

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 8th July 2025 at 7pm
Present; Cllrs Bailey , Caddell , Claridge , Clarke , Cooke , Cotton , Hore (Chair)
Morris-Rabbitts , Roddy and Sharland County Cllr Rake & Dist Cllr Penfold
Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 6 members of the Public

25/07/01 Apologies for Absence - NONE

25/07/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bailey - personal in Planning - 1773/25/FUL and 1660/25/FUL

25/07/03 Dispensation request - None

25/07/04 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10th June 2025 were **APPROVED** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

25/07/05 - Public participation

Parishioners commented that they would like to be able to comment under agenda item 10b Village projects -To receive Councillor suggestion / future potential projects /improvements
The Chairman agreed to this

25/07/06 Councillor reports

County Cllr Rake

Cllr Rake advised that the induction process at Devon County had been completed and that the Budget out-turn for 24/25 had been considered . The County Council had been able to break even using reserves . He further advised that he sat on the South Hams Highways and Traffic Orders Committee .

On a local level , he was currently looking into the Highway water issue at Meadow Park

District Cllr Penfold - Full report available from Clerk

Safety of Waste Crews

The bins must not be modified with straps, bungee cords, or anything similar as they are a hazard to the crew when operating the bin lift. Please make sure they removed before the bin is collected. Apparently, there was almost a nasty accident when a strap got caught in the machinery and it rebounded almost wiping out a crew member!

Fly-Tipping

SHDC have recently issued two Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to fly tippers so they are taking action. Please report any fly-tipping on council website. And then me if the tipping is not responded to by SHDC in a reasonable amount of time. Please remember to check the credentials of any waste collectors you use, as they need to be licensed.

Have your say about Local Government Reorganisation

SHDC have produced a short survey so you can have your say about Local Government Reorganisation. On the SHDC website there is information about the potential reorganisation so please do look and respond.

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/your-council/local-government-reorganisation-and-devolution>

Locality Funds:

I have received many requests for locality funding. If I haven't responded to you, please do remind me. I won't be offended. Sometimes I need a bit of a reminder.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

25/07/07 - Planning

Paul Plummer of Compton Pool Farm in Compton, Marlton TQ3 1TA.

The application is for :

Supply Alcohol On/Off premises Monday to Sat 12:00 – 22:30 & Sunday 12:00 – 20:00.

Opening Hours Monday to Saturday 12:00 – 23:00 & Sunday 12:00 – 20:30.

NO OBJECTION

<u>1773/25/ FUL</u>	Land At Sx 856 650 (Windthorne Farm) Compton Marlton	Construction of agricultural dwelling to replace existing temporary accommodation NO OBJECTION
<u>1660/25/ FUL</u>	Land At Sx 856 650 (Windthorne Farm) Compton Marlton	Construction of a new general purpose agricultural building for storage of straw/fodder NO OBJECTION

25/07/08 - Garden of Rest

a) To receive a general update

The Clerk advised that she had heard nothing but praise and congratulations towards the Council re the Garden of Rest. She had had three enquiries to date - the process requiring careful consideration by interested parties

The Chairman thanked Cllr Cotton for continuing to cut the paths

25/07/09 - Admin

a) Government Consulting on Changes to Council Tax Billing - to publicise on Facebook

b) The Clerk advised that she had been advised via SLCC about a Government consultation regarding the Collection of and changes to the Council Tax

It was agreed to put this on Facebook as it did not appear to have been publicised elsewhere

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/modernising-and-improving-the-administration-of-council-tax

REMOTE MEETINGS / PROXY VOTING

Following consultation , the Government has agreed to allow hybrid meetings and proxy voting . The finer details are as yet unknown and the Parish Council awaits guidance and clarification in due course

The Government plans to collaboratively develop guidance with the sector on both policies, to ensure that local authority schemes are supportive of members and officers.

SMALL GRANTS

It was **NOTED** that the sum of £3000 was available under Small Grants - as budgeted

There was also an additional sum available ring fenced for TRAYE

The Grant process will be publicised shortly with the following timetable

The grant application closing date is 30th September 2025,
for consideration at the October 2025 meeting

Cheques to be issued in November 2025

Please contact the Clerk for an application form by emailing
clerk.rfo@marldonparishcouncil.gov.uk

25/07/10 -Village projects

a) To note that the fence around the car park requires repair and note process.

