

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 12th November 2024 at 7pm
Present; Cllrs Bailey , Caddell ,Claridge , Clarke , Cooke , Cotton , Hore (Chair) ,
and Roddy County Cllr Hawkins & District Cllr Penfold
Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 2 members of the Public

24/11/01 Apologies for Absence -

Cllrs Morris-Rabbits and Sharland

24/11/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Clarke - other registrable interest - Trustee TRAYE

Cllr Roddy - as Trustee - Marldon Land Charity

24/11/03 Dispensation request - None

24/11/04 - Approval of Minutes

Cllr Bailey requested that the declaration of interest against her name , was removed as it was an error. The amended minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 10th September 2024 were then signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

24/11/05 - Public participation

No matters were raised

24/11/06 Councillor reports

District Cllr Penfold - Full report available from Clerk

The South Hams Community Awards

The South Hams Community Awards 2025 will open for nominations on Monday 13 January for four weeks.

Last year nominations could be made for three categories: Young Persons Award (under 18), Community Champion Award (over 18) and Community Organisation Award. This year a fourth category will be available, Green Award – Climate Champion.

Further information will be available on our website when nominations open. 13th January 2025

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/your-council/south-hams-community-awards>

Compton Working Group -

Actions and responses resulting from 27th September meeting:

Grace Gladding SWW was tasked with producing a timeline of the works necessary in Compton. This was to enable the other agencies involved to organise the order which each agency was to complete their part in sorting the situation out.

After several emails to SWW, I received the following reply:

“Our engineering teams are still modelling solutions and presently do not have fixed timeline for delivery, but in the Draft Determination we received from Ofwat the team are currently working to deliver these improvements by March 2028. We are expecting the Final Determination from Ofwat in December 2024.”

Both Caroline Voaden, MP and I feel this answer is unhelpful, and that a more definitive and detailed answer can be reasonably expected from SWW. Separately we are both have sent several emails requesting more information. Currently we have not received an equate reply. Neither of us will allow this to be ignored.

Local residents are to report an issues online <https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/household/help-support/report-a-problem> or telephone 0344 346 2020.

This is a 24 hour helpline, but between 5pm and 8am residents are asked to use it only for emergencies.

To claim compensation from SWW if residents have issues such as sewage on their property. <https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/household/help-support/report-a-problem/sewer-flooding> This applies only to external flooding.

County Cllr Hawkins

Cllr Hawkins thanked Cllr Hore for accompanying him on Remembrance Day at the Memorial Garden - where he laid a wreath on behalf of Devon County

He commented on the amount of works carried out in the Parish by Highways and noted that Furzegood was listed by Highway works in February

He encouraged Parishioners to use the DCC service or reporting defects online as it produced timely repairs

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem>

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

24/11/07 - Garden of Rest

a) To receive a report on the working party meeting held on 14th October 2024

The Minutes of this meeting were circulated as were those of a meeting held on 7th November

The work carried out to date has been funded from Land Charity funds . Further works to the land - such as groundworks for the bench and gazebo bases - also funded from the Land Charity - were approved by Full Council

It was **AGREED** that the removal off redundant fences and hedge/brambles at a cost of £897.33 + Vat would be funded by the Parish Council - all in favour

b) To note receipt of cheque to value of £5000 from Marldon Lands Charity towards costs incurred in setting up the Garden - NOTED

c) To receive recommendations from working party for approval

The working group will report back on its recommendations at the next meeting in January

24/11/08 - Admin

a) To receive report on potential new website / hosting - Deferred to 01/25

b) To note consultation on Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings and to consider delegating online response to one Councillor

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings>

This was discussed at length and the general feeling was that in person meetings were much preferred . However , the potential benefits were also noted

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Hore complete the online survey on behalf of the Council

d) To note potential cost implication of remote attendance

As neither of the Councillors who lead with IT was present , the matter could not be noted in any details . However , a suitable allowance had been made within the 2025/26 Budget

e) To note the Local Government Service pay agreement and the increase to be applied to the Clerk's hourly rate, to be backdated to April 1st 2024 - NOTED

It was **AGREED** that the adopted Scheme of delegation will be implemented if the need arises during the December recess

24/11/09 - Arrangements for consultation re potential allocation of 106 funding

It was **NOTED** that the Community Room had been booked for 18th January 9am to 1pm. The Clerk confirmed she had written to the Village Groups who might be suitable to draw

down funds (according to the 106 conditions) ie Cricket Club/Scouts / Village Hall/ Bowls club - with a response deadline of 9/11/24

