

# MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2025 at 7pm  
Present; Cllrs Bailey , Caddell , Claridge , Clarke , Cooke , Cotton , Hore ( Chair )  
And Morris-Rabbitts County Cllr Rake  
Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 4 members of the Public

## **25/06/01 Apologies for Absence -**

Cllrs Roddy and Sharland. ( Apologies approved )

Post meeting - Cllr Penfold

**25/06/02 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Clarke - as Trustee TRAYE

**25/06/03 Dispensation request** - None

## **25/06/04 - Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of then Personnel Committee and Full Council meetings both held on 13th May 2025 were **APPROVED** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

## **STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED**

**25/06/05 - Public participation** - A Parishioner enquired on the progress of the removal of the Caravan - The Chairman updated the meeting regarding the housing issue . It was **NOTED** that the bags of everyday rubbish were not being removed as previously advised

**ACTION ; CLERK TO ADVISE SHDC RE RUBBISH REMOVAL**

## **25/06/06 Councillor reports**

### **County Cllr Rake**

Cllr Rake advised that the first post election meeting of Devon County had taken place with Cllr Julian Brazil having been elected as Leader . He also advised that he sat as Vice Chair for a Scrutiny Committee. The Localities Fund was now open for applications

**District Cllr Penfold - NO REPORT GIVEN**

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

### **25/06/07 - Planning**

<a href="#"><u>1469/25/</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HHO</u></a>	1 Parkfield Close Marldon TQ3 1PF	Householder application for proposed rear 2 storey side extension & internal alterations to form proposed bedroom with ensuite & kitchen, dining area & utility  <b>NO OBJECTION</b>
<a href="#"><u>571/25/</u></a> <a href="#"><u>TPO</u></a>	11 Brownsco mbe Close Marldon TQ3 1LU	G18: Cherry - Crown height reduction by 1 metre to minimise risk of failure  <b>NOTED</b>

## **25/06/08 - Garden of Rest**

### **a) to receive a report on the Opening of the Garden on 31st May 2025**

Our new Parish 'Garden of Rest' was officially opened on May 31st at 10:30am. Approximately 100 residents attended this historic event which commenced with the Marldon Bell Ringers chiming out a special welcome from the Parish Church tower.

This was followed by an introduction from the Parish Council Chair (Derek Hore) and then the Marldon Lands Charity Chair (Julie Hore) introduced 12-year-old Lara Collings, representing the young people of the Parish, who read a touching poem.

A final tree was planted by our Council Chair and Robin Cox, leader of Marldon Environment Group, using compost from the Marldon Community Compost Group. Jonathan Hawkins read another touching and appropriate poem before the Marldon Community Choir sang two hymns which led into an address by Reverend Jane Frost. The very first granite plaque to be laid in the Garden was unveiled by Fred Webb, our retiring Churchwarden of 40 years before the Council Chair officially introduced and unveiled the 'Garden of Rest' mosaic, so beautifully designed and created by the Marldon Mosaic Group.

The Wonky Donkey Shanty Band then entertained the assembled audience from the locally constructed gazebo before the Lands Charity Chair Julie invited all those attending to tie a biodegradable tag onto the Oak tree to remember their loved ones. Two local celebrants said a few words before the event ended with a chorus of Green-Green-Grass by George Ezra along with the Shanty Band.

This was truly an historic event as the 'Garden of Rest' has enough burial room for many years to come - and you will see the word 'Marldon' was used many times in the report as the opening was truly a local event.

Thanks to all who attended but special thanks to Damien and his Hero Excavators for clearing the site in the beginning and laying the concrete bases; Philip Cotton for designing and constructing the gazebo; Julie for her part in designing the garden and choosing all the trees; our Clerk Karen who delved through reams of rules and regulations to ensure we got everything right; Marldon Environment Group (MEG) for planting around 70 trees; Alison, Dave and Rufus for helping with the organisation on the day but massive thanks must go to Marldon Lands Charity because without their support none of this would have happened.

**b) To receive a general update inc approval of new G of R website**

The Clerk had previously forwarded the link to the new website covering the Garden of Rest. It was **AGREED** that the content was informative and also sensitively worded. The Council thanked Julie Hore for creating this website.

