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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 16 December 2024 at 7.30pm

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

**In Attendance:** Tina Dudley, Parish Clerk, Angela Woodward, Deputy Clerk and RFO.

### **Apologies**

**PC/24/045** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Buckett (Annual leave).

**Resolved** – To approve apologies for absence from Cllr Buckett.

### **Declarations of Interest**

**PC/24/046** – Cllr Hindle, declared an interest in agenda item 9 application for a grant, being the Council representative on the Marchwood Community Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Saxby, declared in interest in item 9, application for a grant from Marchwood Community Association. They did not take part in the discussion or vote.

Cllr Petty, informed Council that he was a volunteer at the Marchwood Village Fete.

Cllr Mballa, was the Council representative on the Marchwood Village Fete Committee therefore, he did not take part in Item 9, application for a grant from the Marchwood Village Fete

### **Public Participation**

**PC/24/047** – No members of the public attended for this item.

### **Minutes**

**PC/24/048 – Resolved** – To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 16 September 2024 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

### **Reports from NFDC (New Forest District Council) Councillor**

**PC/24/049** – Cllr Harrison, HCC Councillor, addressed the Committee to discuss his report relating to the issues on the highways in Marchwood including the crossing at Trott Lane that had now been resolved. Further issues with the new pedestrian crossing on Tavell Lane were discussed. Councillor Harrison confirmed the initial problem with the lights had now been resolved.

Councillor Hindle raised concerns that motorists were still turning right at Stapehill junction although cameras had been installed to catch offenders.

Cllr Harrison confirmed the cameras were active and that there had been a period where offenders were given a warning, he did not know when fines would be implemented however he would find out and let Councillors know.

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Taxis use of the bus lane leading to the Rushington roundabout was also raised.

Cllr Petty informed Cllr Harrison the paint on the crossing on Tavell Lane was coming off. Cllr Harrison would report this to the Highways Officers at HCC.

Cllr Young addressed Council to provide updates on the development of the Care Home on Hythe Road, he reported that all were adhering to the construction plan.

The proposed development of a Home of Multiple Occupation had not yet been resolved.

The long-standing enforcement issue on Trott Lane was culminating in court action.

Some work to the access on the development on Cork Field had begun, this was part of the outline planning permission with the reserved matters still be to be presented to NDDC planning committee.

He had attended a meeting a Solent Gateway to be informed of the reserve matters planning application proposals. Cllr Young also highlighted the planned road off Normandy Way to the Military Port would prevent Heavy goods vehicles driving through the village.

He had discussions with the MP, Julian Lewis and Bluestar bus company relating to the lack of service for the village and also with the Care Board regarding the proposed closure of the Doctors Medical Centre within the village however there was no news.

The supply of black refuse bags was expected to be delivered to Marchwood following a 5-week delay in the near future. The wheelie bin service was being rolled out gradually with Marchwood receiving the bins in 2026.

He congratulated Council on a successful Christmas Fayre.

Cllr Hindle raised concerns that Marchwood was always the last point of call from services provided by NFDC, he felt the Waterside as whole did not get a good service, therefore, was not best served by the District Council.

Cllr Mballa reiterated the comments made by Cllr Young and highlighted the NFDC Council Tax reduction scheme available for residents suffering hardship to apply for.

He further highlighted issues with leisure centres having to increase their charges.

He also thanked Officers for arranging a successful and enjoyable Christmas Fayre and hoped this would be a yearly event for the community.

### **Outside Organisation**

**PC/24/050** – Cllr Hindle and Leath attended a meeting at ABP Port ‘Waterside Vision’ they felt the information provided was more of a PR exercise than an informative meeting.

Cllr Petty attended the Christmas Carol Service on behalf of the Council.

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Cllr Case had attended a meeting of the Handy Trust he would inform Council during agenda item 9.

### **Request from Waterside Changemakers**

**PC/24/051** – A representative of the Waterside Changemakers addressed Council to provide information relating to a survey conducted.

The campaign for better buses would improve life for residents and also benefit residents' health. Two thirds of residents had stated they were not happy with the local bus services. Residents were having to turn down work opportunities and children attending schools of their choice was difficult due to the bus company's inadequate service. Shopping for residents was also difficult due to the infrequency of the service. Job opportunities were being turned down because of transport costs and lack of service.

A petition had been presented to HCC being the Council responsible for public transport. The petition had been well received.

Cllr Case highlighted the need to demonstrate a need to provide evidence, the campaign would need to be true and effective to advance the needs further to action focusing on medical, economic, and wellbeing for residents of Marchwood.

It was also highlighted that Marchwood did not have a season ticket linking the Waterside were by the town centre and other areas serviced by Bluestar did have resulting in a lesser cost of travel by bus.

**Resolved** – To write a letter to HCC and Bluestar reiterating the need for a much-improved service specific to Marchwood.

A further action strategy would be implemented by Waterside Changemakers, Cllr Case and Cllr Hindle.

### **External Lights on Scout and Guide Building**

**PC/24/052 – Resolved** – to approve the request for external lighting on the Scout and Guide Building, Lloyd Recreation Ground, as requested.

### **Marchwood Fete**

**PC/24/053** –

**Resolved** –

- to approve the use of the Lloyd Recreation Ground for the Marchwood Village Fete 5 July 2025.
- to approve the lifting of the dog ban on 5 July 2025 during the Marchwood Village Fete.
- To approve the use of Marchwood Hub, Pavilion on 5 July 2025 for the Marchwood Village Fete 7.00am – 18.00pm.

### **Grant Applications**

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### **Resolved**

- To approve a grant application from Marchwood Village Fete Committee for £250.00.
- To approve a grant application from Marchwood Community Association of £200.00.

### **Provision for a Targeted Youth Support Service in Marchwood**

#### **PC/24/055 -**

The Chairman recommended a one-year Service Level Agreement. The Handy Trust had plans to expand, providing a youth service to the broader County not just the Waterside. He wished to ensure the service being provided did not diminish due to their expansion.

**Resolved** – to approve a one-year Service Level Agreement with The Handy Trust.

### **CIL BID**

**PC/24/056** – The Clerk informed Council that there were two applications for Community Infrastructure bids, one for Solar Panels on the Pavilion and one for resurfacing of the 3G Court. Council were asked to provide funding toward the cost for both applications.

**Resolved** – to approve the CIL Bids for Solar Panels on the Pavilion and Resurfacing of the 3G Court. £2000.00 would be provided toward the Solar Panels from EMR LRG Infrastructure 333 and £4000.00 for the 3G Court from EMR CIL Receipts 340.

### **Marchwood Parish Council Calendar of Meetings 2024-2025**

#### **PC/24/057**

**Resolved** – to approve the Calendar of Meetings for April 2025 – March 2026 as set out.

### **Local Government Pay Agreement 2024**

#### **PC/24/058**

**Resolved** – The Local Government pay agreement was noted.

### **Budget 2025/2026**

#### **PC/24/059**

**Resolved** – Council considered the budget for 2025/2026.

Cllr Shelley stated that she could not morally support the purchase of electric vehicles for ethical reasons. She would abstain from voting on the budget.

Cllr Hindle proposed to accept the budget 2025/2026, seconded by Cllr Case and approved.

**Resolved** – to approve the budget 2025/2026.

Voting 7 for, 1 Abstention.

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**Exempt Business**

**PC/24/060 -**

A personal issue relating to a member of staff was explained to Council.

**Resolved –** To support the member of staff as suggested by the Clerk.

**Close of meeting and Date of next meeting**

**PC/24/061 –** the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting was on 24 February 2024.