

# MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

## **25/04/01 Apologies for Absence -**

Cllrs Claridge and Sharland. ( Apologies approved )

## **25/04/02 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Clarke - as Trustee TRAYE

Cllr Morris- Rabbitts - as Member of Cricket Club

Cllr Roddy - as Trustee , Marldon Lands Charity

## **25/04/03 Dispensation request - None**

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

The minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 11th March 2025 were **APPROVED** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

## **STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED**

**25/04/05 - Public participation -** A Member of the Public sought clarification over the terms of the lease to the Cricket Club and the access for the Public to Jubilee Meadow

The Chairman explained that the Secretary of the Cricket Club would be attending that night to explain the details

## **25/04/06 Councillor reports**

### **District Cllr Penfold - Full report available from Clerk**

#### **Allocation of S106 funds.**

All three projects that applied for S106 grants in the village have been allocated money:

The Parish Council for a MUGA up to £48,949, This is conditional on obtaining a Lawful Development Certificate.

The Cricket Club has been offered £14,995.40 towards new cricket practice nets at Jubilee Meadow, and £2,775 towards a new cricket scoreboard.

The Bowls Club has been granted £12,312.79 towards roof & window repairs & ditch mats

#### **Compton Sewage Situation**

On March 27th the SHDC held a public Overview and Scrutiny meeting and invited SW Water. I raised the situation in Compton and was very strong in my protests about the unreasonable situation of the sewage flowing in the road. I received an apology from Alan Burrows, responsible for communications with Councils. He stated that "the business plan had changed", and SW Water apologised for promises they weren't able to keep at the moment. It's in the business plan to be done in first phase of the business plan which is completed by 2030 but we are "assured: if the business situation changes before then they will 'try and do Compton before then'!"

The Environmental Agency is coming to Overview and Scrutiny in the coming months, and I will raise the unacceptable situation with them, as it can't be sanitary to have brown water overflowing up to people's homes in Compton.

I will also keep pushing SW Water about the situation. Please let me know of any examples or evidence that I may use to help make my case.

#### **Longmarsh Board Walk and Saltmarshes Totnes and the River Dart**

If you can get over to Totnes, a lovely board walk has been installed through the woods at the end of Longmarsh. It is part of a project to regenerate the saltmarshes on the River Dart. Saltmarshes capture an enormous amount of CO2 and so are worth preserving. The walk is absolutely worth visiting if you are that way. To get to it, walk to the end of the river walk in the Bridgetown side of

the river, walk to the end and the board walk is on the left through the woods. It's suitable for buggies, mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

### **County Cllr Hawkins - Devon County**

Cllr Hawkins explained that he was standing as a candidate at the Devon County elections due to be held on 1st May and as such , he was subject to a period of Heightened sensitivity ( Purdah ) . He commented that had enjoyed serving the Community of Marldon and hoped to be able to continue to do so

He mentioned that he was pleased to see Furzegood resurfaced and also to see Marldon had received the 3 new bus shelters. Cllr Hawkins advised that South West Water had appeared at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 3rd time in 18 months and at the final appearance , the Committee had declared a vote of no confidence in the Company

### **Grant Thompson - Secretary Marldon Cricket Club**

The matter of the detail of the lease was an agenda item later on

The lease was being requested to assist with funding opportunities where applications require some form of security for the Cricket venue .

Following speculation on Social Media , the Parish Council had asked Grant to attend to reassure Parishioners that there was no intention of restricting Public access and that there would be no difference from the current access enjoyed .

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

### **25/04/07 - Planning**

<a href="#"><u>0568/25/HHO</u></a>	Lower Orchard Compton Marldon TQ3 1TD	Householder application for extension to front of house  <b>SUPPORTED</b>
<a href="#"><u>0682/25/TPO</u></a>	Green Westerland House Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RR	TPO 788: 1x Mature Monterrey Cypress – Crown Height Reduction up to 2m & radial crown spread of 1.5m. Pruning cuts shall not exceed 80mm in diameter. Reduce northern aspect radially by 2m. Remove dead, dying or broken branches provided such material exceeds 25mm in diameter. Sever ivy from the main stem at base to enable clear future inspection. Works required due to damage to roof of office & shed from branch failure <b>APPLICATION DULY NOTED</b>

0930/25/HHO. 36 Moorview Marldon TQ3 1PL

Proposal: Householder application for single storey rear extension & deck area

**SUPPORTED**

### **25/04/08 - Garden of Rest**

#### **a) to receive an update**

The Clerk advised that a survey was to take place the following week - after which a plan for the burial plots could be recorded . The gate had been installed and the bales of hay kindly removed by the farmer . The Gazebo was in the process of being constructed and the area was looking good with natural and planted flowers / shrubs

## **25/04/09 - Admin**

### **a) To receive report on potential new website / hosting ( CLLR MORRIS - RABBITTS)**

Cllr Morris-Rabbitts explained the problems email traffic experienced by some Councillors and the costs between the proposed / existing systems were compared .

