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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 17 October 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present

Councillors: N Buckett, J Case – Chairman, M Havercroft, D Hindle, P Mballa, M Proctor, M Saxby, R Young and G Wright.

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

Also present: District Councillor, Alison Hoare.

Apologies

23/132 – Apologies were received from Councillors, Leath and Roach.

RESOLVED – to accept apologies for absence.

NFDC Councillor S Bennison sent her apologies.

Declarations of Interest

23/133 – None

Public Participation

23/134 – No members of the public attended for this item.

Minutes

23/135 - RESOLVED – To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26 September 2022 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters to report in relation to previous Council meeting

23/136 – It was agreed that a working party would be formed to consider a communications strategy. Councillors Buckett, Young and Wright with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

Committee minutes

23/137 – The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 3 October 2022 and Amenities Committee held on 4 October 2022 were noted.

Reports from New Forest District Councillor

23/138 – Councillor Hoare spoke on the ongoing planning application for Cork Farm and the issues yet to be resolved prior to the application being considered by the NFDC planning authority.

She further informed Members that there would be no further increases in the cost of NFDC parking clocks for the financial year 2023/24.

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The NFDC annual community grant scheme was open for applicants, it was available to community, voluntary and non-for-profit organisations. Groups could apply for a one-off capital grant, or a revenue grant to help with ongoing annual running costs, groups needed to apply before the 31st of October 2022.

Application forms were available www.newforest.gov.uk/communitygrants, for further information contact Jamie Burton 023 80 284551 jamie.burton@nfdc.gov.uk or Ryan Stevens 023 80 285693 ryan.stevens@nfdc.gov.uk

NFDC Council Tax support scheme and hardship payments were available residents should contact benefits@nfdc.gov.uk or phone 01590 646121.

NFDC could also defer payments or spread the cost of council tax installments, for help and advice residents should call 01590 646111. In addition the New Forest citizens advice have trained advisers who can help with advice on what benefits a person/family may be able to claim, they can also help people fill out the application forms www.newforestcab.org.uk 0808 278 78 60

The county council were providing warm hubs for residents in libraries.

Members asked if funding was available to the parishes to support a warm hub; Councillor Hoare was to look in to funding and provide members with an update after the meeting.

Reports from Hampshire County Councillor

23/139_ – No report was provided.

Council policies

23/140 – Members considered the following updated and new policies:

Social Media Policy – Councillor Case and Young proposed an amendment that additional points were added:

2.3 Members utilising their social media profile/pages should ensure that they do so individually and not imply that they are speaking on behalf of the Council. This condition would be satisfied by adding a disclaimer on members profile page.

2.4 Members may not utilise the Parish Councils social media page for personnel party political viewpoints.

It was further agreed that the administration of the Council Facebook page would be considered by the Communications Strategy working party who would report their findings to Council.

Resolved – to approve the Social Media Policy subject to the addition of points 2.3 and 2.4 being added to the policy:

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Tree Management Policy – Members agreed this item would be considered in confidential session in consultation to the exempt business item 13 on the agenda.

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Reserves Policy – Resolved to approve the Reserves Policy subject to the EMR for the bridge a Oaklands being capped at £10,000.

Grants Policy – Resolved to approve the Grants Policy.

Notice of Conclusion of Audit

23/141 – Members thanked the RFO for the successful outcome of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022.

Exempt business

23/142 – RESOLVED to exclude the press and public in accordance with s1(2) Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that the following agenda item being considered involved the disclosure of confidential information.

23/143 – The Chairman informed Council that the Planning Officer was unable to attend the meeting and wished to attend the Planning Committee on the 7 November 2022 instead.

23/144 – The confidential report regarding a fallen tree and damage caused to residents' properties was noted. It was agreed should a similar situation arise the matter would be referred to the Councils insurers as per point 13.5 of the Tree Management Policy.

23/145 - Tree Management Policy – the Tree Management Policy was reviewed, Members agreed that no amendments were required.

Close of meeting

23/145 – The date of the next meeting 12 December 2022 was noted. The meeting closed at 8.40pm.