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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Marchwood Parish Council held at Pine Room, Village Hall, Marchwood on Monday 24 July 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr N Buckett, J Case (Chairman), D Hindle, J Leath, P Mballa, M Proctor and M Saxby.

In Attendance: Tina Dudley, Parish Clerk and Colette Cockeram, Deputy Clerk.

Apologies

PC/23/032 – There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

PC/23/033 – Cllr Case and Cllr Mballa declared an association with Lindsey Shelley who was asking to be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Public Participation

PC/23/034 – A resident of Hythe supporting the Zero Hour group addressed the Council to ask for support for the Climate and Ecology Bill currently going through Parliament. He explained the proposed legislation would create a legal commitment to follow the science on tackling the climate-nature crisis.

He further spoke of the extreme weather and climate emergency; emissions were rising with oil and gas being counterproductive. The current legislation was not working with the continuing decline of insects and the Environment Act being too weak and off track.

The proposed bill would require the UK Government to develop and deliver a new environmental strategy by reducing emissions, reversing the decline in nature, and taking responsibility for overseas footprint.

Minutes

PC/23/035 – RESOLVED – To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 5 June 2023 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Committee minutes

PC/23/036 – The minutes of the Planning Committee 5 June 2023, Amenities Committee 12 June 2023 and Policy and Resources Committee 19 June 2023 were noted.

Reports from NFDC Councillor

PC/23/037 – The report from NFDC Councillor was noted. A member suggested that we alert parishioners that they can sign up to be the first to know about the garden waste bin offer for the new kerbside garden waste collection. If parishioners sign up in Autumn 2023, they can save the £25 one-off charge on the supply of the wheeled bin.

Reports from HCC Councillor

PC/23/038 – Cllr Harrison of the Hampshire County Council had submitted his apologies due to health reasons.

Co-option as a Councillor to Marchwood Parish Council

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PC/23/039 – Following questions from Members Ms Shelley stated that she considered herself to be honest with a good common-sense approach, she was aware of the issues facing the Council including heavy goods vehicles, the lack of cycle lanes and no supermarket, she considered that Marchwood was cut-off from the surrounding parishes and the waterside.

RESOLVED –

- a) to co-opt Lindsey Shelley to be a member of the Parish Council.
- b) the Acceptance of Office form was signed Cllr Lindsey Shelley joined the Council meeting.
- c) Cllr Shelley was appointed to the Policy and Resources, Planning and Amenities Committee.

Climate and Ecology Bill motion

PC/23/040 – RESOLVED to support the motion to support the Climate and Ecology Bill.

- a) Support the Climate and Ecology Bill.
- b). Inform local residents, and local press/media of this decision.
- c) Write to Julian Lewis to inform them that this motion has been passed, urging them to sign up to support the CE Bill.
- d) Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, expressing support (campaign@zerohour.uk).

Conflict of Interest BDO LLP

PC/23/041 – RESOLVED there were no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed the declaration that there were no declaration of interest with BDO LLP.

Party in the Park

PC/23/042 – RESOLVED to approve the Party in the Park to be held on Saturday 24 August 2024.

Scout building signage

PC/23/043 – Members considered the request from the Guide and Scout Management Committee for both a Scout sign and to be given keys for the gate and barrier at Lloyds Recreation Ground.

With regard to the scout signage Cllr Hindle proposed to defer this request to enable the Guides to submit a request for signage to sit alongside the Scouts sign, seconded by Cllr Case and agreed by all.

RESOLVED to defer the decision for permission to attach a sign to the Guide and Scout building on Lloyds Recreation Ground whilst the Guides arrange for a sign to be added to the request.

Following the request for a set of keys for both the metal gates and the barrier to be provided to the Guides and Scouts at Lloyds Recreation Ground Members considered the request.

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The Guide and Scout Management Committee stated that the lower gates being locked had caused significant problems for their regular hirers some of which had almost cancelled their bookings. The keys were being requested to allow for out of hours access to allow for camping equipment etc to be picked up by a higher vehicle.

The Clerk explained that the metal gates had been recently locked on occasions when the Council had been notified of travellers within the area at times this had been on short notice and had been unavoidable to prevent the Council from incurring what was considered to be a huge expense to council taxpayers within the village. The metal gates would only be locked in an emergency, with regard to emergency access the Clerk had been in contact with Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service to arrange for them to be provided with a set of keys to open the barrier and gates in an emergency.

Members agreed that the Council's priority was to safeguard the facilities and land in trust for the residents of Marchwood. The Council had previously resolved not to allow the Management Committee to be key holders and that this position should be maintained as full responsibility for the Lloyds Recreation Ground lay with the Parish Council.

Members agreed that 3 Councillors, Buckett, Case and Leath would become key holders and would arrange for the barrier to be opened when required subject to notice being given to the office staff.

In addition, the Deputy Clerk would alert the Management Committee when the metal gates would be locked.

RESOLVED to refuse a request for keys to the metal gates and height barrier at Lloyds Recreation Ground to be provided to the Scout and Guide Management Committee. Three members of the Council would hold keys and allow access by the Scouts and Guides if notice was given to office staff.

Alarm system callouts

PC/23/044 – The Clerk explained on occasions when staff were not available out of hours it would be beneficial for local councillors to be enabled to turn off the alarm system. Recent activations had occurred from power cuts resulting in three members of staff being called out on one day.

RESOLVED – Councillors Buckett, Case and Leath be key holders for the alarm system at Lloyds Recreation Ground.

Correspondence

PC/23/045 – Members noted the correspondence received.

Private session

PC/23/046 – There were no items for this item.

Meeting ended at 8.59pm. The date of the next meeting 11 September 2023.