

# MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2024 at 7pm

Present; Cllrs Bailey, Claridge, Clarke, Cotton, Hore (Chair) and Sharland

Cllr Caddell joined the meeting from item 8

District Cllr Penfold until 7.15

Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 7 members of the Public

## **24/09/01 Apologies for Absence -**

Cllrs Morris-Rabbitts, Cooke and Roddy( approved ) and C Cllr Hawkins

## **24/09/02 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Clarke - other registrable interest - Trustee TRAYE

Cllr Bailey - personal - in Planning 2429/24/TPO

## **24/09/03 Dispensation request - None**

## **24/09/04 - Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 9th July 2024 and EGM 28/7/24 ( EGM after alteration to date / attendance ) were signed by the Chairman as a true record

## **STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED**

## **24/09/05 - Public participation**

A Member of the Public asked for permission to reduce the height of a tree in Jubilee Meadow

The Chairman briefly advised that the tree would be included in the PC organised tree survey and that any decision would be based on the Arboriculturalist's advice

## **To receive any verbal presentations from Co-option applicants**

One application had been received to fill the vacant seat on Marldon Parish Council

Alison Caddell gave a brief presentation for which the Chairman thanked her

## **24/09/06 Councillor reports - District Cllr Penfold - Full report available from Clerk**

### **Southwest Water and Compton – Flood and Sewage Issues**

I have contacted Tim Bumby at The National Trust regarding dredging the stream in Compton. The last dredging took place December 2023. The NT is aware that there is a section they haven't dredged. They wish to wait until the next Compton Working Party as they want to involve all stakeholders to consider the best course of action.

Both the parish chair and I have contacted Caroline Voaden MP and her office separately, and we have been told they are arranging a date for the next working party asap.

### **Sofa Surfing and homelessness in the South Hams**

The University of Plymouth and local Citizens Advice services have launched a new research project into Hidden Homelessness in the Plymouth, Cornwall and South Hams areas. The project is designed to offer a detailed insight into the extent of – and problems faced by – people who have to rely on others to keep a roof over their heads. This includes people having to sofa surf, living in overcrowded shared accommodation, living with family or partners where the relationship has broken down or living with parents as an adult where this is causing problems.

Their answers will be included in a report – to be published later this year – that will help shape future actions and policies for local Citizens Advice, other charities, government bodies and local councils.

Anyone willing to take part can fill out the anonymous survey here <https://tinyurl.com/32aw6aaz>

The results of the survey will be included in a report to be published later this year.

## **Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Places**

South Hams District Council is to carry out a review of its polling districts and polling places. Comments and representations may be submitted as follows:

Email: elections@southhams.gov.uk

Post: Electoral Services Manager, Polling District Review 2024, South Hams District Council, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5NE

All representations must be made by no later than 5pm Monday 7 October 2024.

## **Consultation on draft Gambling Statement of Principles**

The Licensing Authority must review its gambling policy, known as the 'Statement of Principles,' every three years. You can see the existing policy, proposed policy and make any comments by following the link:

<https://shgamblingpolicy.commonplace.is>

Responses to the consultation must be received no later than 13th October 2024.

***The Chairman thanked Cllr Penfold for the funding to purchase the rubber matting for the allotment***

**Devon County Cllr Jonathan Hawkins - No report**

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

### **24/09/07 - To consider any co-option requests to fill vacant seat on Marldon Parish Council**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Alison Caddell's offer to serve and having signed the Acceptance of Office, Cllr Caddell took her seat on the Council

### **24/09/08 - Admin**

To Note Clerks appraisal has taken place. **NOTED**

To seek Council approval for initial approach to SHDC re 106 funding procedure on projects such as Garden of remembrance / basketball court extension / clock repairs etc **AGREED**

Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on draft Gambling Statement of Principles( circulated ) **NOTED**

### **24/09/09 - . Storage space - Jubilee Pavilion -**

To consider using currently underused space ( TRAYE ) for increasing PC needs **AGREED**

### **24/09/10 Clerk's report**

She advised she had

Purchased a Sim + top up for Council use and agreed to loan the PC her iPhone for now

Requested that a Householder to cut their hedge ( subsequently carried out )

