

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 13th October 2026 at 7.00pm
In Marldon Village Hall

Present; Cllrs , Caddell (Chair), Clarke , Cotton , Hellier , Laas-Richards , Litster , Roddy and
Veasey

County Councillor Rake (left 7.40pm)

Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 6 members of the Public

The Chairman - Cllr Alison Caddell welcomed those present

26/10/01 Apologies for Absence - Cllr Hore - approved and District Cllr Penfold
The Chairman advised with regret , that Cllr Cooke had resigned from the Council and
both she and the Councillors thanked him for the service he had given to the Parish

26/10/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Clarke - as Trustee TRAYE

26/10/03 Dispensation request - None

26/10/04 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th September 2026 a were

APPROVED by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

26/10/05 - Public participation -

Two Parishioners had attended to highlight their personal objections to planning application
2517/26/FUL Marldon Christmas Tree Farm Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RR Change of use of
existing tree house building to holiday use - Comments were **NOTED**

Another parishioner commented on VAS sign and DCC Highways' insistence that it should not
show 20mph as the road is 30mph . He also stated that the information on the .Gov.Uk website
was ambiguous in its wording of "a Local Council" . He failed to comprehend why the limit outside
the School was not set at 20mph - as many are including most of Torbay

It was reported by another resident , that the streetlight outside his house shone straight into his
bedroom . Cllr Rake asked him to report it to DCC online

26/10/06 Councillor reports

County Cllr Rake

Cllr Rake explained that the LGR decisions had been put on hold - with each area graded into a
timescale based on ease of working . It had been confirmed that Devon was towards the bottom of
the list and the arrangements were considered complex

' One good thing to have come out of the whole LGR issue is that, throughout, and
especially since the 16 July announcement, it has forced all local authorities in Devon to
work together in some form or other. This in turn has led to a greater understanding and
appreciation of what we all probably knew anyway, which is that there are significant areas
of common interest and common concern. I hope that the opportunities that this has
created for our officer teams to get a much more detailed view of how other Councils
operate and the relationships forged under these circumstances will mean that this cross-
Council cooperation will become the norm. If it does then that will enhance the
effectiveness of individual Councils and existing bodies, including the CCA.

The proposal for Plymouth to join the CCA will mean that Plymouth will have a voice on that body and to that extent a certain 'say' over what happens across the County (conversely, your current representatives on the CCA would have a voice over what happens in Plymouth). However, the remit of the CCA is quite narrow: transport, strategic housing, adult skills, economic development and resilience and contingency planning. The key thing is that Plymouth's membership of the CCA would be a major step towards an elected Mayor for Devon. Whilst the Mayor's remit would also be quite limited (to the above plus strategic planning and the environment and climate change, health, wellbeing and public service reform, public safety, culture, and rural and coastal communities) having an elected Mayor would unlock more funding in these areas and hopefully bring greater local knowledge and expertise in how those funds are best spent.

District Cllr Penfold - REPORT CIRCULATED / NOTED - Full copy available from clerk

Taxi Fares and Taxi Policy: Consultation on new taxi policy and fares - Open until **22 October. Please do have your say.**

Residents, businesses, visitors and members of the taxi trade are being invited to have their say on proposed changes to Hackney Carriage taxi fares across South Hams.

School children asked to create art for new waste and recycling vehicles

Primary school children living in the South Hams have the chance to have their artwork emblazoned on the district's waste and recycling vehicles thanks to a new competition celebrating the importance of recycling.

- SHDC are inviting young artists to paint or draw a picture that shows either **why recycling is important** or **how to recycle**.
- The winning designs will be proudly displayed on the doors of one of the Council's new waste and recycling vehicles – the winning artists will also get their names emblazoned on the vehicle for the next 12 months.
- Entries close on Friday 13 November 2026.
- Follow link below for information about ideas, entry criteria and how to enter.

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/news/2026/primary-school-children-asked-create-art-south-hams-new-waste-and-recycling-vehicles>

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

Agenda item 26/10/17 was brought forward to allow Cllr Rake to comment if required

26/10/17 - Highways

a) To discuss Highways request to amend the speed shown on the existing VAS by School and to decide how to proceed with speeding within the Parish

Following a complaint from a Parishioner, Highways had requested that, as the VAS sign was situated in a 30mph zone, the sign should also state 30mph - not 20mph as currently displayed. Highways advised that the sign should be removed if it did not reflect the speed limit. It should be **NOTED** that Marldon Parish Council wishes the speed to be set at 20mph - as was the case outside many schools - especially in Torbay.