The Clerk had contacted the Freeholder (National Trust) in the first instance and

been advised that it is the responsibility of the Leaseholder (SHDC) . The NT advised they would take necessary action

b) To receive an update on the MUGA

The Chairman advised that the start of works had been delayed as the specialist low noise fencing was on back order

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

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

Parishioners suggested the following

New Toilet Block Communal allotment plot. Wheelchair/hearing loop for Village Hall

The Chairman noted the comments and agreed to look into the viability of the Toilets/ allotments - adding that the Wheelchair / hearing loop suggestions should be referred to the Village Hall - ideally at the AGM on 15th July

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

Cllr Caddell confirmed that she was looking into the cost of renovation and future use of the redundant telephone box on Marldon Cross Hill

25/07/11 - Clerk's report

a) To receive updates on the condition of the Scout hut and also the potential adoption of the Milestone

The Clerk advised that she had made enquiries regarding the condition of the Scout Hut and had been told that the hut was not in a dangerous state . It had recently been surveyed and a copy was subsequently sent to the Council

The Clerk also confirmed that The Parish Council was taking steps to adopt the Milestone

25/07/12 - Finance

Cheques for payment - APPROVED - ALL IN AGREEMENT

8/7/25	Karen Gilbert	65.99		65.99	Expenses /mileage/stat
8/7/25	Community First Trading Ltd	1495.63		1495.63	Renewal PC insurance
8/7/25	Lynher Training Ltd	502.00		502.00	Strimmer training x 2

b) To receive update on adding signatories to the Bank account

The Clerk advised that she had yet to receive any communication on this matter

c) To receive & ratify recommendations from Finance Committee (held 8/7/25)

The Finance Committee had formed a recommendation that , following careful consideration of the Policy schedule , it should be taken up on a one year basis

AGREED by the Full Council

d) To note comments by Finance Committee re revised Standing orders / Financial regs
- to adopt in 09/25 once circulated to all - **TO 09/25 AGENDA**

25/07/13 Councillor reports - Full reports available from Clerk

a) WAM. The Memorial Garden was given a good clear out by MEG now that the Alliums and other spring flowers had died back. Apart from that there is nothing else to report. WAM is very quiet now and most work done is carried out with the help of MEG so I would like to be able to have the monthly WAM report removed from the agenda for the time being please. **NOTED**

b) MEG. The fine weather has kept MEG Volunteers busy once again.

The left-hand side bank up the side of Vicarage Hill was cut back and cleared, again our Chapter Eight qualified Volunteers were put to good use at the top part of the road. All the cuttings were placed into dumpy bags and taken down to the Community Compost Group. The Village Memorial Garden was given a good cut Slip Hill was strimmed back on both sides and a broken step runner in Strainy Tor Copse was replaced. Once again dumpy bags were taken down to the Community Compost Group.

Finally FP1 was given its annual cut and strim clearance, not an easy job due to the gradient involved, but a great effort was made by the team to clear as far as they possibly could. This included hand sawing back a couple of fallen Hawthorn trees and also covering some exposed barbed wire with a length of hosepipe and cable ties for safety reasons.

c) Compton report -Nothing to report from Compton.

There has still been no update on the disconnection of the telephone box as far as Residents are aware..

d) Police Advocate report - Nothing to report next meeting = 10/7/25

e) TRAYE

Details of recent and forthcoming sessions were provided

100 for 100 Campaign – Youth-Led Fundraising

Young people from across TRAYE, including those from Marldon, have launched a 100 for 100 Campaign a youth led fundraiser aiming to secure 100 donations of £100 each, raising £10,000 to support our work across the board.

✨ So far, 7 donors have stepped up, 2 of whom are from Marldon.

The young people are thrilled by the momentum and hope more will join in.

Could you help us spread the word?

If you know someone who may want to become our next Community Hero, please feel free to pass on my contact details: kmccabe.traye@gmail.com

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 2nd of July, 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.

25/07/14- Open Spaces -

a) To receive updates on Open spaces inc allotments - One allotment should be vacated this month

b) To note Parishioner request to cut back oak tree on Peters Field and correspondence to date

The Clerk explained the request - the Parishioner wished the Council to reduce a limb on a healthy PC owned oak tree with a TPO in order that a jetting lorry could pass . It was

NOTED that a smaller lorry was available but at greater cost . The Council voted unanimously NOT to allow any works on the Parish Council owned tree

c) To note the need for additional storage space for MEG equipment - It was NOTED that there were 106 funds available for Broomhill Meadow for Open spaces and recreation purposes . Quotes of approx £3000 had been obtained - The Clerk was asked to approach South Hams to see if this project met the criteria .
Cllr Clarke asked the Clerk to check whether the funds were meant solely for recreation

25/07/15 Playground and Fitness equipment . Cllr Cotton reported that the equipment and general area were in good condition and well used . He would look at some of the matters raised in the most recent SHDC report

25/07/16 HIGHWAYS -

a) To receive a report on the Mobile VAS

Cllr Cooke explained some of the Data obtained to date - adding that he was surprised at the Number of vehicles passing - 25000 in 5 weeks . There was possibly some adjustments required to confirm the accuracy of the data produced . After that it might be moved to another location

b) To note issues in Meadow Park / Love Lane Close - Highways / Cllr Rake dealing

25/07/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 9th September 2025 at 7pm

NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 2025

There being no further business , the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 8.35 pm