

# MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 14th April 2026 at 7.00pm  
Present; Cllrs ,Bailey , Caddell , Clarke , Cotton , Hore ( Chair ) and Roddy  
County Councillor Rake  
Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 4 members of the Public

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## **26/04/01 Apologies for Absence -**

Cllrs Claridge , Cooke , Hellier and Morris - Rabbitts - **APPROVED** and Dist Cllr Penfold

**26/04/02 Declarations of Interest** Cllr Clarke - as Trustee TRAYE

**Cllr Hore wished the following NOTED**

To avoid any speculation I wish to declare that along with ten other MEG members I was taken out for lunch by two ex Marldon residents last week.

I attended this function as an active Marldon Environment Group member and not as a Parish Councillor.

**26/04/03 Dispensation request - None**

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

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

## **STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED**

**26/04/05 - Public participation**

A member of the Public commented on the way that the agreement of the 2026/2027 budget had been minuted ( 11/25 minutes ) and the lack of availability of the draft budget document . The Clerk/RFO advised that she ( and the Parish Council ) considered that the Minutes were correct and contained sufficient and appropriate information - the Agenda was correctly drawn . The Budget was discussed in a meeting open to the Public - at which copies of the Agenda would have been available .

The Clerk handed a copy of the Budget to this Member of the Public

**26/04/06 Councillor reports**

County Cllr Rake - Simon Rake confirmed he was due to attend a meeting at County Hall regarding the apparent breakdown of the new P3 process . The Council and the P3 co-ordinator advised that they had obtained the promise of £400 annual grant together with the sum of £1000 towards new strimmers. They had also been congratulated for the excellent service which MEG provided .

He also advised that there were grants of up to £4500 per property available to put towards a scheme to bring Broadband to areas suffering low speeds . Compton was mentioned as an area where this might be useful . More info to follow

The Library consultation had produced an excellent number of responses - which were currently being analysed

**District Cllr Penfold - REPORT CIRCULATED / NOTED - Copy available from clerk**

**CAROLINE VOADEN - MP** had held a surgery on Saturday 11th April at Marldon Shops attended by 1 Councillor and 2 residents . The Chairman asked that residents take advantage of future surgeries to raise concerns

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

**26/04/07 Village car park**

The Clerk advised that the fence had been replaced by South Hams - although one small area remained untouched . She had confirmed to the National Trust that the Council would consider taking over the Car Park when the current lease with SHDC ends in June - over a 25 year period. The National Trust was currently preparing a draft lease and recommending that the Council seeks legal advice in checking its contents

**ACTION ; CLERK TO OBTAIN QUOTES FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

## 26/03/08 - Planning

<a href="#"><u>0796/26/</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HHO</u></a>	Squirrels Farthing Lane Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RR	Householder application for extensions and alterations.  <b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#"><u>0669/26/</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HHO</u></a>	3 Brownscombe Close Marldon TQ3 1LU	Householder application for installation of an Air Source Heat Pump  <b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#"><u>0683/26/</u></a> <a href="#"><u>TPO</u></a>	5 Brockhurst Park Marldon TQ3 1LB	TPO 452; T1: Horse Chestnut – lateral reductions of up to 1.5m on W&E aspects, up to 2m on S aspect, up to 1m on N aspect, height reduction of up to 1.5m, to reduce shading and maintain tree health.  <b>NOTED</b>
<a href="#"><u>3309/25/</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HHO</u></a>	19 Bampton Close Marldon TQ3 1NB	READVERTISEMENT (revised Ownership details) Householder application for new dormers, modifications to existing roof & alterations to 2x windows  <b>OBJECT - LOSS OF PRIVACY</b>
<a href="#"><u>0523/26/</u></a> <a href="#"><u>HHO</u></a>	Byfields Westerland Marldon TQ3 1RU	Householder application for demolition of a conservatory and replacement with a single storey extension, and a first-floor extension to an existing annexe.  <b>OBJECT - LOSS OF PRIVACY</b>

<a href="#"><u>3369/25/</u></a> <a href="#"><u>FUL</u></a>	Barn At Sx 860 651 (Compton Holt) Compton Marldon	READVERTISED (amended description and revised plans) Demolition of agricultural building and erection of 3no. dwellings and associated works (in lieu of Class Q consent 4058/24/PDM).  ***** <b>OBJECTION</b>
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### **OBJECTION - 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
- 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

## 26/04/09 - Admin

To agree to the Chairman ONLINE signing the Annual lease from National Trust for the positioning of the Compton Defibrillator - **AGREED**

- a) To agree to the payment in lieu of one weeks leave year ending 31/3/26 - It was **NOTED** that the Clerk's workload had been too onerous to allow the week to be taken  
It was **AGREED** that payment be made in lieu

## 26/04/10 -Village projects

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

The phone box had been renovated and shelves inserted to accommodate books and jigsaws - thanks to Bob Le Marchant .at a cost of £400 . Thanks also to Cllr Sam Penfold for a localities grant of £250 towards this project

Cllr Caddell was asked to do weekly checks / monthly checks fo insurance purposes

**26/04/11 - Clerk's report** - The Clerk confirmed she had sent two responses to the LGR consultation - one on the SHDC proposal and also one on the joint Plymouth and Exeter proposal

### 26/04/12 - Finance

- a) Cheques for payment -

**APPROVED - ALL IN AGREEMENT**

14/4/26	DALC	751.88		751.88	SUBS 26/27
14/4/26	KAREN GILBERT	59.00		59.00	EXPENSES 03/26
14/4/26	DEREK HORE	22.89		22.89	REIMBURSE - SIGNAGE
14/4/26	VISIONICT LTD	374.53	74.91	449.44	EMAIL/DOMAIN RENEWAL
14/4/26	DEREK HORE	20.00		20.00	TRAYE CONFERENCE
14/4/26	KAREN GILBERT	471.25		471.25	1 X WEEK HOLIDAY PAY
14/4/26	R LE MARCHANT	400.00		400.00	TELEPHONE KIOSK RENOVATION
14/4/26	KAREN GILBERT	43.16		43.16	SALARY INC 04/26
14/4/26	SHDC	260.00	52.00	312.00	EMPTY DOG BIN - COMPTON