The Clerk explained that the lengthy process required to change the speed limit and also suggested that it could be funded by the Parish itself which might shorten the process but cost in the region of £20,000 **NOTED**

The Chairman proposed a vote on the following two statements

That Marldon Parish Council asks County Cllr Rake to refer the matter to the Highway and Police Road Casualty Officer through SCARP - with a written explanation should the case be rejected

RESOLVED - UNANIMOUS VOTE

That Marldon Parish Council supports the 20mph speed limit outside the School and requests a formal review by Devon County Council

RESOLVED - UNANIMOUS VOTE

ACTION : CLERK TO WRITE TO CLLR RAKE AND DCC HIGHWAYS

b) To resolve to pay an allowance of £60 per year to a Councillor in connection with the charging of the batteries from the VAS

It was also **AGREED** that this be retrospective and that Rufus Cooke be reimbursed

RESOLVED

26/10/08 Village car park

The Clerk confirmed that several queries had been raised by the Council's solicitor with NT's legal dept but it was hoped that the lease would be available for signature in the near future

26/10/09 - Planning

To consider the following - and any appearing online after production of this agenda

<u>2750/26/ARC</u>	Development Site At Sx 865 626 Westerland Lane Marldon	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (Compound Area) & 13 (CEMP) and Informative 5 (BNG) of planning consent 2008/26/VAR NOTED
<u>2517/26/FUL</u>	Marldon Christmas Tree Farm Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RR	Change of use of existing tree house building to holiday use OBJECTION Loss of privacy and overlooking to neighbouring properties Noise, disturbance and other amenity impacts arising from the use The possibility of noise at night where the current use is limited to daylight hours Additional traffic at access - onto to a fast main road Should South Hams Planners be minded to grant permission , Marldon PC would ask that there would be a condition that any windows overlooking neighbouring properties use obscured glazing"
<u>2566/26/TPO</u>	Maple Leaf Ipplepen Road Marldon TQ3 1SG	T1: Ash – Fell to ground level due to ash dieback and the resulting deterioration in the tree's condition (on the original TPO, this is labelled as T12) No replacement is proposed in the position of T1 because of its close proximity to the house. T2: Ash - Fell to ground level due to ash dieback and the resulting deterioration in the tree's condition (on the original TPO, this is likely to be T6, T5 having been felled in 2022 due to ash die back and replaced under application 3609/22/TPO) One suitable native replacement tree will be planted in the position marked R1 on the accompanying plan. NOTED

2684/26/HHO	4 Belfield Close Marldon	Proposed dormer extension & associated alterations SUPPORT
2501/26/FUL	Lower Westerland Farm Westerland Marldon	Change of use from agricultural to equestrian & erection of private menage with associated works NO OBJECTION

Appeal Notification 1987/26/PIP Land West Of Four Acres, Wildwoods Lane, Marldon - NFA required as original Parish Comment will resubmitted automatically

26/10/10 - Admin

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Laas-Richards should joint Personnel Committee
It was **AGREED** that Cllr Laas-Richards would deal with the administration of the VAS with Cllrs Hellier and Roddy assisting with the practical matters
It was **AGREED** that Cllr Laas-Richards would represent the Parish Council at Village Hall meetings

26/10/11 -Village projects -

- a) **MUGA** - It was reported that the Muga was well used and a popular asset for the Parish . The broken panel under the gate had been reported to the contractor
b) **Benches** - The installation contractor was awaiting delivery of the fixing brackets
c) **Barrels** - Six wooden barrels had been ordered for the Parish - two to replace those at the end of West View and four for later use

26/09/12 - Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that she had

- filled in the form to open a new account with Unity Bank having selected 4 new signatories - awaiting confirmation
- contacted Highways re the ownership of the Milestone following the pausing / potential cancellation of the LGR in Devon
- Complained about the road closure notices - which often came through too late
- Written to all allotment holders re the increase in annual rentals

26/10/13- Finance

b) To agree to pay the sum of £4000 to the TRAYE project - under Section 137

The grant application was read in full and it was RESOLVED to pay the sum of £4000

a) Cheques for payment - **APPROVED - ALL IN AGREEMENT**

A Caddell	11.77		11.77	REIMBURSE - INK
S Caddell	116.67	23.33	140.00	REINBURSE 6 X BARRELS
Karen Gilbert	72.35		72.35	Expenses 9/26
Karen Gilbert	72.78		72.78	Pay rise October 2026
Derek Hore	27.50		27.50	REIMBURSE Poppy wreath
TRAYE	4000.00		4000.00	Annual grant S137
Rhino Play SW ltd	984.00	196.80	1180.00	Repairs play equipment
Dave Roddy	3.40		3.40	Underpaid light 09/26
Karen Gilbert	55.18	11.03	66.21	REIMBURSE - Amazon diary/ink
Source for Business	17.75		17.75	Water - Jubilee Meadow
HMRC	268.27		268.27	Employers NI

