

# MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 2024 at 7pm  
Present; Cllrs , Claridge , Clarke , Cooke, Cotton , Hore ( Chair )  
Morris-Rabbitts ,Roddy and Sharland County Cllr Hawkins and D Cllr Penfold until 7.15  
Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 10 members of the Public

**24/07/01 Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Bailey ( approved )

**24/07/02 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Clarke - other registrable interest - Trustee TRAYE

Cllr Roddy - non pecuniary as Trustee - Marldon Land Charity

**24/07/03 Dispensation request** - None

**24/07/04 - Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th June 2024 were signed by the Chairman as a true record

## **STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED**

**24/07/05 - Public participation**

Two Parishioners attended the meeting to introduce themselves as having recently moved into Marldon . The Council was also advised that they had submitted a planning application for 2 dwelling in Westerland - although this had yet to be validated

The Chairman thanked them for advising us and welcomed them to the Parish

**24/07/06 Councillor reports**

**District Cllr Penfold - Full report available from Clerk**

**New South Devon MP**

Congratulations to our new MP Caroline Voaden. I believe she is in Westminster today being sworn in. If you wish to contact her, her email is caroline.voaden.mp@parliament.uk

**Elections Team SHDC**

There is a huge amount of work that goes into running elections and keeping our democracy functioning and honest. I wish to congratulate our local government team for being efficient and accurate.

**South West Water and Compton – Flood and Sewage Issues**

SW Water has only just lifted the last Cryptosporidium boil water notice in the Brixham area so the working group can now revisit with SWWater regarding progress vis a vis Compton and the sewage issues.

Now we know who the new MP is I will contact her and update her.

I have contacted The National Trust regarding dredging the stream in Compton. However, Tim Bumby is away until July 29th so I will see if I can track down someone else who is involved.

**SHDC @ Totnes Market – Friday 8th August**

SHDC officers will be attending Totnes market. So, if you have questions for the council you can meet them there.

**Devon County Cllr Jonathan Hawkins**

Cllr Hawkins advised that there was little news from Devon County . He had , however , visited 1st Marldon Scouts where he was warmly welcomed and also made an honorary Scout

## **STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED**

## **24/07/07 - Admin**

To review the Small Grants Policy , amend if required and re adopt **ADOPTED**

To agree to 3 hours overtime for vetting six large archive boxes. **AGREED**

### **To note arrangements for the filling of the current vacant seat on Marldon PC**

The Clerk advised that the vacancy would be advertised on Facebook / the noticeboards and the website and that , it was hoped to fill the vacant seat at the September 2024 meeting

### **To decide whether or not to obtain a dedicated mobile phone for PC use**

It was **AGREED** that the Council should own a dedicated mobile - the number of which could be used on Noticeboards and permanent boards such as those in Tor Field

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Claridge would source several methods of achieving this and send the Clerk appropriate details

## **24/07/08 - Parish Lands Charity**

### **a) to receive an update from Cllr Roddy - on Defibrillators / bleed packs**

Cllr Roddy advised that 3 defibrillators had been ordered and were on their way

The Hairdressers at Marldon Cross Hill had kindly agreed to host one of the units .

The Old Smokey House had also kindly agreed to host another after Cox's Garage declined to assist

The third site will be in Compton - where the National Trust had offered to help - negotiations as to exact location ongoing

It should be **NOTED** that the Village Hall machine will receive new pads / battery and cabinet

With the machine at the School ( not part of this project ) , this will bring to total of defibs to FIVE in the Parish with Bleed packs placed alongside the three new defibs

### **b) to note receipt of donation cheque for £13827.60 to PC from Marldon Lands Charity **NOTED****

**c) to receive an update on the Adult Fitness equipment** inc issue of cheque for £6913.80 being 50% of cost against donation noted above - balance to be approved at this meeting

## **STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED**

### **JULIE HORE - TRUSTEE**

Following last Months PC meeting a site survey took place with the installers, surveyor, trustees and councillors who had replied to the response form allowing them to be added to the email list. Various options for equipment were discussed and agreed along with the exact location, the area was surveyed, and a price and installation date agreed. We have purchased 8 pieces of equipment including one piece which is suitable for both disabled and able-bodied users. Signage and rubber matting has also been purchased. Installation started today (9th July) and should be completed tomorrow. The work will be inspected and signed off for final payment at which point the equipment will be gifted to the Parish Council to look after on behalf of the people of Marldon.

