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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting of Marchwood Parish Council held at Pine Room, Village Hall, Marchwood on Monday 28 July 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: N Buckett, J Case (Chairman), K Petty, M Proctor, M Saxby,

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

Apologies

PC/25/023 – Apologies for absence were received from D Hindle, (annual leave), J Leath, (annual leave), P Mballa, (annual leave), and L Shelley (annual leave).

Resolved – to accept apologies from Councillors, Hindle, Leath, Mballa and Shelley.

Declarations of Interest

PC/25/024 – There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

Public Participation

PC/25/025 –Residents from the neighbouring community of Trotts Lane and the surrounding area attended the meeting to speak against the planning application 25/10429.

Issues were raised that there was not an identifiable need and purpose for the development. There was a site close by 'Bury Brickfield' that was enabled to accommodate the travelling community therefore, the proposed development was not a requirement but part of a long ongoing situation with the landowner.

The site was not put forward as part of the NFDC call for 'Gypsy/Traveller sites.

It was believed that over the years environmental damage had been caused by the burning of plastic and burying of oil drums and other materials potentially causing environmental damage; it was suggested that test sampling of the soil should be carried out.

The site lay outside of the settlement boundary of Marchwood therefore, within the countryside. If approved the development would have a severe detrimental impact on the ancient woodland, local wildlife and the conservation and biodiversity of the site and surrounding countryside.

There were no drainage or sewage facilities on site and no waste management/storage or collection outlined in the application.

Further concerns were raised with regard to traffic on Trotts Lane, as it was a narrower lane, it was believed that a vehicle towing a trailer/caravan would have difficulty gaining access to the site.

The proposed need and use of the proposed 'day room' was questioned, it was thought that it would eventually become a permanent dwelling.

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Residents raised concerns that they felt unable to speak out and raise concerns regarding the site, over many years they had experienced intimidation from the landowner(s).

They further requested that personal details be omitted from comments submitted to the planning authority via the online portal to enable the community to speak out without fear of reprisal.

Minutes

PC/25/026 – Resolved – To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 19 May 2025 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Planning Application 25/10429

Change of use of land to a travellers caravan site; erection of x2no. day rooms and placement of x2no mobile homes and x2no not touring caravans.

PC/25/027 -

Members considered the application and reiterated the concerns of local residents.

Resolved – to object to the planning application 25/10429 – PAR 4

Comments – The development was considered to be inappropriate in the area of the countryside and if approved would result in damage to the local environment especially the ancient woodland, wildlife and biodiversity.

The site lay outside of the defined settlement boundary and within the countryside, if approved the development would have a detrimental impact on the rural character and appearance of the area.

Trotts Lane was not suitable for the towing of caravans.

Rather than conserve and enhance the countryside and natural environment the development would have a detrimental effect on wildlife, conservation and neighbour amenity.

In addition, it was further considered that the requirement of Planning Policy DM2 conservation, biodiversity and geodiversity would not be met by the applicants BNG report in terms of off-site biodiversity gain.

Planning Policy DM20, Residential development in the countryside states development will only be permitted where:

- A limited extension to an existing dwelling or the replacement of an existing dwelling except where it is the result of a temporary permission and/or is an unauthorised use and/or it has been abandoned.
- Affordable housing to meet a local need, in accordance with the Core Strategy Policy CS22 if agricultural worker forestry workers dwelling.

In respect of this application none of the above has been met by the applicant.

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Policy STR3 – the application does not conserve or enhance the countryside and natural environment; to the contrary it will harm the natural environment.

Policy HOU5 – the applicant has not illustrated or identified a need for the development for local people or that of the travelling community, there is an alternative site nearby Bury Brickfield.

The site currently contributes to the rural character and appearance of the area.

There were no drainage or sewage facilities on site and no waste management/storage or collection outlined in the application.

Voting - Unanimous

Planning Application 25/10639

PC/25/028 – Members considered the application Land off East Road, Marchwood Industrial Park for the demolition existing buildings and re-development of the site to install a battery storage system.

Resolved – to support the application. PAR 3

Subject to the requirements of all statutory consultees being met not limited to but including Environment Protection, Health and Safety Executive and the requirement of the Fire Service.

The site was identified as 'Brownfield' therefore already used for industrial purposes.

It was noted that a 4metre high wall was planned with another boundary having trees planted both to protect neighbouring properties from noise.

It was noted that the proposed application would result in less heavy goods vehicles on the site compared to the existing operators.

Voting 4 For – 1 Abstention

Community Infrastructure Levy Funding

PC/25/029 –

Resolved – to approve the CIL applications for a Pump Track at Cork Field and new fencing around the 3G/Tennis Court, resurfacing to the Tennis Court to enable football, tennis, basketball.

Each application would be supported by a 10% contribution by the Parish Council.

Acquisition of Land RNAD Admiralty Way

PC/25/030 –

Resolved – to acknowledge the strip of land (Right of Way path 501) to the west of Admiralty Way and small piece of land to the east of the site will form part of the Freehold transfer of land along with land already being leased by MPC.

Legal reference files F11. Title Plan HP771465

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Close of meeting and Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting Annual Council 22 September 2025.