The Clerk advised that she had received some interest in Parishioners obtaining a plot for the ashes of relatives who had resided in The Parish but sought clarification in the fees involved. Having now obtained this, she confirmed she would contact the interested parties again.

The Clerk also informed the Council that she had purchased one more register and a box for the safe keeping of these large books.

**25/06/09 - Admin - Nothing of note**

**25/06/10 -Village projects**

**a) To receive an update on the MUGA**

The Clerk advised that the contract with Rhinoplay had been signed by two Councillors and a deposit paid. A starting date of 23rd June had been set.

**b) To receive any Councillor suggestion re future potential projects / improvements**

The Chairman confirmed that he and the Council and many Parishioners were delighted with the progress made and projects completed in 24/25. He asked that Councillors gave thought to other projects which could be completed for the benefit of the Parish and Parishioners - and also to seek the opinion of residents and Parishioners.

It was suggested that the redundant BT kiosk at the end of Furzegood might be refurbished and possibly used as a book library - a project which Cllr Caddell agreed to research

**ACTION ; CLLR CADDELL TO RESEARCH PHONE BOX RENOVATION**

**25/06/11 - Clerk's report**

The Clerk advised that Highways had received communication from the District Councillor regarding the 'discovery' of a Milestone on one of the Parish's roads . It transpired that this was a well known and documented Highway asset within Marldon . As this had been raised , It might be possible to effect a transfer of this asset from Highways to the Parish - to ensure that this is registered on the PC asset register

**ACTION ; CLERK TO COLLATE INFORMATION AND AGENDA FOR 07/25**

Parishioners had expressed concerns over reports that the Scout hut had been condemned and that it could form a danger to the Public

**ACTION : CLERK TO MAKE SUITABLE ENQUIRIES**

The Clerk also advised that an email had been received regarding the overgrown verge near the Christmas Tree Farm . It was explained - as had been the case in numerous other such enquiries - that this was not a footpath -the recognised footpath / right of way was signposted as being behind this area

There was no news on the potential removal of the Compton phone box

**25/06/12 Cheques for payment - APPROVED - ALL IN AGREEMENT**

D Hore	1368	17.80		17.80	Duplicate padlock keys
Karen Gilbert	1369	122.84		122.84	Exp / mileage / stamps
Alison Caddell - reimburse	1370	32.99		32.99	Reimburse ink
Karen Gilbert - reimburse Shaws	1371	128.88	25.60	153.60	GOR - Certificate book
Karen Gilbert - reimburse Amazon	1372	173.69	34.74	208.43	Ink/paper/storage box
Marldon Cricket Club	1373	300.00		300.00	Re-issuse cheque outdate 11/24
Julie Hore - reimburse	1374	28.00		28.00	GOR - 4 x slabs
SWARCO UK & Ireland Ltd	1375	4247.50	849.50	5097.00	VAS payment
K Gilbert	1376	150.80		150.80	Salary diff 05/25 and 06/25
<b>DRAWN MID MEETING - TO NOTE</b>					
Rhino Play ( SW ) Ltd		28507.00	5701.40	34208.40	50% deposit MUGA
Birbeck Landscapes		2450.00	490.00	2940.00	Replace cheque 1344 04/25

b) To agree to accept the sum of £1870.71 from the Lands Charity to be ring fenced for maintenance of the MUGA and fitness equipment **ACCEPTED WITH THANKS**

c) To agree to change the title of a bank account and to deposit the sum of £2000 from the main account as a starting balance. - **AGREED**

**d) To add three signatories to the Bank account**

The Clerk advised that she had attempted to obtain the necessary forms from the call centre in Belfast - but after some considerable time they were unable to locate the link / paper forms - agreeing to contact their office in London for assistance

The Clerk suggested that it might be time to consider an alternative bank

**ACTION ; REFER TO FINANCE COMMITTEE 07/25**

The Clerk added that she was awaiting the Parish Council insurance renewal documents after requesting newly acquired assets be included

## **25/06/13 Councillor reports - Full reports available from Clerk**

**a) WAM.** It's been a quiet month for WAM as we don't want to do any trimming or tidying that may affect the birds and wildlife.