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Hore could sign his own cheques along with the second signatory

c) To consider applications for Section 137 grants from total £3000 in 26/27

Budget and agree payments

The following grant requests had been received

a) MEG	new t shirts and Hi-viz wear	£500
b) Marldon Gardening Club	New trophies/cups	£500
c) Marldon Composting	for 2 sets of blades for shredder	£500
d) Cricket Club	towards new mower	£500
e) Marldon PCC	Renovation of Publicly available toilet.	£1000 *

* The original request was for £500

It was **RESOLVED** that , as the toilet was an asset for the Parish/visitors and that maintenance was carried out by the PCC , a further £500 be granted

d) To receive 1st draft of 27/28 budget if available and discuss any additions / amendments

The Clerk had circulated the draft budget in advance . The Councillors had suggested no amendments .

The Clerk advised that , with the information to hand at this time , it was possible that no increase would be required for 2027/2028 - but that was subject to certain clarification from various parties . If any rise were required it was hoped it would be minimal .

Reserves had been built up over the past years . It was hoped that the budget would be finalised for November 2026 meeting

26/10/14 - Councillor reports

a) MEG REPORT

Steps have been repaired leading up into Tor Field from Village Road, opposite Peter's Farm. Interestingly this is not an 'officially recognised' footpath as the entrance to FP3 is actually further along the road and involves a steep climb up two steps in the wall!

FP18 was given what could well be its last serious cut of the season.

Six half barrels have been purchased as agreed at the last Parish Council meeting and these will be positioned around the Village when agreed sites are given. Two will replace the rotted ones on the corners of West View Road. A lot of attention has been spent tending the Parish War Memorial Garden in Village Road, with dead overgrown trees being removed, donated paving slabs being laid at regular intervals to make maintenance easier and general weeding taking place. A plan will then be put in place with regards to shrub planting and the proposed plan to purchase these will then be put to the Parish Council for approval or amendment as required

b) COMPTON REPORT

Residents still await the first major deluge of the autumn to see if SWW have made any improvements to the drainage system, and as yet nothing has changed with regards to the weight or width restrictions that apply to vehicles using Gropers Lane.

c) Police advocate report No meeting

d) TRAYE - Marldon Youth Club

11th September - Returning to school This session explored how young people were feeling about returning to school, particularly those moving up to secondary school. We talked about these transitions and helped young people identify strategies for settling into new routines. Alongside these conversations, young people enjoyed cookery and indoor and outdoor games. The session was attended by 51 young people: 48 from Marldon and 3 from surrounding areas.

25th September - A Smoke Free Devon. This session focused on the theme of A Smoke Free Devon, alongside our usual cookery, games, arts and crafts. The session was attended by 45 young people: 43 from Marldon and 2 from surrounding areas.

9th October - Mental health and wellbeing. At tonight's session, we will explore which mental health topics young people would like future workshops to cover, giving them a say in shaping the programme. We will also have clay and other sensory materials, games and Halloween crafts.

October half term activities - Young people are looking forward to a busy October half term, with opportunities to take part in a film project, a photography workshop and a trip to Woodlands Leisure Park.

e) Defibs/ bleed kits - Cllr Roddy - I completed the inspections at all three sites on Saturday 3rd October 2026. I am pleased to report that all equipment was working and in order, I have updated the online portal accordingly. I have also updated the monthly inspection instructions as advised by the defib manufacturers and emailed a PDF copy to Karen to be printed and put in the inspection file to replace the previous instructions.

f) - VAS signs. - no report

g) Library Box - Cllr Caddell reported that the Library in the phone box was attracting far fewer unwanted items and that she continued to monitor on a regular basis

26/010/15- Open Spaces

a) To receive a report on the condition of the allotments and consider any actions required - Cllr Hellier advised that all plots were filled and that the season was coming to a close. The Clerk advised that the new holder of plot 6 had requested a shed (approved) and a fence (declined)

The Clerk asked the Council considers a grant of £50 to be used to buy plants for the War Memorial area - **AGREED**

26/10/16 Playground and Fitness equipment Cllr Cotton confirmed that the repairs had been carried out by Rhinoplay. The identified wobbly table was to be mended by Cllrs Cotton and Hellier

26/10/18- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 10th November 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall

26/10/19 - It was **RESOLVED** that the press and Public be excluded from the Meeting to allow discussion of sensitive matters.

There being no further business, part 1 of the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 8.25pm

PART TWO The Chairman reported that the Clerk's appraisal / Council review had taken place and had been a useful exercise. The Personnel Committee recommended that the Clerk's salary be increased by one spinal point from 25 to 26 - approx 50p per hour. **APPROVED**

Part two of the meeting was CLOSED at 8.45 pm

