

# MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2026 at 7.00pm

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

Morris-Rabbitts and Roddy District Cllr Penfold

Cllr Bernard Taylor - Chairman , South Hams District Council

Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 5 members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year .

He thanked Cllr Bernard Taylor for attending tonight

**26/01/01 Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Sharland ( approved ) and County Cllr Rake

**26/01/02 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Clarke - as Trustee TRAYE

**26/01/03 Dispensation request** - None

**26/01/04 - Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th November 2025 and the EGM held on 24th November 2025 were **APPROVED** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

## **STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED**

**26/01/05 - Public participation**

A member of the Public expressed her disappointment in the fact that the Parish Council had not objected to the diversion of Footpath 19 . The Chairman advised that the Council had debated the pros and cons but had agreed to support it but encouraged Parishioners to comment as individuals

**26/01/06 Councillor reports**

**County Cllr Rake**

Cllr Rake had provided a general report which had been circulated to all

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

Cllr Penfold also thanked Cllr Taylor for attending and updated the Council on various aspects of her report

**Cllr Bernard Taylor , Chair SHDC** explained that he was interested on how the Parishes worked and the varying issues each encountered - adding that to date he had visited 17 Councils

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

**26/01/07 - Planning**

Refusal of 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 **REFUSAL NOTED**

<a href="#"><u>3470/25/HHO</u></a>	Little Orchard Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RR	Householder application for new replacement roof raised by 1700mm to enable a new first floor extension/ loft conversion with new dormer windows to provide additional bedrooms & bathrooms at first floor level. Proposed works also include a new staircase & adjusting the existing overhead cables. <b>SUPPORT</b>
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<a href="#"><u>3576/25/TPO</u></a>	Midsummer, 4 Parkfield Close, Marldon, TQ3 1PF	TPO 1978: T1 – Beech – Crown height reduction for 7 branches of between 4 – 5 m, removal of 4 lower branches on the South West side back to the trunk & shortening of 4 branches on the South West by 4m, T2 – Oak – removal of 2 branches on the South West back to the trunk & shortening of 4 upright branches on the South West side by 2m. <b>NOTED</b>
<a href="#"><u>3523/25/HHO</u></a>	2 Belfield Close Marldon TQ3 1NZ	Householder application for proposed roof space conversion with dormer extensions <b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#"><u>3545/25/HHO</u></a>	Little Haven (previously known as Sora) Vicarage Road Marldon TQ3 1NN	Householder application for internal alterations, window replacement, hip to gable loft conversion with balcony & separate single garage with room above the garage <b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#"><u>3369/25/FUL</u></a>	Barn At Sx 860 651 (Compton Holt) Compton Marldon	Conversion of agricultural building to 3 no. dwellings  <b>OBJECTION - SEE COMMENT BELOW</b>
<a href="#"><u>2987/25/HHO</u></a>	Pippins 21 Meadow Park Marldon TQ3 1NR	Householder application for formation of vehicle hardstanding & revised access to property  <b>ALREADY APPROVED</b>

**3369/25/FUL** - Marldon Parish Council met on 13th January and **RESOLVED to OBJECT** to this application

1. Highways

- there is no Highway footpath at this location
- The road is narrow at this location and is used as a rat run
- the Access onto the narrow and busy lane is considered dangerous
- the visibility of vehicles emerging from the proposed development would be limited
- The location means residents would need to use vehicles to access services - There does not appear to be a proven need for housing in this location

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

### **26/01/08 - Garden of Rest To receive a general update**

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

### **26/01/09 - Admin**

**a) Local Government Re-organisation** - To **NOTE** the proposal by Plymouth and by Exeter to request that Torbay incorporates 21 Parishes from SHDC and Teignbridge to form an equal population to Plymouth / Exeter - This appears to include Marldon

The Clerk advised she had read that the proposals by Plymouth and Exeter which included a suggested increase in the size of Torbay with the addition of 21 Parishes had been forwarded to Government on 28th November - the deadline for submission . It appears that South Hams was aware of this in 12th November 2025 . However none of the 3 SHDC Parishes affected ( Inc Marldon ) had received any notification at any time from existing Unitaries or from South Hams. **NOTED**

**b) To consider the proposal above and form / record a Parish Council opinion with the scant information to hand**

The Councillors **AGREED** that there was little point in writing to Government as only District / County and Unitary proposals were being considered at this time .

