste Strategy Consultation

New Forest district Council have responded to the second round of consultations relating to the emerging National Waste Strategy. In general, NFDC support the initiative to reduce waste and littering but would like to see a greater focus on measures that minimise waste and material consumption. NFDC broadly supports the idea of consistency across the country in how and what is collected, the government's initial list includes paper, card, aerosols, tins and cans, plastic bottles, pots tubs and trays, foil, aluminum tubes, plastic films, food and drink cartons. Having said that NFDC would need a flexible time scale for Hampshire's MRFs to be upgraded or rebuilt.

The government are still very keen to introduce weekly food waste collections by 2024 and have promised to fund the capital transitional and ongoing costs for all councils. The same would apply to a free fortnightly garden waste scheme which NFDC have opposed on 2

counts, first it would discourage people from home composting and secondly it would be a universal tax burden on all the population not just those lucky enough to have a garden.

Fly Tipping

NFDC have had a successful prosecution of a persistent fly tipper across the district, after much work by our enforcement team, the man pleaded guilty and has been sentenced to 8 months in prison.

Party in the Park 4

Touch wood all preparations and plans are progressing nicely just pray for good weather, and ticket sales are going very well, I have awarded my NFDC grant Money for 2021 to help put on the event and Solent Gateway have kindly offered to pay for the First aid facilities, tent, first aiders and refreshments for them. I would like to Thank Colette for all the time and work she is putting into this event for Marchwood.

Finally

Following 18 months of lockdowns, some people are having real problems accessing appropriate housing and some enough food for their families, the number of residents contacting me for help has gone up a lot in the last couple of months.

Within Marchwood there are places that can offer help, firstly the New Forest Food larder, which has been running since January 2021 this operates from Marchwood Village Hall every Monday, 12.30pm -1400hrs. For £2.50 for a single person, £3.50 for a couple and £5.00 for a family of more than 4, people can access 25 products, food and household, plus fruit and veg on the side.

The Crossing a charity who work closely with NFDC offer advice and help on finding suitable accommodation for people who have found themselves sofa surfing or homeless, they also offer hot drinks and snacks, free Wi-Fi and phone charging facilities.

The Charity operates from St John's Hall Marchwood on Wednesdays 10am -1300hrs by appointment only or from St John's Hythe, Saturdays 10am to 1300hrs (drop in) and Blackfield Baptist Church Thursdays 10am -1300hrs.

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