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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 13 March 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present

Councillors: N Buckett, J Case (Chairman) D Hindle, J Leath, P Mballa, M Proctor, S Roach, M Saxby, R Young and G Wright.

In attendance: T Dudley, Parish Clerk, C Cockeram, Deputy Clerk.

Apologies

23/165 – There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

23/166 – Declaration of Interests were received from Cllr Case, Cllr Hindle and the Deputy Clerk being trustees of the Marchwood Hub agenda item 11.

Public Participation

23/167 – A resident of Eling addressed the Committee to raise concerns relating to the proposed cycle route from Eling to Holbury. Specific concern was raised with vehicles travelling south on Eling Hill that would be forced to turn right at the junction with Jacobs Gutter Lane that was a blind bend. The junction between Jacobs Gutter Lane and Marchwood Road would also be a high risk exit on to a already busy road. Additional concerns were highlighted with HGV's on Marchwood Road, the lack of a footpath on Jacobs Gutter Lane and no lighting in the area there was also the lack of soft verges in which vehicles could get stuck and could result in collapsed verges making the road even less suitable.

The Council were informed of additional significant concerns relating to the proposed cycle scheme.

The Chairman thanked the resident of Eling and assured him that through any consultation period care and consideration would be given to the points raised.

Minutes

23/168 - RESOLVED – To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12 December 2022 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Committee minutes

23/169 – The minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 February 2023 and The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 6 March 2022 were noted.

Recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee:

Resolved – to approve the Asset Register.

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Resolved – to approve the Asset Disposal Policy.

Resolved – to approve the Risk Assessment of Financial systems and Internal Controls.

Reports from New Forest District Councillor

23/170 – Apologies were received from Cllr Bennison due to health reasons.

Reports from Hampshire County Councillor

23/171 – The Deputy Clerk read out a statement submitted by Cllr Harrison in his absence. He thanked all Parish Councillors who had served over the last 4 years and for the joint working that had benefited many residents of the village.

There had been a delay in getting the traffic lights-controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing implemented at Trotts Lane junction with a good number of villagers in Eling. An amended scheme was being sought and that the Parish Council would be consulted.

Marchwood residents were being particularly affected by the number of roadworks being carried out within the area, he would continue to keep residents updated on the works via social media.

There were no news on the Waterside railway passenger service decision.

Members discussed the impact of the roadworks and the time it was taking to go in to town. Concern was raised with the lack of information being provided to the Parish Council. Council wanted to know why work was not being carried out over night as well as in the daytime; it was agreed that Cllr Young would contact the HCC Authority to try and get some answers to the questions raised.

Communications Strategy Statement of Intent

23/172 – Members agreed to give further consideration to the findings of the Communications Strategy Task and Finish Group following the elections in May. It was agreed that administration of the Facebook account would be managed entirely by office staff.

Resolved – to defer further consideration of the Communications Strategy until after the May elections.

Resolved – to approve the Community Engagement Statement of Intent.

Committees Terms of Reference

23/173 – Some Members requested that grants be determined by full Council and not by the Policy and Resources Committee.

It was further requested the following statement be added to the Policy and Resources Committee Terms of Reference.

Delegated to the Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Committee and Clerk (acting together):

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At the request of the Parish Clerk and in circumstances deemed to be exceptional and urgent (e.g. health and safety matters) to exercise any powers within the purview of their committee provided they are satisfied that the decision cannot wait for the next meeting, is not against known Council policy, is financially viable or defensible and is reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee. In the event that the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman are absent and cannot be contacted, then this power shall pass to the Vice Chairman of the Council or another member acting with one of those members.

It was further agreed that all requests from the Scout and Guides for the use of Lloyds Recreation Ground facilities be referred to full Council for determination.

Resolved – Committee Terms of Reference be approved subject to Community grants being referred to full Council for determination. Requests from the Scout and Guides for the use of Lloyds Recreation Ground facilities be referred to full Council.

Handy Trust SLA

23/174 - Cllr Young thanked the Chairman for the great work he had done with the Handy Trust.

Resolved – to approve the Handy Trust Service Level Agreement 2023 – 2024.

Youth Centre Lease variation

23/175 - Members agreed a review of the rent for the Youth Centre would take place at the same time as the Scout and Guide building lease. In the meantime Council would temporarily impose a levy consideration of £1 sterling.

With regard to the charging for utilities used it was agreed that meter reading would be taken once a month and the figures would be considered by Full Council in order to determine the charges that would be applied to the Youth Centre.

Resolved - Council would levy a rent consideration of £1 sterling until such time as a rent review takes place.

Electric meter readings would be taken once a month and the figures would be considered by Full Council in order to determine a future charging schedule.

Request for use of land at Lloyds Recreation Ground and equipment for litter picking

23/176 –

Resolved – to approve the Fete on the Field 1 July 2023.

Resolved – to approve the Scouts could conduct a car cleaning activity within the months of June/July and August on a Saturday morning. Subject to the Council being informed of a schedule the activity would take place.

Water used must be from the Scouts and Guide Building, the area utilised for the car cleaning must be cleared of any surplus water and residue after each event.

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Resolved – to approve the spend of monies donated by John Lewis to purchase litter picking equipment, tools and protective clothing to be utilised by the conservation volunteers.

Close of meeting

23/177– The date of the next meeting 15 May 2023 was noted. The meeting closed at 9.40pm.