**c) To consider any nominations for South Hams Community awards**

Nominations for the four categories listed below should to reach SHDC by 31st January 2026 . Details had been Publicised on local Facebook pages. - The Chairman encouraged Members of the Public to nominate

**Young Persons Award (for under 18s) / Community Champion Award ( over 18s)**

**Community Organisation Award / Climate and Biodiversity Champion Award**

### **26/01/10 -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. However , it was hoped that a solution had been reached - but as negotiations were still taking place , further discussions would take place under part two

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

It was **NOTED** that power was still connected to the kiosk . The Council thanked **Alert Electricians** of Marldon for testing the supply and replacing the light fitting - free of charge  
It was now necessary to obtain quotes for the renovation of the Kiosk

**ACTION CLLR CADDELL / CLERK TO PREPARE SPEC FOR WORKS REQUIRED**

### **26/01/11 - Clerk's report**

The Clerk advised that she had

- Submitted to Precept request to South Hams DC
- Been advised that there will be no markings by the new shelters on Vicarage Hill - unless it can be proved there is a need

### **26/01/12 - 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 now requiring even more documentation . The Clerk wondered if the

initial request had been fully understood . The process had taken so many months - dealing with Belfast - complicated by the fact that there was only one UK branch - in London. Clerk to investigate other options

## **26/01/13 - Councillor reports**

### **a) MEG. - Robin Cox**

MEG Volunteers spent their last couple of meetings in November and December clearing up leaves and debris from Village Road and the Underpass. Finally for the end of the year they transported some walkways made by a volunteer along FP5 to cover the muddy and boggy areas. These were made from recycled timber salvaged from the fencing that was removed from the Garden of Rest. It is intended MEG will resume work on the Wednesday following the 'Get Together' in the Smokey tomorrow.

**b) Compton report** -Compton suffered from the usual flooding caused by excessive rainfall and the overflowing leat during the December heavy rain. There is also concern that the soil and gravel residue cleared from the bottom of Widdecombe Lane is blocking a drainage culvert, Highways are investigating. Currently we are waiting for an update from South West Water regarding any sewer work planned in the Village for 2026, this is being obtained via MP Caroline Voaden

**c) Police** - I attended this on-line meeting this afternoon along with 7 other Councillors with Inspector Ben Shardlow. We were informed that there have been some concerns raised about mobile phone fraud and there is a specific website set up to report this specific problem called Action Fraud. There were no issues raised specific to our Parish. As far as crime across the South Hams generally is concerned there is a slight reduction in overall reported crime from the figure of 294 for October down to 273 for November. The highest number of incidents relate to stalking/harassment/violence. There has been an increase in sexual offences and commercial burglary. Everyone is urged to ensure that front doors are locked at all times and car keys kept out of sight. The next on-line meeting is taking place at 1pm on 23 January 2026 and I am happy to cover this. Cllr Alison Caddell

**d) TRAYE** - The main points of the detailed report regarding the Young people's activities was read out

It was **AGREED** That Cllr Bailey would attend the next Trustees' meeting due to take place on 20th January 2026 by Zoom

**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 Thursday 8th of January 2026.

I am pleased to report that all the equipment was in order, and I have updated the online monitoring site accordingly. Cllr Dave Roddy

## **26/01/14- Open Spaces -**

### **a) To note Parishioner corres regarding dog fouling in the Parish and consider signage**

The Chairman explained that he had received an email commenting on the large amount of dog poo around the Village - especially near the School . He asked Cllr Penfold to see if there was any signage available through South Hams to encourage dog owners to pick up

**26/01/15 Playground and Fitness equipment** Cllr Cotton gave a brief report stating that the the park remained very well used . It was hoped that the the points raised in the SHDC monthly report might be addressed by Rhino play in due course

**ACTION ; CLERK TO APPROACH SIMON BIRBECK TO REMOVE SMALL DEAD ELDER TREE IN PLAYPARK**

**26/01/16 HIGHWAYS** - A detailed report of the VAS statistics was circulated in advance by Cllr Cooke . It was **NOTED** that an alternative location would be used in due course but it was **AGREED** that the present location should remain to gather more data on traffic approaching / passing the school

**26/01/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 10th February 2026 at 7pm**

**26/01/18 - It was RESOLVED that the press and Public be excluded from the Meeting to allow discussion of Contractual matters**

**There being no further business , part 1 of the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 8.05pm**

**Part two**

**26/01/19 - MUGA PROJECT**

The Clerk confirmed that an on site meeting had been held between the Contractor and Cllrs Hore / Caddell / Cooke / Clerk

The Contractor had subsequently forwarded a schedule of works required together with a quote for items considered betterment

All correspondence and quotes had been circulated to all in advance

The quote had also been sent to South Hams - the 106 Officer had agreed to increase the Grant by £4000 - being the contingency set aside for unforeseen matters

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the quote be accepted - subject to 7 conditions ( contractor to send acceptance )

**ACTION : CLERK TO WRITE TO CONTRACTOR TO ACCEPT QUOTE AND ONCE CONDITIONS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED , INSTRUCT THE CONTRACTOR TO RECOMMENCE WORKS**

Part two of the meeting was **CLOSED** at 8.30pm