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### **Marchwood Parish Council**

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Marchwood Parish Council held at the Marchwood Hub, Lloyd Recreation Ground on Monday 18 May 2026 at 7.30pm

**Present:** N Buckett, 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/RFO.

### **Election of Chairman for the Municipal Year 2026-2027**

#### **PC/26/001**

**Resolved** – to elect Cllr Nigel Buckett Chairman of the Council for 2026-2027.

Members thanked the former Chair of the Council, John Case for his outstanding leadership, he steered a steady ship and was a brilliant advocate for the village. It was further stated he was very well connected to the village, his knowledge and dedication was very much appreciated, and he would be missed.

### **Election of Vice Chairman for the Municipal Year 2026-2027**

#### **PC/26/002**

**Resolved** – to elect Cllr Darryl Hindle Vice Chairman of the Council for 2026-2027.

### **Apologies**

Cllr Mballa arrived at 7.35pm following a meeting at NFDC.

**PC/26/003** – There were no apologies for this meeting.

### **Declarations of Interest**

**PC/26/004** – There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

### **Public Participation**

**PC/26/005** – Champions of the New Forest Together group addressed the Council following written representation.

Council were urged to get on board and support the campaign, signatories to the petition had now reached 24,000 resulting in a strong representation and community support. The petition was intended to trigger a parliamentary debate on the Local Government Review decision and if that decision was indeed lawful.

Following a question from the Chair, Members were informed that there were four weeks remaining to submit a petition signed by 25,000 people to enable the MP, Julian Lewis to raise the issue in Parliament and ultimately to go for a Judicial review of the decision made by the Secretary of State.

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Members stated that LGR was a change in administration and that the Waterside would remain as part of the New Forest. It was further stated that Marchwood had not been served well by NFDC.

Local residents addressed Council to speak of their concerns of the anti-social behaviour at Lloyd Recreation Ground, resulting in sleepless nights, loud music and obscene behaviour.

### **Minutes**

**PC/26/006 – Resolved** – To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 6 March 2026 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

### **Request from New Forest Together Campaign**

**PC/26/007 –** Following a debate with New Forest Together representatives Council agreed to:

#### **Resolved to -**

- a. Support the process for a review into the decision regarding the LGR reached by the Secretary of State, commenced by NFDC to seek a Judicial Review in the lawfulness of the decision.
- b. Promoting the objectives with parishioners, advertising on noticeboards and in the parish magazine, on the website and on social media to win maximum community engagement.
- c. Regular communication with the Council to be maintained so that residents and Council are kept informed throughout the process.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour Lloyd Recreation Ground**

**PC/26/008 –** Residents of the neighbouring homes of the Lloyd Recreation Ground informed Councillors of the types of anti-social behaviour being experienced. Reports to the Police had on the whole been very negative with one resident being informed it was not a police issue.

The Chair highlighted the need for all anti-social behaviour to be reported to the police. Following a meeting with local police officers who stated very few reports had been received from Marchwood as a whole.

Members reiterated the Police act where reports have been received and that a successful reduction in anti-social behaviour in Netley View had been achieved due to residents reporting anti-social behaviour. If no reports are received no action would be taken, police resources are directed to where the reports are received from.

**Resolved** – to lock the gates to the Lloyds Recreation Ground from 4pm daily for a period of 3 months and report back to Council with any reports of anti-social behaviour. Office staff were to liaise with Scout and Guide to facilitate their access.

### **Standing Orders**

**PC/26/009 –**

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**Resolved** – to approve the Standing Orders subject to an amendment of Financial Controls and Procurement 18v:

‘Contract with an estimated value below £30,000’ be amended to Contracts with an estimated value of £60,000.

### **Financial Regulations**

#### **PC/26/010 –**

**Resolved** – to approve the Financial Regulations as set out.

### **Membership of Committees**

#### **PC/26/011 –**

**Resolved to:**

- a. Membership of committees were approved as set out with Cllr Shelley being added to the Personnel Committee.
- b. Chairman of Committees:  
Cllr Hindle, Policy and Resources Committee.  
Cllr Shelley, Planning Committee  
Cllr Buckett, Amenities Committee, and  
Cllr Buckett, Personnel.
- c. Committee Terms of Reference for Committees were approved as set out, subject to the deletion of the wording; final bullet point ‘and administer leave requests’.
- d. The start times of all Council meetings be amended to 7pm with immediate effect.

### **Outside Bodies**

#### **PC/26/012 -**

**Resolved** - to approve the membership of outside bodies.

|                                             |                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Marchwood Community Association             | Cllr Hindle     |
| New Forest Association Local Council        | All Councillors |
| New Forest Environment Protection Liaison   | Cllr Leath      |
| New Forest Consultative Panel               | Cllr Proctor    |
| Marchwood Twinning Association              | Cllr Petty      |
| Marchwood Fete                              | Cllr Mballa     |
| NFDC Quadrant Meetings                      | All Councillors |
| Marchwood Schools Liaison (2 members)       | Cllr Leath      |
| ABP Port Consultative Committee (2 Members) | Cllr Leath      |

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|                                         | Cllr Buckett    |
| Solent Gateway Liaison Group            | All Councillors |
| Scout and Guide Management Committee    | Cllr Buckett    |
| Waterside Community Fund Representation | Judy Saxby      |
| Marchwood Mens Shed Charity Trustee     | Cllr Petty      |

### **Internal Audit Report**

#### **PC/26/013 –**

**Resolved** - Members noted the Internal Audit report and acknowledged the actions required.

### **Annual Governance Accountability Return 2025/2026**

**PC/26/014 - Resolved** - the Annual Internal Audit report for the 2025/2026 was received and noted.

**PC/26/015 - Resolved** – to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026.

**PC/26/016- Resolved** – to authorise the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026.

**PC/26/017 - Resolved** – to approve the Accounting Statement 2025/2026.

**PC/26/018 - Resolved** – to authorise the Chairman and the Responsible Finance Officer to sign the Accounting Statement 2025/2026.

**PC/26/019 - Resolved** – to approve the publication of the Public Rights of Inspection on the Council's website and on parish council notice boards on 2 June 2026, to begin the public rights of inspection on 3 June 2026 – 14 July 2026.

**PC/26/020 – Resolved** – to confirm there were no members or officers of the Parish Council that had any conflicts of interest with BDO LLP.

### **Beaver Sleep over at Lloyd Recreation Ground**

#### **PC/26/021 -**

**Resolved** – to approve the request for the Beaver sleep over at the Lloyds Recreation Ground subject to the Council receiving a copy of the Risk Assessment, Safeguarding Policy and acknowledgement of the person responsible for locking the Lloyds Gate at the appropriate time.

### **Hampshire Action Bus Group**

#### **PC/26/022**

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**Resolved** – Members agreed to support the Campaign for better bus services within Hampshire and acknowledged the need for something to be done to highlight the lack of public transport and therefore, neglect being experienced by residents in the County.

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

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting of Full Council 21 September 2026 Marchwood Hub, 7pm -Lloyd Recreation Ground.