

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2025 at 7.00pm

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

and Roddy County Cllr Rake (arrived 7.05)

Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 5 members of the Public

25/11/01 Apologies for Absence - Cllrs Morris-Rabbitts , Cooke & Sharland (approved)
District Cllr Penfold

25/11/02 Declarations of Interest Cllr Clarke - as Trustee TRAYE

25/11/03 Dispensation request - None

25/11/04 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th October 2025 were **APPROVED**
by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

25/11/05 - Public participation

A member of the Public expressed her disappointment in the fact that a local Village organisation had submitted an application for a S137 grant which had been unsuccessful . The reasons for this were explained .

Another Parishioner explained at length how the Parish Speedwatch scheme worked and the need for non disclosure of personal details

Cllr Ed Vidler - Traye Trustee / Staverton Councillor asked whether he could be able to speak / answer questions at the relevant point of the agenda - **AGREED**

25/11/06 Councillor reports

The Chairman thanked Cllr Rake for supplying a poppy wreath on behalf of Devon County and advised this was laid by Cllr Alison Caddell earlier that day

County Cllr Rake

Cllr Rake updated the Council on the LGR process in that a decision will be made of the preferred scheme at Cabinet level . The will be then sent on to the Secretary of State for consideration along with proposals from District / Unitaries

District Cllr Penfold - REPORT CIRCULATED / NOTED - Full report available from Clerk

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

25/11/07 - Planning

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

2099/25/FUL - Culvertor Farm, Farthing Lane, Westerland, Marldon, TQ3 1RR

Demolition of barn & erection of mixed-use building comprising a dog grooming/daycare centre at ground floor & one-bedroom apartment at first floor level - **NOTED**

<u>2959/25/ TPO</u>	4 Brockhurst Park Marldon TQ3 1LB	TPO 452; T1: Red Horse Chestnut, fell to near ground level, bleeding canker, with crown dieback and early leaf drop, significant structural defect at the main stem and union. Replace with Apple tree approximately 5m east of T1.
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ACTION : CLERK TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION REGARDING SUBSTANTIAL REPLACEMENT TREE

3174/25/HHO

Householder application for proposed alterations to existing dwelling including first floor extension & 2 two storey side extensions

Trelawney. Five Lanes Road Marldon. TQ3 1NQ

Cllr Claridge presented this application and after suitable debate ,it was **RESOLVED** that the Council **OBJECTS** this proposal on the following grounds

- Impact on character or appearance of area - the proposal does not sit well amongst the neighbouring properties
- Scale and dominance - the proposal replaces a modest bungalow with a very large house - a vast increase in floorspace - which would dominate the street scene
- Traffic and parking issues - it could be assumed that a much bigger property could lead to extra vehicular traffic using and emerging onto a narrow lane

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

It was also **NOTED** that the caravan at Furzegood was being dealt with by Devon County - on whose land it sits

25/11/08 - Garden of Rest To receive a general update

It was reported that the grass had been cut again and was looking smart .

25/11/09 - Admin

a) To receive a report on LGR Meeting - **CIRCULATED**

b) b) To note completion of Staff appraisal and consider recommendation to increase spinal salary scale from 24 to 25 - **APPROVED**

25/11/10 -Village projects

a) **Update on the MUGA**

The Chairman advised on the project build to date adding that the Council were not satisfied on certain aspects. A technical site survey had been carried out and the Council was awaiting expert opinion

b) **Use of ex-BT Box - progress to date**

It was **AGREED** that the first stage was to ascertain whether the Box receives a live connection

ACTION; CLERK TO SOURCE SUITABLY QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN

c) **Parish clock / replacement ladder - update on progress to date**

The Chairman confirmed that a new aluminium ladder with handrail had been fitted in the Church Tower - which had enabled him to re-start the Clock . In accordance with the resolution in 10/25 , a cheque had been drawn as a grant payment for £837.00

d) **To note the adopted scheme of Delegation effective during Christmas recess - NOTED**

25/11/11 - Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that she had

- Obtained a figure of £4000 as the request from TRAYE for Youth Club sessions 26/27 (to aid in the setting of the Budget)

- Noted that an arrangement had been made between NT and SHDC to use softwood rather than oak in the replacement of the car park fence . SHDC will now recommence the works - after which the Parish Council will contact NT to discuss the way forward
- Vacant allotment - Contacted the next on the waiting list twice by email and lately my post giving a cut off date of 21st November - after which , it will be re-allocated