After suitable debate , it was **RESOLVED** to remain with the existing provider and seek VisionICT assistance in improving the service for those affected

The Chairman also **AGREED** to look into the improved websites which the Company offered and thanked Cllr Morris-Rabbitts for the work/time he had put in

### **b) To receive any updates re Annual Parish Meeting**

The Chairman updated the Council and also commented that a representative of the community led SPEEDWATCH project would be attending to answer any questions that the Parishioners may have

## **25/04/10 - 106 FUNDING APPLICATIONS.**

It was NOTED that the 106 grant to the Parish Council for a MUGA up to £48,949, ( towards the net cost ) had been approved

The Clerk advised she had confirmation that the VAT would be recoverable .

In addition Lottery funds of £12000 were available for this project

This is conditional on obtaining a Lawful Development Certificate from SHDC planners

The Council expressed disappointment that the Clerk hadn't been made aware of this when she had made numerous enquiries to SHDC to this effect from January 2025 and carried out suitable research of existing MUGAs in the District as well as various Clerks' forums

The Clerk advised she had promptly submitted such an application a week ago and was awaiting notification of validation .

## **25/04/11 - Clerk's report**

The Clerk sought permission from the Council to approve a request from the Cricket Club to place 4 brackets on the PC owned pavilion to allow the electronic scoreboard to be placed there on Match days - **APPROVED**

The Clerk also advised that 2 vacancies had occurred at the allotments and that she was in the process of offering them to those on the waiting list

## **25/04/12 Cheques for payment - APPROVED - ALL IN AGREEMENT**

Julie Hore	1339	560.66		560.66	Exp GoR ( lands charity )
Karen Gilbert	1340	192.88		192.88	Exp planning app MUGA
Derek Hore	1341	22.98		22.98	Padlocks GoR
Karen Gilbert	1342	99.80		99.80	Expenses + 48 stamps
Mark Gilmartin	1343	40.00		40.00	Return of allotment fee
Birbeck Landscapes	1344	2450.00	490.00	2940.00	Hedges / gate GoR
Birbeck Landscapes - missed VAT	1345		375.00	375.00	Missed VAT
DALC	1346	645.00	91.50	736.50	SUBS 25/26
SWISCo Ltd	1347	391.78	78.36	470.14	Post for VAS
Karen Gilbert	1348	150.80		150.80	Salary diff 03/25 and 04/25

## **25/04/13 Councillor reports - Full reports available from Clerk**

**a) WAM** Jubilee Meadow now features a newly installed set of totem posts. The trees planted last autumn are showing promising signs of life, with buds beginning to break. In addition, wildflower seeds have been sown in the far corner of the Garden of Rest, as well

as in both the Memorial Garden and Jubilee Meadow. Aside from a little selective weeding, in the coming months we don't anticipate having too much to do.

**b) MEG** Dry weather has enabled MEG volunteers to meet regularly over the past month. They have worked on removing ivy growth from various tree trunks along Village Road, thus avoiding extra strain on the tree and branches, allowing the leaves to flourish without adding excess weight. Footpaths have been treated for moss growth using road salt, the method advised by South Hams and Devon County.

Chapter eight qualifications were utilised allowing members to work on the top area of Vicarage Hill, improving visibility for pedestrians and drivers alike by clearing back the hedge and roadside straw

**c) Compton report** - Apart from the South West Water issues which are ongoing and seemingly will be forever, life is good for Compton residents.

They have asked me to pass on their thanks to Marlton Lands Charity and to Councillor Dave Roddy for all the work and effort put into finally getting their life saving equipment installed on the National Trust site.

**d) Police Advocate report** - There has been no Police Advocate online meeting since our last one at the beginning of March. This is due to the fact that Inspector Mark Stevens has moved on from our area to be replaced by Inspector Ben Shardlow who was temporarily sorting out Torbay. New dates and times have yet to be arranged with Ben.

**e) TRAYE - Session 1:**

**Date: 14/03/25** - Attendance: 38 young people (36 from Marlton, 2 from outside)

Learned about Brain Awareness Week and played a memory game.