### **STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED**

The Chairman thanked the Charity Trustees for all the hard work in achieving this for the Parish - without any costs to the Parish Council - and **NOTED** that the equipment carried a 25 year guarantee . A Maintenance pack had been supplied and was held by Cllr Cotton  
He also expressed disappointment that despite receiving this as a gift - at no cost - certain Parishioners had chosen to post negative comments on Social media

## **24/07/09 - Clerk's report**

She advised she had

- Received notification that the sum of £150 had been allocated toward the Footpath network to assist in the exceptional work carried out by MEG
- Written to DCC Rights of Way Officer regarding the slipway between Peters Field and Peters Crescent and had subsequently been advised that Devon County did not wish to adopt - as had the Parish Council previously

## 24/07/10 - Cheques for payment - Approved

9/7/24	Karen Gilbert	77.00		77.00	PC expenses / Clerk
9/7/24	Karen Gilbert	50.00		50.00	3 hours overtime
9/7/24	Hugh Harris t/a Freshair Fitness	5761.50	1152.30	6913.80	Final pyt fitness equip *
9/7/24	Devon Association of Local Councils	30.00	6.00	36.00	Chairman training Hore
9/7/24	Derek Hore	22.65		22.65	Bench Fixings
9/7/24	Community First	994.00		994.00	Annual PC Insurance
9/7/24	Karen Gilbert	41.41	8.28	49.69	Reimburse 1 back ink
	<b>P3 A/C</b>				
9/7/24	Derek Hore	75.15	15.03	90.18	Lightweight hedge trimmer
	TO NOTE				
26/6/24	Hugh Harris t/a Freshair Fitness	5761.50	1152.30	6913.80	Deposit Fitness equipment *
	CHEQUE RECD				
26/6/24	From Marldon Parish Lands Chaity			13827.60	Donation for fitness equip *

## 24/07/11 Councillor reports - Full reports available from Clerk

**MEG REPORT.** Some seriously hard work on FP1 was carried out following a report by our Warden that a tree was part blocking the route halfway up. Anyone who is familiar with this footpath will know what an effort it is to climb, let alone carry tools as well, but the Volunteers cleared the large fallen Hawthorn and also cutback and strimmed the route to the top stile leading into the Kale field.

The walkway from Marldon Cross to Westerland Lane was de-weeded and widened, and the main entrance to FP19 was strimmed and cleared. Devon County will soon be carrying out work on this entrance to make it easier and more accessible to all.

We have purchased a new battery powered hedge cutter using some of our P3 funding and this will make some work a lot easier for us during the hot summer months as this is lighter than our petrol driven one.

Thanks to Farmer Dave for mowing Broomhill Meadow and the old Ring- Road down to our Parish boundary.

**WAM Report..**A small group of us cut back around the Memorial Garden and the wildlife patch in Jubilee Meadow. I am pleased to see lots of new wildflower growth all around the Meadow, the result of clearing last year and grass cuttings no longer being dumped around the edges. A resident has spent a lot of time nurturing the young trees in the meadow keeping them weed free and erecting protective fencing around the base of them.

Other than cutting back the entrance steps to Torfield and maintaining the memorial garden we expect the summer months to be quiet with our next big job being to cut back the Meadow and Memorial Garden sometime during September once the wildflowers have had opportunity to produce seeds.

The installation of the Totem Poles has been delayed a few weeks because of ill health and lack of funds, but thanks to a grant from our County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins the Mosaic Group have been able to purchase more materials and we hope to get them in asap.

**Compton report** All is reasonably quiet in Compton at present. We are still waiting to hear back with regards to the National Trusts plans regarding the leat dredging though maybe our District Councillor will have provided an update on this?

A LiveWest resident has reported to the Clerk that they do not appear to be fulfilling their obligation to maintain a footpath and parking areas around their properties, the Chairman will look into this when he is next in the Village.

**Police Advocate Meeting** I attended the monthly Zoom meeting hosted by Inspector Ben

Shardlow of Devon and Cornwall Police. In total there were 11 participants including the deputy Mayor of Tavistock, covering various sized towns and Villages across our area.

