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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 September 2025 at 7.30pm

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

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

Apologies

PC/25/030 – There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

PC/25/031 – There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

Public Participation

PC/25/032 – No members of the public attended this meeting.

Minutes

PC/25/033 – Resolved – To accept the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on Monday 28 July 2025 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Reports from Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council

PC/25/034 –

Councillor Harrison updated the Council on the Local Government Review, he stated that there were differing opinions from local councils and questioned if the reorganisation would achieve its purpose of saving money.

Concern was raised that the reorganisation would also leave some areas unparished therefore local representation would be amiss.

Hampshire elections would be held in May 2026 with Councillors being elected for a period of two years prior to the Mayoral election in May 2028.

Due to the financial constraints Hampshire County Council have not allocated finances to Councillors for local causes, this is under review.

He stated he would be attending the public consultation meetings with ABP, in particular he wanted to know who the organisation custodian of the Dibden Bay Country Park would be. Other issues would need clarity.

The widening of the A326 was an ongoing issue with the government yet to confirm the additional cost would be met.

There was currently no news on the proposed railway line for the waterside.

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MPC Councillors raised concerns with the ongoing illegal right-hand turn at the Staplewood junction, Councillor Harrison was asked to enquire about fines being enforced due to the number of ongoing illegal turning at this junction.

Questions were asked with regard to the Twiggs Lane consultation and the release of the ABP consultation at the same time showing a lack of joined up thinking on behalf of Hampshire Highways.

Following questions regarding the ABP proposed link road Councillors considered that the impact was unknown. It was suggested that both ABP and HCC should be more coherent with parishioners.

Councillor Richard Young updated the Council on the two meetings with ABP Solent Gateway and encouraged parishioners to attend the consultation meetings. The proposals would be determined by a Development Consent Order undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate with a recommendation being submitted to the Secretary of State.

Councillor Young would submit representation and ask that Dibden Bay be protected in perpetuity.

Waste and recycling had experienced unforeseen impacts involving timings, staff and service costs. The timeline remained unchanged with bins in Marchwood being rolled out in readiness for the new service in April 2026.

NFDC was to hold a meeting this week to agree to submit its proposals regarding LGR with a recommendation for a new rural council for mid-Hampshire New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester and East Hampshire.

He stated his support for the CIL funding bid MPC had submitted for a pump track at Cork Field.

MPC Councillors considered NFDC should be embarrassed with the mistakes made in implementing the new waste system.

The Waterside was not served well by the district council. The lack of enforcement was a bone of contention.

Outside Organisations

The Chairman outlined his former role with the Handy Trust.

The Chairman informed Council on the Port Consultative Committee meeting attended by himself and the Clerk.

Cllr Petty updated Council on Marchwood Twinning.

External Auditor Report and Certification 2024/2025

PC/25/035

Resolved - Councillors thanked staff for the outcome of the External Audit 2024/2025 with no actions required.

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Youth Provision 12–19-year-old

PC/25/036 –

Members held an extensive discussion regarding youth provision within the village. It was agreed the current approach was not working and that an alternative arrangement should be advanced.

Resolved –

1. To give notice to the Handy Trust that Marchwood Parish Council will not be seeking to renew its service Level Agreement beyond 31 March 2026.
2. To write to the Handy Trust informing them of the Council decision as set out the above.
3. To notify the Handy Trust that the Council do not wish to be a trustee of the trust.
4. To continue to work with local organisations on a future youth provision.

Cork Field Consultation

PC/25/037

Resolved – to approve the Cork Field Consultation for distribution with the village news and other organisations such as local schools.

Land at Larkspur and Admiralty Way

PC/25/038

The Clerk updated Council on the transfer of open space at Admiralty Quay to the parish council, the legal transfer was being finalised; the transfer of open space at Larkspur was now with the solicitors for completion following extensive talks and a final agreement with officers from NFDC.

Close of meeting and Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting of Full Council 15 December 2025.