- b) To consider and agree the Asset register Alison - **AGREED**  
The internal Audit was due to take place on 28th April - **NOTED**

## 26/04/13 - Councillor reports

- a) **MEG.** Volunteers have been out and about the Parish making full use of the dry weather. The pavement on the corner of Peters Cresnet was cleared of moss and weeds as it was becoming a serious slip hazard, not a usual job for MEG but a very necessary one. Steps were repaired on FP 5 in Strainy Tor Copse and some opposite steps were repaired on FP 6. A new finger post was positioned at the entrance to FP 15 .The easterly Parish boundary marker has come off its mounting plate, this will be refitted in the near future.  
Finally the Oak tree in Peters Crescent was given some attention to ensure clear visibility along the road and the trees bordering FP 22 in Peters Field had ivy growth removed from their trunks. **Robin Cox.**
- b) **Compton** - Nothing new to report from Compton.  
Our MP Caroline Voaden is still pressing South West Water for action regarding the overflowing sewage issue!
- c) **Police** - I confirm that I attended this on-line meeting this afternoon. There were 8 Parish Councillors in attendance along with our District Councillor Sam Penfold.  
We were informed that the parcel theft operation is on-going concerning the theft of EVRI

parcels although interestingly there have been no further reports of parcel thefts in recent weeks since this operation commenced. There were no reports that affect us in our Parish raised in this meeting. We were asked to bear in mind that if we are made aware of a neighbour dispute that leads to a possible crime being committed these should always be reported. The Police have available to them an escalating warning and notice procedure leading to possible prosecution if not successful.

We were also reminded to make all aware that Rogue Traders tend to be circulating during this time of the year and to never accept work from those who knock on doors. Also to verify all those traders that it is intended to employ. The next on-line meeting is at 2pm on 23 April and I am happy to cover this.

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

TRAYE Youth Conference took place on **Monday 13 April 2026, from 9.30am to 3.00pm at Stover Country Park, TQ12 6QG.**

As TRAYE celebrates its 10 year anniversary, this conference offered an opportunity to reflect on the impact of rural youth work across our nine towns and parishes and to look ahead to how we can continue strengthening support for young people in South Devon.

The day included:

- Key speakers from the field of youth work
- Young people sharing their journeys and lived experiences
- An interactive Q&A panel discussion
- Opportunities for networking and partnership conversations
- A locally prepared lunch (vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options available)
- An outdoor session with the Stover Rangers exploring the beautiful Stover Country Park
- An outdoor poetry workshop

The event was attended by Cllrs Caddell / Bailey and Hore with Cllr Clarke attending as Trustee. The Marldon Councillors commented that it was a very well organised and worthwhile day - and aided in a deeper understand of the TRAYE project

**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 8th April 2026.

I am pleased to report that all the equipment was in order and a quick squirt of WD40 has delt with the issue of the clunky locks on the defib cabinets that was present in March. There is a slight update from our defib supplier with regards to monthly checks, we are advised now to just check that the small light on the defib is flashing and not to open the unit and start a process as this will have a negative impact on battery life.

I have forwarded the letter to Karen and asked that a copy be placed in the defib / blood packs file. I have updated the online monitoring site that all defibs are online and available.

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

**26/04/14- Open Spaces** - The Clerk advised that 2 of the allotments remain untended . Prior to this meeting , she and the Chairman had met with a representative from MEG and the Lengthsman for an update and useful exchange of information

**26/04/15 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

**26/04/16 HIGHWAYS** - Various potential changes were discussed earlier with Cllr Rake with regard to DCC dealing with Potholes - but these were at the trial stage

**26/04/17** - It was **RESOLVED** that the press and Public be excluded from the Meeting to allow discussion of Contractual matters . Julie Hore was asked to stay for the discussion re Garden of Rest matters

**26/04/18- DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 12th May 2026 at 7pm**

**There being no further business , part 1 of the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 8.00pm**

### **GARDEN OF REST**

The original agreement and T & Cs had allowed for a double plot accommodating two urns - one on top of the other . Consumer research had shown that there was a need for double plots being reserved which allowed caskets to be buried side by side  
It was RESOLVED that side by side reservations should be allowed but on allocation of the first plot when ashes were ready for burial , a blank stone should be placed on the remaining plot for ease of identification

**ACTION ; CLERK TO AMEND ALL FORMS AND DOCUMENTS**

### **MUGA**

The Parish Council agreed to place the following in these minutes - and also on the website to advise the Parishioners of the current status of the Muga project

The Parish Council can report that the construction of the MUGA in Tor Field is nearing completion.

The hardcore base has been rolled and flattened and a top coat of Grano dust applied. The grass installation team will now attend to carry out a further inspection of the ground preparations. As part of this, they will complete any final levelling of the Grano dust layer prior to the installation of the Match22 specialist short pile artificial sports grass, ensuring a consistent and uniform gradient across the surface. Once the sports grass has been laid the court will then have a 'snagging survey' so any further work needed can be done. Reinstatement and soiling of the surrounding areas will take place following the grass installation.

Finally it will be subject to a RPII Post Installation Inspection Report from an independent third-party before it can be open to the public.

As has been the case throughout, no timescale can be given as obviously this is all very weather dependent, the weather being beyond the Council's control.

Part two of the meeting was **CLOSED** at 9pm