She had had responses from Scouts / Bowls club and also Cricket Club - to be added to the Parish Council as having projects to put forward

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk and Chairman communicate further with the groups with regard to the consultation event - advising how it might be planned

ACTION ; CLERK / CHAIR TO FINALISE ARRANGEMENTS

24/10/10 Clerk's report

The Clerk advised she had arranged for the 3 bus shelters to be ordered by Devon County before 31/10 to achieve the discount offered

It was **NOTED** that the asset register update was in hand

24/11/11 - Cheques for payment - Approved

Julie Hore (WAM)	300.00		300.00	S 137 - WAM
Julie Hore (Mosaic Group)	300.00		300.00	S137 - Mosaic group
TRAYE	1000.00		1000.00	S137 - Youth Club
Marldon Community Compost	300.00		300.00	S137 - Composting Group
Marldon Bowls Club	300.00		300.00	S137 - Marldon Bowls Club
Marldon Cricket Club	300.00		300.00	S137 - Marldon CC
Marldon Village Hall	300.00		300.00	S137 - Apple Pie Fair
1st Marldon Scout Group	100.00		100.00	S137 - Marldon Scouts
Devon County Council	8252.50		8252.50	Cont for 3 x bus shelters
Julie Hore	82.50		82.50	From WAM EARMARKED
Marldon Cricket club	650.00		650.00	Mowing costs - Jubilee
DALC	30.00	6.00	36.00	Planning training
Karen Gilbert	59.00		59.00	Expenses / mileage 11/24
Karen Gilbert (Reimburse)	116.31	23.26	139.57	Cartridges x 4
Source for business - Jubilee	25.42		25.42	Water - Jubilee
Source for business - allots	194.77		194.77	Water - allots
Karen Gilbert	573.00		573.00	Backpay - COL and spinal point
Karen Gilbert (Reimburse)	90.00		90.00	Part SLCC fee
J Hore	1318.47	263.69	1582.16	From 5k g of r ex lands ch

b) To note potential financial implications of Autumn Budget

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council would be responsible for the payment of Employers National Insurance on the Clerk's salary over £5000 . All potential exemptions had been researched but were not applicable

c) To consider suggestions for 2025/2026 budget / precept

The Clerk presented a draft budget to the Council - it having been circulated to all well in advance . She explained the potential spend to the year end - 31/3/25 and expected level of reserves

It was **NOTED** that the Reserves had been reinstated to an acceptable level - with earmarked reserves for any tree work / playground repairs / replacement and works to cliff face . With careful management in 25/26 , the reserves will be further restored - ensuring that planned maintenance and emergency works can be covered

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget . It was **NOTED** that there would be an increase in precept from £64000 to £68000 - an increase of 6%

24/11/12 Councillor reports - Full reports available from Clerk

a) WAM

The past month has seen us regularly tackling the unwanted growth in the Memorial Garden as well as continuing to plant bulbs and primroses. We have been working alongside the 'Garden of Rest' working group, Meg and the Land Trust to create a wild meadow area there, seeds have been selected and purchased and a wide variety of native trees have been chosen and planting has started.

b) MEG.

The area around Broomhill Meadow and Five Lanes has been tidied and mowed where required. Peters Field was tackled by a reduced Crew, both entrances were cleared to make safe access. Three steps were replaced in Strainy Tor Copse and litter picking continued.

We assisted WAM and the Working Party with tree planting in the new 'Garden of Rest', along with doing some tidying around the perimeter.

We have commenced the annual P3 survey for Devon County and two volunteers are learning the correct procedure from the lady who has done it regularly for some years

NOTE - the Parish Council agreed to fund a thank you buffet for Members of MEG in the New Year in recognition of their hard work - which is greatly appreciated by Councillors and Parishioners alike

c) Compton report

All is quiet in Compton at the moment, long may it continue.

We still await SWW emergency contact details along with minutes from our last meeting with our MP – thanks to Sam Penfold for chasing these up on our behalf.

d) Police Advocate report

The first Advocate meeting with our new Inspector, Mark Stevens was held last Monday afternoon. A very interesting one attended by six other Councillors from across the region. Again it highlighted how lucky we are living in the Parish with regards to Antisocial Behaviour and other incidents the bigger areas suffer from, mainly graffiti and alcohol related.