The bug hotel in Jubilee Meadow has been successfully relocated thanks to the Cricket Club and their ongoing work in that corner.

**b) MEG** Our MEG team have all been out and busy once again.

FP18 was cutback over the entire length with a near full complement of volunteers.

A big tidy-up was given to the area around 5-Lanes and some of the nearby slipways, mainly due to a shortage of bodies for that week!

A Wednesday was then lost due to rain but the following week we turned out and cleared FP5, a big job.

Finally I was able to split the workforce into two groups last week, one tackled FP13 and one replaced some wooden step runners on the access from Village Road into Tor Field.

I would like to thank all MEG members who turned out on the Saturday morning to be part of the historic opening of the new Parish 'Garden of Rest', a Village project we were proud to have been able to support.

**c) Compton report** - Once again there is major to report from Compton.

Residents are still very concerned about the possible loss of their telephone box and have heard nothing further from BT.

**d) Police Advocate report - Cllr Caddell -**

I attended the remote meeting on 6 June 2025 with Ben Shardlow. Happily this was well attended with 10 of us Councillors in attendance.

In summary there has been a slight reduction in crime across the South Hams in May 2025 and this is replicated in our area.

Drugs and shoplifting will be a priority for the neighbourhood team for the coming month along with event planning in light of the number of events coming up in the South Hams generally. Nothing came up at this meeting of particular note for our area. The next on-line meeting is taking place at 1400 hours on 10 July 2025.

**e) TRAYE**

**Details of recent and forthcoming sessions were provided**

Marldon Youth Club Overview

Lead Worker: Adele Marshall. Youth Support Workers: Jane Swanston, Ty Taylor, Lucy Homer. Young Volunteer: Kaci Taylor

Age Range: 8 years+. Venue: Marldon Village Hall (fortnightly on Friday evenings)

Membership: 234 young people. Average Attendance: 40-50 per session

The club has become a vital hub for the young people of Marldon, offering a safe, inclusive, and engaging space to connect, build confidence, and access informal support. Over the past year, our programme has centred around health and wellbeing, personal development, seasonal activities, active games, arts and crafts, and hands-on cookery through our Food for Thought Project.

Highlights include: Mental health and resilience sessions / Visits from local police officers for informal chats and games / Engagement with Parish Councillors

Discussions on inclusion, respect, and understanding (e.g. LGBTQ+, prejudice and discrimination)

It was hat details ( time/date) for the AGM held on 31/5 were only made available to Marldon Councillors at 4pm on 29/5

The Council asked Cllr Clarke as Trustee to ensure that the Council are kept suitably informed

**f) Defibs/ bleed kits inc production of rota for inspection - Cllr Roddy**

1. I completed inspections of the defibs and the blood pack cases at Ye Old Smokey, the Cut of Class and Compton on the 5th of June, I am pleased to report that all the equipment was in order, and I have updated the online monitoring site accordingly.
2. Reminder to all Councillors re the photo / press opportunity arranged with Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service who will attend with a local crew and fire appliance is on **TUESDAY 15TH OF JULY AT 7.15PM** at the Compton defib site, pop down if you can and be included in the photo.
3. A Defib / First Aid Training event has been arranged for the Parish on **TUESDAY 9TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 6.30PM** to be held prior to the September Parish Council meeting all Councillors and Parishioners welcome.

**25/06/14- Open Spaces -**

**a) To receive updates on Open spaces inc allotments -** The Clerk advised that Plot 6 had been taken on and that a further plot would become vacant shortly , There were six people on the waiting list , three of which had joined in the last 2 months

**25/06/15 Playground and Fitness equipment .** Cllr Cotton reported that the equipment and general area were in good condition and well used .

**25/06/16 HIGHWAYS -** Cllr Cooke advised that the VAS had been installed the previous week and was in the process of some fine tuning . The alternative sites would be made ready in the coming weeks. Cllr Cooke wished to thank Jonathan Hawkins for the grant of £1000 which had encouraged the Parish Council to see the project through to fruition

**25/06/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 8th July 2025 at 7pm -**

**There being no further business , the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 8.05 pm**