Again, a lot of what was discussed was confidential, but it is good to see that our local Police force are very quick to act when issues are brought to their attention.

I did report to both Ben and our local PC Zoe Carter that we had travelling hedge cutters and tree fellers in the Village a couple of weeks ago, and with residents help I was also able to provide them with images and registration numbers of the vehicles they were using, along with a business card as well. It turns out that image of one van matched that of one down on Goodrington's Youngs Park, so they were obviously not legitimate workers. The warning has to be passed around that if someone you don't know or haven't booked offers to cut your hedge or prune your trees, firmly say 'no thanks' and turn them away. If they are given business, they will keep coming back and then dumping their days work in our lanes and lay-bys.

**TRAYE.** 14/06/24 - At this session, 37 young people attended, 35 from the village and 3 youth workers delivered the session. There was a focus on LGBTQ+ awareness month and we used resources from Schools Out to facilitate discussion with the young people. We talked about how we could make youth club more inclusive to all young people, how we can challenge stereotypes and discrimination, and how we can continue to raise awareness of diversity. We also did some arts, crafts and outdoor activities. There were no safeguarding issues at this session.

The cost of refreshments and resources for this session was £36.59

28/06/24 - At this session, 38 young people attended, 36 from the village and 4 youth workers delivered the session. There was a focus on the importance of connection and young people used wool to make a spider web of all the connections that were around. Young people also enjoyed playing outdoor games and talked with two Parish Councillors who came down to visit the youth club. There were no safeguarding issues at this session. The cost of refreshments and resources was £39.99 Our next session will take place on 12/07/24 where we will be meeting with the Marldon Scout Leaders. This will be a great opportunity for young people to find out about Scouts and all what their sessions offer. We are currently planning our Summer Activity Programme which will be offered to all the young people who attend TRAYE - so far young people have told us that they'd like to go to Quay West, Woodlands, Apricot Centre to do foraging, Adrenaline Quarry, Karting and the beach.

**SCOUTS And TRAYE** - Cllr Bailey Visited the Scout meeting and Cllrs Sharland/Bailey attended a TRAYE session

SCOUTS - The children, Beavers (6-8yrs) and Cubs (8-10½) were soon in conversation with Cllr Jonathan Hawkins, asking questions to find out about his role as a Councillor....and then it was my turn. As the evening progressed, some new children were invited to place their finger print on the group Code of Conduct. Cllr Hawkins and I were also invited to join in this commitment and given a group scarf as Honorary members of the Group. We'll certainly wear it with pride.

The youngsters are supported by Leader Dani (Willow), Laura (Baloo), Steven (Bigfoot), Aidan (Chilli, a young leader in training) and Lizzie (new to the group and training). Matt (Spooky) holds permits to support the group in adventurous activities such as hikes and shooting sessions and is looking to be able to offer archery and tomahawk throwing in the future.

The group would like to have a Scout section (10½ -14yrs) but there are currently no volunteers to run it. However there's interest from children at Marldon Primary School and also from Cubs in the group hoping to move up, so hopefully some volunteers will come forward to ensure the older children can continue to Scout in the village. They are also hoping to open a Squirrel section (4-6yrs) and there are already some children keen to join.

A £15 monthly subscription is spent on weekly activities and badge work, for instance activities like cooking marshmallows on an open campfire as well as the badges and awards. There are some additional costs for activities such as camps with the recent two night camp costing £30 per head, this is significantly more affordable than most school residential experiences. All leaders are volunteers, there are no wages, just personal fulfilment at helping young people in our Community achieve skills for life.

1st Marldon Scouts has no base. Their hut is in disrepair and a survey states it will cost an estimate of £60,000 - £80,000 to repair, so all sections currently meet in the Village Hall, but future plans are to move to the school from September 2024. LiveWest own the land the Scout Hut is on and have agreed to sell with a valuation of £6,500. The group are looking into all options on how to move forward with the hut. They also need a Chairperson and Treasurer for the board of Trustees, Leaders for each section, Fund Raisers and other Volunteers. So, if you have some time to spare the Leaders and young people will welcome you with open arms.

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TRAYE - We were warmly welcomed and joined in with a circle activity that reinforced how support could be accessed, from their named person, should the young people feel the need.

