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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held at Marchwood Hub, Lloyd Recreation Ground on Monday 6 July 2026 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: D Hindle, K Petty, M Saxby, L Shelley (Chairman).

In attendance: T Dudley, Parish Clerk.

Apologies

PC/26/001 – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Buckett, (Annual Leave), Cllr Mballa (Annual leave).

Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Buckett and Cllr Mballa.

Declaration of Interest

PC/26/002 – There were no declaration of interest for this meeting.

Public Participation

PC/26/003 – No member of the public attended this meeting.

Minutes

PC/26/004 - Resolved - the minutes of the meeting 11 May 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Planning Applications

PC/26/005- RESOLVED: To submit the following comments and recommendations.

July	
App No	HCC/2026/0213
Proposed	Proposed Highway improvements on the A326 between and including the junctions with Michigan Way in west Totton and Main Road Dibden.
Comment	Objection – Members raised the following concerns: The proposed scheme as set out would affect Marchwood in a negative way. <u>Staplewood Lane Junction</u> Concern was raised with the proposed duelling of the A326 merging at Staplewood back to single carriageway. It was considered a 2/1

duel (one side South but North remains single) this brings the bottleneck down to Staplewood

The tree bund needs to be substantially thickened to reduce the impact from vehicle noise and pollution there also needs to be more consideration for biodiversity within this area.

Staplewood Lane on other side of the carriage way appears to be closed off. How do residents living on that side access the A326?

There is a cycle way, foot path identified however plans do not show how to cross or where it goes?

Twiggs Lane Junction

Road appears to be closed on the school side

There is a lack of any screening for the school, Members have concerns that the increase of lorry movements and cars will impact the air quality on the most vulnerable residents.

Importantly there needs to be an effective tree bund to increase biodiversity and shield children from any noise. Careful consideration should be given to planting that will soak up some of the fumes generated.

Parking will become an issue resulting in blocked roads leading to the school. There is an ongoing issue in the area already and it is the Council opinion that these plans will only cause an increase in parking and disruption in the area.

A Crossing point has not been identified but the traffic Island shown Walkway/cycle way has been more clearly marked.

Proposed Roundabout at Pilgrim Inn

The double roundabout with changes to Hythe Road is identified as a main route into the Village however, there appears to be no entrance into Solent Gateway.

We have grave concern that heavy good vehicles travelling from the Industrial Estate will travel through the village to access A326 via this roundabout this must be avoided at all costs.

Dibden Roundabout

Some changes in re-routing of routes are not very clear.

Our further concerns are:

HCC state that the improvements to the road are to increase flow of traffic along the Waterside corridor.

The aim is to get cars off the local forest roads on to the A326.
Increased traffic on this road.

Moving the duelling to Staplewood on one side only (south) just moves the bottle neck further south to the detriment of Marchwood. Increased noise and pollution. The proposed plans make access out of Marchwood village harder than it is already and does not improve the situation for our residents.

From the south of the village there will be an increase in rat-running through Marchwood village.

It does nothing to solve the issue of HGVs. It makes the issue worse.

HCC rely heavily on modelling. Modelling is only as good as the operator and the parameters that are set. It does not consider human behaviour and individuals' ability to think around a system and avoid. We believe it opens the door for increased rat-running through the village.

'Improvement' to the junctions are at best lukewarm and could be areas for more accidents especially at Staplewood.

Overall, the scheme is a very expensive project which will cause traffic chaos on the waterside for a very long time but with minimum benefit to the overall road network.

The proposals do not take into account public transport requirements. There was an opportunity to provide bus stops by Twiggs Lane which would have given Marchwood residents access to a regular bus service and not the intermittent hourly service they receive now, but sadly this was not included.

The closure of Twiggs Lane will push traffic associated with school drop off and pick up onto Main Road. There will be the potential for increased HGV vehicle movements on this same stretch of road due to the new roundabout access by the pilgrim, which will create a very dangerous mix of vehicles. The proposal does suggest a TRO for Hythe Road but begs the question where will the vehicles be moved

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	to? The projected time saving is minimal for commuting, how can the cost of the proposed works be justified for such a small amount of time to be gained.
App No	26/00424FULL (NFPA)
Proposed	Proposed highway improvements on the A326 between and including junctions with Michigan Way in Totton and Main Road at Dibden
Comment	Members reiterated the concerns made on application HCC/2026/0213
App No	26/10527
Address	Husband's Shipyard, Cracknore Hard, Marchwood SO40 4ZD
Proposed	Fender maintenance area and associated works.
Comment	No objection
App No	HCC/26/10611
Address	Marchwood Waste Transfer Station, Bury Road
Proposed	Retention of existing Dry Recyclables transfer bay and use of part of site for storage of empty containers/bins and installation of a new Sweepings Bay and Additional Weighbridge with BNG Mitigation Area.
Comment	No objection

Planning decisions

PC/26/006 – The planning decisions were noted.

Tree Applications

PC/26/007 – There were no tree applications for this meeting.

PC/26/008 – The Tree decisions were noted.

The date of next meeting 1 September 2026 Marchwood Hub, Lloyd Recreation Ground.
The meeting closed at 8.23pm.