Karen Gilbert	95.00		95.00	Exp 11/25 inc 3 x mileage
Karen Gilbert - reimburse	25.28	5.06	30.34	Stationery
Julie Hore	11.09		11.09	Refreshments LGR 29/10
Derek Hore - reimburse	20.41	4.08	24.49	Poppy wreath (NOTE VAT !)
Phil Cotton - reimburse	36.15		36.15	Christmas lights
Karen Gilbert - reimburse	450.00		450.00	Orbital survey on Tor Field
Marldon Cricket Club	650.00		650.00	Grass cutting Jubilee Meadow
K Gilbert	355.00		355.00	Increase spinal rate 06/25- 12/25
St John Baptist PCC	837.00		837.00	Net figure towards ladder
St John Baptist Church	350.00		350.00	S137 grant
Marldon Cricket Club	500.00		500.00	S137 grant
Marldon Composting Group	500.00		500.00	S137 grant
Marldon Bowls Club	500.00		500.00	S137 grant
MARLDON PCC	500.00		500.00	S137 grant
TRAYE	3500.00		3500.00	Youth Club 2025/26
D Roddy	13.14		13.14	Defib kit
K Gilbert	129.84	25.97	155.81	Full set of ink
K Gilbert	27.84		27.84	2nd class stamps

25/11/12 - Finance

Cheques for payment - APPROVED - ALL IN AGREEMENT

The Clerk confirmed that the change of signatories had been received by the Council's bankers who were currently making the necessary amendments

b) To receive 1st draft of 26/27 budget if available and discuss any additions /amendments

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 - 31/3/26 and expected level of reserves

It was **NOTED** that the Reserves had continued to be increased to an acceptable level - with earmarked reserves for any tree work / playground repairs / replacement and works to cliff face With careful management in 26/27, the reserves will be further restored - ensuring that planned maintenance and emergency works can be covered . An extra allowance had been made to cover as yet unknown services which may be handed to the Parish Council from District and County Councils - This includes the retention of the Village Car park by way of a lease from National Trust

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget . It was **NOTED** that there would be an increase in precept from £68000 to £86000 - an increase of 27% . This represents an annual

increase of £20.41 - 39p per week on a Band D House - **ALL IN AGREEMENT**

25/11/13 - Councillor reports

a) MEG. - Robin Cox

MEG Volunteers have continued to be out and about around the Village.

FP18 was hopefully given its last cut of the year, and the bench at the bend has now been removed at the request of the Christmas Tree Farm manager as it has been a meeting place for antisocial behaviour.

The Pembroke Park slipway was de-weeded and overhanging greenery cut back; grass was cut around the Policeman's bench at 5-Lanes and work has continued sorting out tools and equipment between the old and new storage containers.

With the wetter weather soon to be setting in over the coming weeks, the Volunteers may well be winding down over the festive period.

Finally a 'thank-you' to the Parish Council for approving our S137 grant application, I can assure it will be money well spent.

Happy Christmas to you all.

b) Compton report - Nothing to report apart from the request for a road-sweeper to visit occasionally. The Compton residents would like to thank the Parish Council for helping to give them a voice over the past year with the various issues that have arisen.

c) Police - NO REPORT - Date for next meeting: Friday 14th November 1300hrs

d) TRAYE - A detailed report regarding the Young people's activities was read out
STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

Cllr Ed Vidler advised the Council of the background behind the increase in Parish contribution from £3500 - £4000 and highlighted some of the costs and funding process

Various questions were asked by Councillors and explanations given

The Clerk asked whether the Agendas and Minutes might be forwarded to her - to assist in Councillors deciding whether to attend Trustee meetings (after agreement from the Trustees)

STANDING ORDERS WERE REINSTATED

e) Defibs/ bleed kits

I have been notified by the circuit monitoring system that our defib equipment may have been used by SWAST on the 29th October 2025. {no further details given}

On the 6th of October I completed the monthly inspections on all of our three sites, all were in order apart from the Defib prep pack at Marldon Cross was open and the packaging damaged {not previously noted} as a precautionary measure I can order a replacement pack cost £13.14, detail below:

I have updated the circuit system confirming the availability of all of our equipment online.

25/11/14- Open Spaces -

a) To agree to the rejuvenation of the Roadside hedge Church Hill (approx £1500)

This was planned for 2 stages - each costing £1500 - This will make Annual cutting easier and subsequently cheaper - **AGREED**

b) To note submission for 106 funding towards future works at Broomhill - NOTED

25/11/15 Playground and Fitness equipment

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

25/11/16 HIGHWAYS - 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

25/11/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

13th January 2026 at 7pm - NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

There being no further business , the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 8.30pm

Part two

Some additional information and advice had been received

The Clerk was awaiting further communication

The Chairman commented that a site meeting with the Muga Contractor would then be arranged to discuss various points - Clerk to arrange in due course