Whilst this activity was underway, some young leaders in training and young volunteers set up Jubilee Meadow with equipment for the young people to use. Very soon everyone was having fun doing either face painting, bubbles, badminton, football, exploring the meadow, foam clay-modelling, flying polystyrene aeroplanes plus enjoying the delicious snacks provided (£30 each month is allocated, from TRAYE, for resources including food). There was interaction between the young people who were ably supported by the three youth leaders.

We were introduced to young volunteers and young leaders who are in training with TRAYE to become qualified youth leaders and hopefully find employment with TRAYE. (Some of these volunteers are paid a wage by TRAYE) Everyone who works or volunteers are DBS checked. The members of Marldon Youth Club obviously personally gain by attending youth club. Some comments made by them were "chance to meet friends" "enjoy the snacks and food provided" "able to socialise and get to meet other people"

It was a pleasure to make this visit on behalf of Marldon Parish Council and we will make more visits in the future.

#### **24/07/12 - Open Spaces**

##### **a) To receive an update on the land earmarked for Garden of Remembrance**

Cllrs Cotton and Hore with the Clerk met the PCC just before this meeting to discuss the proposals and to clarify some of the procedures. The PCC was in total agreement with proposals and offered assistance when and if required

It was also **NOTED** that the ground was still to be cut back to show extent of plot

**ACTION ; CLLRS COTTON & HORE AND CLERK TO DRAW UP PROPOSALS/T & Cs**

##### **b) To note total disconnection of supply from Jubilee Field - NOTED**

##### **c) To note communication from Plotholder requesting more time to improve plot**

It was **AGREED** that Plotholder 15 could have an extension of time to quit until 1st August after which time the condition of the plot would be assessed again

d) To agree to a walk by tree survey - as recommended 06/23 at cost of approx £200.00

**AGREED**

#### **24/07/13- Playground**

Cllr Cotton reported that everything at the Playground was in good and tidy condition. It was **NOTED** that on one occasion, human faeces was found and subsequently removed

#### **24/07/14 HIGHWAYS -**

##### **a) Update re Speedwatch scheme.**

The Council has attempted to gather some information on the Community Speedwatch team from Mrs Balster - who leads the project but apart from being told the group is now fully trained and up and running, no further information was offered

However, The Chairman congratulated her on getting the project off the ground and propose that we leave her to run the team as she sees fit - and we can then carry on with our planning for Parish speed reduction with the VAS equipment as discussed."

##### **b) To discuss potential sites for VAS to send to Highways for approval - Cooke/Roddy**

Cllr Cooke gave a comprehensive report on this initiative and detailed the various equipment available. He further commented that he was liaising with Highways Officer on locations

- c) To decide whether or not to replace bus at shelter opposite School
- d) To decide whether subject to 106 /Highways approval , to add two bus shelters at Vicarage Road near roundabout

The Clerk explained that she was awaiting advice from Highways

**ACTION ; DEFER c & d TO 09/24 AGENDA**

**24/07/15- Planning -**

<p><a href="#"><u>1966/24/HHO</u></a></p>	<p>9 Millmans Road Marldon TQ3 1PE</p>	<p>Householder application for dining room extension to rear</p> <p><b>NO OBJECTION</b></p>
<p><a href="#"><u>1617/24/HHO</u></a></p>	<p>Larkmead Five Lanes Road Marldon TQ3 1NQ</p>	<p>Householder Application to convert existing garage into a proposed home office and provide a single storey side extension for solar panel equipment, together with proposed solar panel installation</p> <p><b>NO OBJECTION</b></p>

<p><a href="#"><u>2153/24/ARC</u></a></p>	<p>Tor Hill Quarry, Hills Of Marldon, Ippepen Road, Marldon, TQ3 1SE</p>	<p>Application for approval of details reserved by condition 10 (Materials) of planning consent 3951/17/FUL</p> <p><b>MATERIALS NOTED</b></p>
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**24/07/16- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 10th September 2024 at 7pm - Marldon Village Hall**

**NO SCHEDULED MEETING IN AUGUST**

**The Chairman thanked everyone for attending**

There being no further business , the Meeting was **CLOSED.** at. 8.20 pm