

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2026 at 7.00pm
Present; Cllrs ,Caddell , Clarke , Cooke , Cotton , Hore (Chair) and Roddy
District Cllr Penfold
Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 5 members of the Public

26/03/01 Apologies for Absence -

Cllrs Claridge , Bailey and Morris - Rabbitts - **APPROVED** and County Cllr Rake

26/03/02 Declarations of Interest Cllr Clarke - as Trustee TRAYE

26/03/03 Dispensation request - None

26/03/04 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10th February 2026 were **APPROVED** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

26/03/05 - Public participation

A member of the Public from Marldon Villagers' Association enquired as to the current status of the MUGA . The Chairman advised that the adverse weather had been detrimental to any substantial progress

Another member of the Public commented on the Planning application 0003/26/FUL - Culvertor Farm, Farthing Lane, Westerland, Marldon, TQ3 - citing the reasons for her objection

26/03/06 Councillor reports

County Cllr Rake - Late report received but not circulated

District Cllr Penfold - REPORT CIRCULATED / NOTED - Full report available from Clerk
Cllr Penfold commented on the South Hams owned assets in the Parish - apart from the leased Car Park , there were none . She also spoke on the sewage problems in Compton and the Local Government reorganisation

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

26/03/07 - Co-option

The Chairman introduced Paul Hellier who had offered to fill the vacant seat on Marldon Parish Council . Paul gave a brief presentation - after which a vote was taken and Cllr Hellier was asked to take his place on the Council

The Clerk witnessed the completion of the Acceptance of Office and handed him the Code of Conduct along with various documents and Policies

26/03/08 - Planning

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| <u>0354/26/ NMM</u> | The Old Stables 1 Lower Westerland Barns Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RU | Non-material minor amendment to planning consent 3037/24/VAR for change of roofing material from metal roof sheeting to slate tiles |
| <u>TO NOTE</u> | | NOW APPROVED NOTED |

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <p><u>0003/26/</u> <u>FUL</u></p> | <p>Culvertor Farm, Farthing Lane, Westerland, Marldon, TQ3 1RR</p> | <p>Demolition of existing dilapidated structure & construction of a small-scale dog day-care & grooming facility with ancillary residential accommodation above</p> <p>OBJECTION</p> |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|

The Council discussed the issues surrounding 0003/26/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
- The potential need for a change of use to be included in the application
- Disturbance for neighbouring properties
-

26/03/09 - Admin

a) To confirm the date for the Annual Parish Meeting - **29th April 2026**

NB - date in 02/26 minutes was incorrect

b) To adopt the following Policies

Standing orders financial regulations. Risk assessment - **ALL ADOPTED**

c) To report on the MPC Public meeting held on 28th February regarding Local Government reorganisation

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and the TEN Parishioners who had attended . It had been an informal gathering to provide links for those wishing to comment of the Proposals and to hear public concerns

ACTION ; CLERK / CHAIR TO FORM A RESPONSE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

d) To decide on one delegate (free) to TRAYE Youth Conference on Monday 13 April 2026, from 9.30am to 3.00pm at Stover Country Park, TQ12 6QG.

(additional tickets are £50)

It was **NOTED** that Cllr Clarke would be attending in her role as Trustee

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Bailey should attend if possible . Cllrs Caddell and Hore also expressed an interest

It was also **NOTED** that a Cluster meeting was to take place at Totnes re LGR on 17th March 2026 - Cllrs Caddell and Hore to attend - the Clerk may attend if she can

26/03/10 -Village projects

a) Use of ex-BT Box - progress to date

Cllr Caddell had met with the contractor that week and it was agreed that the repainting would take place once the weather improves

After that time further works would be confirmed

b) To agree an appropriate & desired length of term of lease re Car Park

The Clerk explained that she had been in contact with the National Trust - who would be happy to draw up a suitable lease for consideration by the Parish Council .

It was **AGREED** that a term of 25 years would be appropriate

ACTION ; CLERK TO ADVISE NT

26/03/11 - Clerk's report - NOTHING

26/03/12 - Finance

a) Cheques for payment -

APPROVED - ALL IN AGREEMENT

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------------|---------|-------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 10/3/26 | Karen Gilbert | 92.95 | 3.19 | 96.14 | Expenses 02/26 + stationery |
| 10/3/26 | Karen Gilbert | 86.32 | | 86.32 | Salary increase (spinal)02 + 03/26 |
| 10/3/26 | Karen Gilbert | 75.40 | | 75.40 | Overtime 4 hours |
| 10/3/26 | ICO | 52.00 | | 52.00 | Annual fee 26/27 |
| 10/3/26 | PWLB | 1353.60 | | 1353.60 | 1/2 yearly Repayment of loan |
| 10/3/26 | K Gilbert | 94.11 | 18.81 | 112.92 | Ink - reimburse |
| | | | | | |

b) To consider and agree the Asset register Alison - **WORK IN HAND**

c) To note receipt of funds re purchase of first double plot in Garden of Rest **NOTED**