Decorated jars for Mother's Day – the young people created beautiful jar designs to gift to their mother figures.

Played Parachute games, which were enjoyed by all.

The decorated jars will be filled with homemade hand cream in the next session.

Photos of the session are available on the Marlton Youth Club Facebook page.

**Date: 28/03/25**

Attendance: 45 young people (42 from Marlton, 3 from outside)

Enjoyed outdoor games on the field – the first outdoor session of the year!

Made homemade hand cream and filled the jars decorated in the previous session.

The young people were thrilled to take home their handmade gifts for Mother's Day.

**Looking Ahead:** Our next youth club session will be on 25/04/25.

We will introduce our Happiness Project, focusing on improving young people's mental health and wellbeing. - This project will be delivered across all areas over the next two months.

**Summary:**

Marlton Youth Club has had a busy and productive month, filled with creativity, outdoor fun, and skill-building activities. We continue to focus on engagement and positive experiences for our young people and look forward to the upcoming projects and trips.

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

1. I completed the inspections of the defibs and the blood pack cases at the Old Smokey and the Cut of Class on the 1st of April, I am pleased to report that all the equipment was in order, and I have updated the monitoring site accordingly.

2. I am delighted to say that on the 26th of March we completed the fitting of the defib and blood pack case in Compton. The defib box is connected to the mains electric and both boxes are registered with SWAST via the circuit for access 24-7 by the general public and the Parishioners of Compton.

3. These three sites together with the updating and replacement of the equipment for the Marlton Village Hall completes the Community Safety Strategy for the Parish undertaken and funded by the Marlton Land Trust Charity. All equipment at The Old Smokey, Cut of Class and Compton National Trust site has, in April 2025, been gifted to Marlton Parish Council.

4. I will continue to inspect the equipment on the three sites monthly and create an inspection recording system for the future maintenance of the equipment on behalf of the MPC.

5. Training will be arranged in the coming months for all MPC members and Parishioners to brief all on the use of the defibrillators and basic CPR

6. I will liaise with all parties including Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue to arrange a press publicity event to promote the fitting of the equipment across the Parish and will update you all re a date in the near future.

The Chairman thanked the Marldon Lands Charity for its hard work and persistence in bringing this project too completion

#### **25/04/14- Open Spaces -**

**a) To receive updates on Open spaces inc allotments** - The Clerk advised that there were 2 vacancies to be allocated and that she was in the process of chasing rents.

**b) To note the return of Annual fee to family of plotholder no 6. - NOTED.**

**c) Jubilee meadow - to formalise existing use by Cricket Club though a lease.**

A Draft lease had been prepared by the Cricket Club which had been forwarded to all Councillors . It was **NOTED** that Covenants were attached to this land by the National Trust and it was stressed that the National Trust should be advised of formation of this lease - and also , the addition of the Practice nets

It was considered that various revisions / alterations were required including but not limited to

- A Map to accompany to lease to identify scope of lease
- Names of Trustees when appointed
- Term of lease / clarification of public access / allowance for periodical review
- Any alteration / amendment of Cricket Club requirements / working to be referred back to the PC for approval

#### **ACTION : AGENDA ITEM FOR 05/25**

THE COUNCIL **RESOLVED** TO INCLUDE WITHIN THESE MINUTES ,THAT THERE WILL BE **NO CHANGE IN THE ACCESS** CURRENTLY ENJOYED BY THE PARISHIONERS AND PUBLIC SHOULD A LEASE BE SO GRANTED

**25/04/15 Playground** . Cllr Cotton reported that the equipment and general area were in good condition and well used . It was **NOTED** that the litter bin had not been emptied.

#### **ACTION : CLERK TO CONTACT SHDC**

**25/04/16 HIGHWAYS** - Cllr Cooke advised that the VAS pole had been installed and the VAS had been ordered - with 6-8 weeks delivery . Cllr Cooke would now draw up a plan for the operation of the sign Alternative sites for this mobile sign had been approved The Chairman thanked Cllr Cooke and Cllr Roddy to completing this project

Phil Cotton thanked Cllr Penfold for the grant money to buy a mulching mower for cutting grass in areas around the Churchyard . It was **NOTED** that , in April 2025 Phil Cotton has **GIFTED** the Mower to the Parish Council for insurance purposes

**25/04/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 13th May 2025 at 7pm - Marldon Village Hall**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 16TH APRIL 2025 AT 7pm - Marldon Village (Large) Hall**

There being no further business , the Meeting was **CLOSED.** at. 8.50 pm

