

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2025 at 7.00pm

Present; Cllrs Bailey , Caddell , Claridge ,Clarke , Cooke , Cotton , Hore (Chair)

Morris-Rabbitts , Roddy and Sharland

County Cllr Rake (arrived 7.10) and Dist Cllr Penfold

Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 6 members of the Public

25/10/01 Apologies for Absence - None

25/10/02 Declarations of Interest

SECTION 137 Grants

CADDELL / COOKE / HORE - MEG

MORRIS-RABBITTS / CLARIDGE - CRICKET CLUB

CLARKE - SECTION 137 - TRAYE

25/10/03 Dispensation request - Cllr Hore / To speak and vote in 25/10/12(d) - in interests of the village - Form completed - **APPROVED**

25/10/04 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9th September 2025 were **APPROVED** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

25/10/05 - Public participation

Two Parishioners had attended to bring to the Council's attention their objection to Planning application no 2099/25/FUL , Culvertor Farm and to expand on some the concerns raised

25/10/06 Councillor reports

County Cllr Rake

Cllr Rake gave a brief update on the Local Government review from the Devon County perspective - the proposed scheme being the two existing unitaries of Plymouth and Torbay together with one covering the rest of Devon

He confirmed that he was looking at speed issues outside the school and the HGVs using the narrow lanes in Compton

The Chairman asked whether he/ Devon County would be supplying a Remembrance poppy wreath as in previous years . Cllr Rake advised he would make enquiries

District Cllr Penfold - REPORT CIRCULATED / NOTED - Full report available from Clerk
Cllr Penfold provided copies for the members of the Public present

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

25/09/07 - Planning

<u>2099/25/FUL</u>	Culvertor Farm, Farthing Lane, Westerland	Demolition of barn & erection of mixed-use building comprising a dog grooming/daycare centre at ground floor & one-bedroom apartment at first floor level OBJECTION
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<u>2404/25/FUL</u>	Prouts Barn Marldon TQ3 1TB	Change of use from holiday accomodation to residential permanent use NO OBJECTION
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The Council discussed the issues surrounding 2099/25/FUL Culvertor Farm

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council OBJECTS to the application

- Access and Highways concerns

- No need for residential accommodation for the proposed Commercial enterprise

Other issues include the lack of information regarding Hours of use / number of daycare dogs and arrangements for commercial waste and the potential need for a change of use to be included in the application

The Clerk advised that the alternative access through the applicant's own land , suggested by the agent for [2328/25/FUL](#) Land At Sx 865 636, West Lane, Marldon, at the September 2025 meeting , had not been submitted to South Hams

25/10/08 - Garden of Rest To receive a general update

It was reported that the grass had been cut again and was looking smart . MEG had carefully trimmed around the newly planted trees

25/10/09 - Admin

a) To receive draft IT policy for adoption (Cllr Morris-Rabbitts)

The Policy had been circulated to all - **ADOPTED**

b) LGR meeting for Marldon.on 29th October 2025 with Neil Hawke (SHDC) - NOTED

c) To note Clerk's attendance at DALC AGM - Exeter

The Clerk advised she had been unable to attend due to Covid and that no refund was available for last minute cancellations

d) To note the need for a Staff appraisal - NOTED - date tba

25/09/10 -Village projects

a) Update on the MUGA

Cllr Hore advised that work had commenced on the MUGA but it had been halted whilst the contractor sourced suitable materials

b) To receive any Councillor suggestion as to future potential projects / improvements

Cllr Caddell was keen to progress the conversion of the disused phone box into a community facility - and asked for the Clerk' assistance in the procedure

c) To discuss the potential acquisition of the Village Car Park from National Trust

The Clerk confirmed that SHDC were still in the process of renewing the fence around the car park . She had been making suitable enquiries and would again be contacting the NT once SHDC had formally advised of its intention not to renew the lease . The Clerk had also ascertained that the Parish Council would be liable for its own legal costs if it were to take on a lease - initial enquiries indicate that those may be £2000-£2500

It was **AGREED** that a meeting with the NT might be beneficial in due course

d) To note the temporary stopping of the Parish Clock , to note need for a replacement ladder in the Church Tower to facilitate future winding and to AGREE in principle to a financial donation towards costs

The Chairman explained that the ladder had been condemned on health/safety grounds during a recent survey of the church buildings

A suitable replacement had been sourced in Scotland- but permission had to be obtained before purchase as the Church is grade 1 listed

IT appears that the ladder would be approx £1000 . AS the ladder is required to wind the Parish owned clock , it was **AGREED** that the Council should donate the sum required for its purchase (subject to it costing near the quoted price) and consider assisting towards the delivery It should be **NOTED** that the longer the clock remains dormant , the greater the risk of problems occurring . In this regard , it was **AGREED** that , subject to email agreement , the ladder should be ordered as soon as possible - possibly requiring the issue of a cheque mid meeting

25/10/11 - Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that

- There was a Cluster meeting on 15th October at Guildhall , Totnes
Cllrs Hore and Caddell and Clerk to attend
- Allotment no 7 had been vacated and offered to the next on the list
- Allotment letters/invoices for 2026 had been sent out
- She had renewed the SHDC Playground ins / inspection
- Received a complaint about the hedge on Churchill (Lengthsman to cut)
- With the Chairman , sorted a highway issue for the Xmas tree farm - who had kindly donated a 20ft tree for the Village as a gesture of Community involvement and thanks