26/03/13 - Councillor reports

a) **MEG.** - Despite the wet weather our MEG Volunteers were able to start work again after losing the first planned week. They did a lot of cutting back and tidying up along the footpath from Love Lane Close. Moss was cleared from the walkway; this has become very prominent around the Village at the moment due to the damp and mild weather. A LIGHT sprinkling of road salt from our many bins is recommended to clear this. The tools and machinery in the original storage container were sorted out and those in a poor condition were moved to the new container for a fuller inspection, leaving far more access room in the original unit.
The Compton Castle direction sign at 5-Lanes roundabout was straightened up, probably a Highways job but it needed doing now!
Litter picking has become a regular feature for two of our members with three bags currently being collected each week.
The P3 survey and relevant paperwork has now been submitted to Devon County with no acknowledgement as yet. One of the defects highlighted during the survey has now been sorted following communication with the Christmas Tree Farm regarding overhanging branches along FP 18, now cut back and removed. Other issues raised will hopefully be addressed over the coming few weeks. **Robin Cox**

b) **Compton report** - Compton continues to suffer from the raw sewage issues and residents requested South West Water took samples of water from the leat. The results have been made available to our MP, along with County and District Councillors to see; they are terrible to say the least, and one wonders how long this can continue. There was also an incident of a Network Rail low loader getting stuck in the narrows one evening, again a video of this was forwarded to the relevant party. This highlights the need for a width restriction and not a weight restriction along the road. Highways are aware of this.

c) **Police** - I attended this on-line meeting this afternoon. Nothing was raised specific to our Parish at this meeting. We were informed that there has been a focus on shop-lifting and theft generally over the last month which has led to a 140% increase in the figures for theft across the South Hams. This has been put down to an operation regarding the theft of parcels by persons from outside Devon coming into the area which is the subject of an on-going investigation that involves around 90 thefts.

d) TRAYE - Marldon Youth Club – The activities and events which took place over the past month were detailed .

Youth Work Conference on 13/04/26 at Stover Country Park. - We warmly invite all Marldon Parish Councillors to attend. There is one free ticket available per parish council (Jenny, as a trustee, will also receive a free ticket). Our next session will take place on 13/03/26, where we will be focusing on wellbeing in action and pulling together the final threads of young people's voice work for the conference.

e) Defibs/ bleed kits - Cllr Roddy I completed inspections of the defibs, and the blood pack cases at Ye Old Smokey, Cut of Class and Compton on Wednesday 4th March 2026. I am pleased to report that all the equipment was in order. However, two of the security locks were a little clunky to open so I will spray them with WD40 on the next inspection in April. I have updated the online monitoring site that all defibs are online and available.

f) - VAS signs. Cllr Cooke presented the latest readings which highlighted that the majority of the vehicles were travelling at suitable speed

Composting group - I attended the Compost Group steering committee meeting last week and I have to say what an inspiring group of volunteers they are. All very hard working and very committed to their project which is going from strength to strength. I have been asked by their chair Ben Bryant to help them create a video promoting their recycling work, showing how it benefits the community and puts no extra work load on the Parish Council. Obviously I am delighted to be able to help promote this with them.

26/03/14- Open Spaces - a) To consider Parishioner request - remove branches on oak tree in Jubilee meadow

A request had been received to cut back an oak tree to introduce more light to the house It was **NOTED** that the removal of the lower branches would not increase the light .

ACTION ; CLERK TO ADVISE PARISHIONER ACCORDINGLY

26/03/15 Playground and Fitness equipment Cllr Cotton gave a brief report stating that the the park remained very well used . Various identified issues would be addressed in due course

26/03/16 HIGHWAYS - DEFERRED TO 04/26 The new arrangements for the P3 scheme were briefly discussed - it was considered that the process was overly onerous for the financial benefit **ACTION ; CLLR RAKE TO SEEK MORE DETAIL**

It was **NOTED** that Julie Hore had kindly taken on the admin side of the P3 scheme

26/03/17- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 14th APRIL 2026 at 7pm

26/03/18 - 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. 7.45pm

Part two - Various issues were discussed but no decisions were made . The Chairman and Clerk were given delegated authority to deal with any issues on these matters

Part two of the meeting was **CLOSED** at 8.10pm