It was noted that there are three types of Antisocial Behaviour that need to be reported:

- 1) Personal antisocial behaviour: when a person targets a specific individual or group.
- 2) Nuisance antisocial behaviour: when a person causes trouble, annoyance or suffering to a community.
- 3) Environmental antisocial behaviour: when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or buildings.

Mark made a point to impress that if one of these isn't reported to the Police, then they can do nothing about it to help.

e) TRAYE

On 11/10/24 we had 48 young people attend, 44 from the village and 4 from outside of the village. As we are now getting 40+ young people turning up to the session, we are now back to needing 4 x youth workers and 1 volunteer - this is due to recommended staff to young people ratios which are 1:10 in youth work. At this session we started the Food for Thought project and made spooky sandwiches and cookies. Young people also took part in a taste testing activity where they had to guess the flavour of several sauces. The young people decided they would like to have a Halloween themed celebration at their next session.

On 25/10/24 we had 58 young people attend Marldon Youth Club and 5 new young people joined. Of these young people, 55 were from the village and 3 were from outside of the village. We had 4 youth workers delivering the session + 2 volunteers. Young people had asked for a Halloween Celebration and this is what we did. Young people came dressed in their spookiest outfits and many had their faces painted. They also enjoyed decorating pumpkins, Squash and making Spooky Stress Balls. We did lots of games too including Apple Bobbing, Mummy Wrapping and Doughnut on a String.

Half Term Activities

On 30/10/24 TRAYE invited young people from all areas to a feast at the Apricot Centre in Dartington. Overall 20 young people took part in this activity and 4 were from Marldon. Young people enjoyed picking vegetables, collecting eggs from the chickens, creating a fire and cooking what they had picked over the fire. We then sat together and enjoyed our feast. It was a wonderful day and the young people said it was one of the best activities they have taken part in!

On 31/10/24 TRAYE invited young people from all areas to the Adrenalin Quarry to do Karting and the Big Swing. This trip attracted 22 young people overall and 5 of these young people were from

Marldon. The Karting was really fun but the young people absolutely loved the Big Swing which was extra scary! All who participated were very brave!

f) Defibs/ bleed kits inc production of rota for inspections

I have carried out inspections and all defib boxes and blood pack boxes and they are in order for October and November.

The used pads at Marldon Cross Hill have been replaced and we now have a spare set in place for future use. The Village Hall update has now been completed and the boxes registered online. The only outstanding site to complete is Compton but unfortunately despite me emailing the chartered surveyor twice asking for an update we are still awaiting a response from the National Trust. We are actively looking for an alternative site in Compton and will keep on pursuing the National Trust in a hope we can finalise this project with the fourth site. Once the project has been completed, we will set up a recording and inspection process within the Parish Council and organise training.

24/11/13 - Open Spaces - All areas are looking good and well used by Parishioners

24/11/14 Playground

a) To receive a report on the Playground /Fitness & note any works to date-NOTED.

Cllr Cotton reported he had tightened a couple of loose bolts otherwise all was good

24/10/15 HIGHWAYS -

It was **NOTED** that the Clerk was awaiting a response from Highways regarding the addition of a pole for the approved site on Marldon Cross Hill and also approval of two other sites in the Village

ACTION : CLERK TO CHASE

Cllr Claridge had inspected the grit bins - all had sufficient salt/grit

24/11/16- Planning - Chaired by Cllr Claridge - as lead Cllr for Planning

3114/24/HHO 22 Peters Crescent, Marldon, TQ3 1PQ

Householder application for installation of an air source heat pump

NO OBJECTION

3275/24/PIP The Old Coach House Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RR

Permission in Principle for erection of 2 to 3no dwellings and associated works

RESPONSE ALREADY SENT

Whilst understanding the parameters of this type of application , Marldon Parish Council does not wish to comment at this stage - when no documents or information are available

I should mention that the Parish Council feels that improvements to the already stretched sewerage system are essential before any further development is carried out in the Parish

3037/24/VAR The Old Stables 1 Lower Westerland Barns Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RU

Application for variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning consent 1317/24/HHO to provide better winter sunlight to photovoltaic panels.

NO OBJECTION

24/11/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 14th January 2025 at 7pm - Marldon Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and although somewhat early , wished all a Merry Christmas.

There being no further business , the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 8.40 pm