Along with the Chair and Cllr Hawkins, met with the owner of development off West Lane to discuss construction traffic and associated issues

It was **NOTED** that the Church Clock had been repaired and serviced - the company, Cumbria Clock Company having provided an excellent service

**ACTION : CLERK TO WRITE LETTER OF THANKS**

### **24/09/11 - Cheques for payment - Approved - see list on final page**

#### **b) Update on 2024 applications for small grants ( closing date 30/9/24 )**

The Clerk advised that six applications had been received

#### **c) To agree ( or otherwise ) SHDC invitation to contribute £500 towards 2025 festival .**

It was **RESOLVED** NOT to accept this invitation

### **24/09/12 Councillor reports - Full reports available from Clerk**

#### **WAM**

Overview: It's been a busy summer for the WAM team, with significant progress made in maintaining and enhancing Jubilee Meadow and its surroundings.

Key Activities: Jubilee Meadow:

The edges have been strimmed and tidied.

The wildlife corner has been cut, strimmed, raked, and tidied. New seeds have been sown, with more to follow. / All young trees have been staked.

#### **Meadow Borders:**

A resident has been diligently weeding and clearing the edges all summer.

#### **Wildlife Discoveries:**

A relatively rare form of campion was found and carefully preserved by cutting around it.

#### **Tree Maintenance:**

A large over-hanging branch was cut back.

#### **Memorial Garden:**

The garden has had several "haircuts," with debris left to drop seeds before being cleared.

The wind brought down a tree, damaging the Crab Apple. A MEG volunteer performed emergency clearance on a Sunday afternoon and the remaining dead branches were removed to prevent future damage. Larger plants and shrubs now have stakes for identification and support.

#### **Upcoming Plans:**

Autumn will be busy with planting bulbs, seeds, shrubs, and fruit trees/bushes.

### **MEG**

The summer has seen MEG Volunteers out in force around our Parish. FP18 (Christmas Tree Farm), FP13 (next to Chittlebury Field), FP1 (Compton to Moles Lane) and FP5 (Plane Tor) have all been cutback, along with Vicarage Hill, Vicarage Road, Leader Lane, Slip Hill, Tor Field and the area around Five Lanes.

The drainage ditches along FP13 have also been cleared ready for the winter rains!

A morning was spent tidying the Village car-park and Jubilee Meadow in preparation for the Apple Pie Fair and some MEG members also helped cut back weeds in the Memorial Garden.

Thanks to one of our members we now have new and robust white plastic poo bag holders fitted at both entrances to Jubilee Meadow, and one will shortly be fitted at the main entrance to Tor Field.

### **COMPTON**

Concern regarding the working party with South West Water and our new MP Caroline Voaden is ongoing as despite numerous emails to her asking for an update, at the time of writing nothing has been forthcoming apart from a brief acknowledgement.

I understand Highways cut some of the bank bordering the leat and then blew all the cuttings back into the leat causing residents to be concerned about a blockage in heavy rain, this was passed onto Highways by our Clerk.

A resident report a leaking sewer manhole in her only residential access and despite South West Water having attended and informing her there was a cracked pipe in the system, nothing has been done so the Clerk voiced our concern to South West Water.

### **POLICE ADVOCATE**

Police Advocate meetings have carried on throughout the summer, with the last one being a couple of weeks ago, hosted by Inspector Ben Shardlow of Devon and Cornwall Police for the final time as he is moving over to the Torquay force, to be replaced by Inspector Mark Stevens until at least next April.

At the last online meeting there were only five attendees from Councils all over the South Hams, a large drop from the usual 20 plus due to holidays I guess.

The main focus was again on the usual topics of drugs, alcohol, shop lifting and general anti-social behaviour .. all things which we seem to get away with lightly with in our Parish as the offending areas are always towns like Totnes, Ivybridge, Buckfastleigh and Bover Tracey.

However, it must always be impressed on all residents that if any offence occurs which causes them grief, they should contact the Police on 111 or via their website and report it, otherwise it may happen again to someone else.

### **TRAYE**

12/07/24 - At this session, 48 young people attended, 47 from the village and 3 youth workers delivered the session. We did some arts, crafts and outdoor activities and talked about the up and coming summer programme.

