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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 22 July 2024 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Tina Dudley, Parish Clerk.

Apologies

PC/24/020 – There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

PC/24/021 – There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

Public Participation

PC/24/022 – No members of the public attended for this item.

Minutes

PC/24/023 – Resolved – To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 20 May 2024 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Reports from NFDC (New Forest District Council) Councillor

PC/24/024 – Cllr Young, NFDC sent his apologies for this meeting. He submitted a report read out by the Clerk.

Cllr Young stated he had spent a considerable amount of time dealing with local housing matters, new planning applications, enforcement issues and ensuring existing developments are being appropriately maintained by landlords.

Supporting concerns raised by resident relating to the Avondale Lodge Care Home on Hythe Road, including parking issues.

With development shortly to commence on the new care home to be sited between The Pilgrim and St Contest Way. He had been in direct correspondence with the developer, planning officers, and numerous residents to do all that was reasonably could to try and mitigate the likely impacts resulting from the construction phase such as additional on street parking.

The minority of those in our community who refuse to respect planning rules and regulations can rightly expect to be dealt with robustly, and council members will no doubt be familiar with the long running planning enforcement saga on the agricultural land adjacent to Wrenwood on Trotts Lane. To that end he was pleased to advise that NFDC planning officers were bringing further court proceedings against the landowner, which are currently listed to be heard at court in October.

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Finally, for a number of months he had supported residents of Bury Brickfields in trying to resolve a stinky sewage issue. Working with NFDC Environmental Health Officers and numerous site visits to see for himself the failing sewage system which resulted in raw sewage seeping across roads and driveways.

Following robust representations, the landlord eventually recognised their responsibilities, and has installed new sewerage pumps which help connect the site to the mains sewer on Marchwood Road. Resultantly there was then found to be a blockage on the Southern Water owned section of the sewer. Southern Water thankfully responded promptly and positively to this issue, commissioning tankers to routinely remove sewage from site whilst they investigate and resolve the blockage.

It has also been announced in the last week that the planned 1500 home development at Fawley Waterside would not proceed as currently planned. Exactly what this means for the future A326 proposals and the waterside rail proposals is currently unclear, however I will be sure to advise the community of any impacts just as soon as they are fully known.

David Harrison, HCC, gave his apologies for this meeting however, Members were advised to email Cllr Harrison should they have any queries regarding Highways.

Councillors raised issues with regard to works on Trotts Lane and Pooks Green, works had been advertised to begin on Pooks Green however, the works were actually on Park Lane.

Further concern was raised with works on the Redbridge fly-over relating to the previous work with the supporting structure not being completed correctly.

There was a ditch on Jacobs Gutter, Trotts Lane that was considered to be dangerous.

Members agreed the Chairman would write to the Highways authority with the concerns raised with a response being given to Council at its September meeting.

Internal Audit Review

PC/24/025 – Resolved to appoint Do the Numbers for the 2024/2025 financial year. A review of the internal audit role would be undertaken yearly thereafter.

BDO Conflict of Interest

PC/24/026 – Resolved that no conflict of interest with the External Auditor BDO was raised.

The Chairman and Clerk duly signed the completed declaration of Conflict-of-Interest declaration.

Cork Lane works required

PC/24/027 – Resolved to approve the quote for the works on the ditch along Cork Lane, to be funded from general reserves.

Members agreed that a twice-yearly maintenance schedule would be implemented on the ditch running along Cork Lane.

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Training would be sought for ground staff to carry out any new tasks required to maintain any land within the village, including the use of any appropriate machinery.

The Clerk was asked to look into 360 training.

Waterside Community Fund representation

PC/24/028 – Members agreed to appoint Judy Saxby as the Council representative on the Waterside Community Fund.

Mrs Saxby was thanked for the diligent work she has done representing the Council on this organisation.

EV ChargePoint Update

PC/24/029 - Resolved to proceed with the enquiry using the existing power supply at the Lloyd Recreation Ground.

Members agreed that no commitment would be made until all facts are known including the full implications of any works including the reinstatement of the works carried out on buildings and land.

Personnel Committee membership

PC/24/030 - Resolved to appoint Cllr Buckett to the Personnel Committee being the fourth Member.

Lloyd Recreation Ground

PC/24/031 - Resolved to authorise the Clerk to undertake a feasibility study into the Lloyd Recreation Ground sports facilities.

Close of meeting and Date of next meeting

PC/24/032 – the meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting was 16 September 2024.