25/10/12 - Finance

Cheques for payment - APPROVED - ALL IN AGREEMENT

14/10/25	Karen Gilbert	59.00		59.00	Expenses October 2025
14/10/25	Karen Gilbert	41.41	8.28	49.69	Black ink
14/10/25	PKF Littelljohn LLP	420.00	84.00	504.00	External audit fee
14/10/25	Karen Gilbert	11.66	2.33	13.99	Amazon reimburse
14/10/25	Devon ass Local Councils	50.00	10.00	60.00	EXETER agm DALC
14/10/15	Source for Business	161.27		161.27	Water - allotments
	DIRECT DEBIT				
3/10/25	SHDC	243.00	48.60	291.60	Ins and inspection fee

The Clerk presented a change of signatory form for signatures for the bank

A resolution was passed in accordance with the Bank's instruction

ACTION ; CLERK TO SEND TO THE BANK

b) To NOTE the conclusion of Audit 2024/25 and confirm publication of Notice

A minor misinterpretation was pointed out to the Council

NOTICE POSTED ON WEBSITE AND MAIN NOTICEBOARD IN SEPTEMBER

c) To agree to pay the sum of £3500 to the TRAYE project - under Section 137

The Clerk had received a report on how last year's grant had been spent

The Council expressed a desire to see the children / parents make an effort to fund raise / donate themselves - not only from the Financial perspective - but also as a character building exercise

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk prepare a cheque for £3500 for November 2025

d) To consider applications for Section 137 grants from total £3000 in 24/25 Budget and agree payments

The Grant requests had been circulated and suggestions requested / received

The matter was discussed at this meeting and it was **RESOLVED** that the following amounts be given

NAME	PROJECT	REQUESTED	SUGGESTED	GIVEN
St John Baptist Church	Artificial Flowers	£100	£350	£350
MEG	Row Clearance	£350	£500	£500
Marldon Cricket Club	General Equipment	£300	£500	£500
Marldon Compost Group	Shredder Blades	£300	£500	£500
Marldon Bowls Club	Junior Bowls Equipment	£900	£500	£500
PCC St John Baptist	Flower Festival	£500	£500	£500
TOTAL	-	-	£2850	

e) To receive 1st draft of 26/27 budget if available and discuss any additions / amendments - NOT AVAILABLE - STAFF SICKNESS

25/10/13 - Councillor reports

a) MEG.

FP13 was given a good cutback with the edges mown and FP5 was cut all along the boundary with the reward of cake and tea from a resident. The Memorial Garden was given a good strim and tidy along with the 'Garden of Rest' which needed the grass cutting back around all the newly planted trees following an 'end of season' cut by our Lengthsman. Various slipway paths were cutback and weeded and a lot of sorting out was done involving our new storage unit – some of the lesser used tools are now in there making access into the old unit far easier.

b) Compton report - Apart from the ongoing issue of large heavy lorries passing through the Village there are no issues to report.

c) Police - I attended this online meeting and report the following:

No recorded crime of interest to the MPC in Marldon and Compton during September.

Last 28 days, 285 reported crimes in South Hams, down 3.4% on last year.

Reminder that closing date for applications for CCTV funding {£125,000 total} is 24th October.

Operation Laceflower for Arson in Sherford is ongoing and lead by Plymouth CID.

Going forward there will be operations focusing on shoplifting offences in Totnes

Reminder that any intelligence can be placed by any of us on the Community Intel Portal:

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/pais

Date for next meeting: Friday 14th November 1300hrs

D) TRAYE - A detailed report regarding the Young people's activities was read out

e) Defibs/ bleed kits

I completed inspections of the defibs, and the blood pack cases at Ye Old Smokey, Cut of Class and Compton on the 3rd of October, I am pleased to report that all the equipment was in order, and I have updated the online monitoring site accordingly.

25/10/14- Open Spaces -

The response to the Parish Council request that the remaining 106 monies attaching to Broomhill Meadow be held until such time as the fence needed replacement indicated that such an application would not be supported despite the Clerk pointing out that when such a time comes ,

the cost would otherwise just have to be added to the precept . It was **NOTED** that the fence was complex in structure as it had to reach the standards for National Highways .

In addition , should the fence fail , Broomhill Meadow would have to be closed for health and safety / insurance reasons

One reason for the negative feedback was that this would be maintenance / replacement

It should be **NOTED** that a recent 106 allocation was for the replacement of a Roof at the Bowling Club

The Council felt that the 106 Officer and Ward Councillor opinions were inconsistent and it was

therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk apply to funding to be set aside

ACTION ;CLERK TO APPLY TO SHDC FOR MONIES TO BE ALLOCATED TO FUTURE FENCE RENEWAL

25/10/15 Playground and Fitness equipment

Cllr Cotton gave a brief report and agreed to address the issues on the recent SHDC report

25/10/16 HIGHWAYS - Cllr Cooke reported on the latest statistics from the Marldon Cross Hill which seemed to indicate that speeds were reducing as time passes. The Chairman thanked Jonathan Hawkins for his contribution towards obtaining this interactive sign

It was also NOTED that Cllr Rake was to continue to look into the use by HGVs of narrow lanes in Compton

It was RESOLVED that the press and Public be excluded from the Meeting to allow discussion of Contractual matters

25/10/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 11th November 2025 at 7pm

There being no further business , the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 9.30pm

Part two

The Clerk reminded the Council of the need to protect West Lane for all users and also the need to ensure that its own land remains stable and safe to use . She AGREED to carry out research into this

The Chairman commented that a site meeting with the Muga Contractor was required to discuss various points - Clerk to arrange after obtaining additional information