We also had Scouts visit us and it was good for the young people to find out about Scouts and the possibility of a new Scout Hut being built in Marldon. This has brought about some conversation between the young people on whether they would like to support this idea in the future and whether if a new Scout Hut was built, young people would like Marldon Youth Club to be held there. So far we've had a mixed response and some young people like the idea and some young people feel more strongly about a pump Park being built in Marldon. As always, we like to engage the young people in a democratic process when deciding what community issues we'd like to focus on, so this will be an ongoing conversation for us to take forward in our sessions. There were no safeguarding issues at this session.

The cost of refreshments and resources for this session was £35.50

A total 18 different young people from Marldon attended the summer programme this year and it was a resounding success. Young people from Marldon told us that their favourite trips this year were Quay West and Adrenaline Quarry.

Our next session will take place on 13/09/24 and if the weather is good we will go outside and do some outdoor games. We will also be discussing the new Food for Thought Project which we will be completing in October time. This will include hot food (cooked by the young people whilst being supported by Youth Workers) and then sitting down together to eat and discuss local/national and global topics.

### **DEFIBRILLATORS / BLEED KITS - CLLR RODDY**

I am delighted to report that good progress has been made with this project funded by The Marldon Lands Charity.

During August two defibrillator cabinets were fitted in the village, one at The Smokey Public House, and a second at the Cut of Class Hair Salon.

These complement the existing defibrillators already in place at Marldon Primary school and Marldon Village Hall.

We now have geographical cover across the village for any person needing this vital piece of equipment.

The project is to include Compton, and we are currently in talks with The National Trust to locate equipment on their land, however if there are any Parishioners who live on Gropers Lane, Farmyard Corner or The Gardens who would consider allowing us to fit the equipment on their boundary wall or premises please contact us.

Additionally, after discussions with Marldon Village Hall Committee we will be updating the existing defibrillator cabinet at the village hall.

These defibrillators will all be registered on a national data base [www.thecircuit.uk](http://www.thecircuit.uk) and with the Emergency Services so when they are used the member of public will have advice and support.

On each site we will also be fitting bleed control packs in cabinets which will also be registered with the Emergency Services, photos of the cabinets are attached.

The work in the village will be completed by November and we hope Compton will also be in place by the end of the year subject to approval from the National Trust or an alternative site being found on the main road.

We of course hope that none of this life saving equipment will be needed but with it in place, people living in or visiting Marldon and Compton are that little bit safer.

Finally, could I take this opportunity to thank Nina at The Smokey and Lisa at Cut of Class for allowing us to fit this equipment on their premises and Doug at Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue for his advice with purchasing and fitting

### **24/09/13 - Open Spaces**

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

Cllr Cotton confirmed a further cut of the field had taken place and that a replacement gate was required. He asked the Clerk to contact Simon Birbeck to arrange a further cut and to quote for a new gate

It was **NOTED** that the Marldon Lands Charity had kindly agreed to put funding towards a Gazebo within the Garden of rest - this would be incorporated within the plans to be drawn up

**ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT SIMON BIRBECK**

**b) To note new tenant Plot 15** It was **NOTED** that clearance work had taken place

## 24/09/14 Playground

- a) To receive a report on the Playground /Fitness and note any works to date - **NOTED**
- b) To note / agree to continuation of SHDC inspections ( playground only ) at cost of £235 + VAT **AGREED**
- c) To note lack of response to request to add fitness equipment to SHDC inspection **NOTED** - Cllr Cotton to fill in inspection form for Parish Council records

## 24/09/15 HIGHWAYS -

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

### **STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED**

Linda Balster advised that the team were out and about as much as possible and that the viability of additional sites was being investigated

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

The Chairman thanked Linda Balster for her hard work

- b) To receive a report on the Mobile VAS together with quotes - for decision in 10/24**

A report had been prepared by Cllr Cooke and Roddy (and circulated )- neither of whom were present . The consensus was that the quotations obtained were for equipment that might be too larger the desired location

### **ACTION : CHAIRMAN TO LIAISE WITH CLRRS COOKE / RODDY**

- 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 still awaiting some advice from Devon Transport but that the matter was being progressed . Once estimates of costs were available , the Council would consider any required expenditure - whether from Council funds or via 106 monies

### **ACTION ; AGENDA ITEM FOR 10/24**

The Council approved , in principle , of the provision of 3 new shelters including the replacement of the existing shelter opposite the School

## 24/09/16- Planning -

<u>2712/24/ARC</u> TO NOTE	The Old Kiln Kiln Road Marldon TQ3 1SH	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 13 (Construction Phase Drainage) & 14 (Maintenance of Drainage) to Planning Consent 34/1890/15/O  <b>APPROVED ALREADY</b>
<u>2550/24/HHO</u>	10 Nether Meadow Marldon TQ3 1NJ	Householder application for front & rear dormers & external alterations. <b>SUPPORT</b>
<u>0929/23/HHO</u>	35, Belfield Avenue, Marldon, TQ3 1NU	Householder application for side & rear single storey extensions, roof alterations & detached garage. <b>SUPPORT</b>
<u>2429/24/TPO</u>	25 Brockhurst Park Marldon TQ3 1LB	T1: Mature Oak - remove deadwood, broken branches and stubs left from previous tree pruning operations, provided such material exceeds 10mm in diameter. <b>ALREADY APPROVED</b>
<u>2425/24/ARC</u>	Land At Sx 865 636 West Lane Marldon TQ3 1SL	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 11 (CEMP) & 14 (LEMP) of planning consent 3729/21/FUL <b>SEE BELOW</b>

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE to 2425/24/ARC

Marldon Parish Council has considered the documents attaching to this application  
 The Council wishes to point out that West Lane is not owned by the applicant ( unregistered land )  
 and is used by pedestrians and horse riders . The land to the right looking up the lane is Parish  
 Council owned and run as allotments . A Stone bank forms the Boundary The Parish Council  
 wishes to register concerns about the delivery / construction vehicles causing damage to the  
 walls and trees roots ( as well as the tree canopy ) which border the lane and asks that  
 consideration to this is given in dealing with this application  
 I would further ask that 2 items on the Method statement receive careful consideration -  
 l) Waste and spills

*All waste will be removed from the site using a licensed waste contractor,*

The Parish Council asks that this is strictly adhered to as it does not want to see any product from  
 demolition waste reused in any form on the site or on the lane . The existing barns may well  
 contain asbestos and also toxic materials / chemicals  
 m) Dust and disturbance

*Construction sequencing will be planned to ensure all surfaces requiring constant access will be  
 temporarily stoned up,*

The Parish Council wishes to ensure that clean crushed stone is used rather than crushed  
 demolition waste . The existing barns may well contain asbestos and also toxic materials /  
 chemicals  
 Finally ,the Council requests any 'stoning-up' of the lane is removed on completion to return it to  
 its original natural state to allow primroses and wild garlic to flourish as before  
 Karen Gilbert - Clerk to Marldon Parish Council

**24/09/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 8th October 2024 at 7pm - Marldon Village Hall**

**The Chairman thanked everyone for attending**

There being no further business , the Meeting was **CLOSED.** at. 8.10 pm

10/9/24	Karen Gilbert	95.50		95.50	Expenses / mileage
10/9/24	Karen Gilbert	40.99		40.99	Sim / Top up
10/9/24	K Gilbert ( REIMBURSE )	235.00	47.00	282.00	SHDC play inspection
10/9/24	VisionICT	65.00	13.00	78.00	Domain renewal
10/9/24	Derek Hore ( REIMBURSE )	666.66	133.34	800.00	Allotment mats ( grant funded )
10/9/24	Source for Business	21.53		21.53	Jubilee water
10/9/24	Source for Business	23.44		23.44	Allotment water
10/9/24	K Gilbert ( REIMBURSE )	24.12		24.12	BOX paper
10/9/24	Cumbria Clock Company	190.00	38.00	228.00	Clock service
<b>P3 A/C</b>					
10/9/24	Derek Hore ( REIMBURSE )	23.45		23.45	SAFETY EQUIP
<b>WAM</b>					
10/9/24	Julie Hore	264.87		264.87	From earmarked funds
	<b>TO NOTE - PAID OUT 24/7/24 EGM</b>				
24/7	Karen Gilbert	59.00		59.00	08/24 expenses