

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 9th June 2026 at 7.00pm
Present; Cllrs , Caddell , Clarke , Cooke , Cotton , Hellier and Hore (Chair)
County Councillor Rake
Clerk - Karen Gilbert, and 3 members of the Public

26/06/01 Apologies for Absence -

Cllrs Bailey and Roddy - **APPROVED** and Dist Cllr Penfold

26/06/02 Declarations of Interest Cllr Clarke - as Trustee TRAYE

26/06/03 Dispensation request - None

26/06/04 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12th May 2026 and the Annual Parish meeting held on 29th April 2026 were both **APPROVED** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

26/06/05 - Public participation - None

26/06/06 Councillor reports

Cllr Rake commented on the Road warden scheme which whilst not perfect for all Parishes , does hold benefits for some. He also advised that Devon County had introduced a new Scrutiny to oversee the Local Government Re-organisation

Cllr Rake mentioned that it was anticipated that details of the approved arrangements for the new Districts / Authorities would be announced at the LGA conference in the second week of July

District Cllr Penfold - REPORT CIRCULATED / NOTED - Full copy available from clerk Red Telephone Box Book and Jigsaw Library

Locality funds: I was very happy to use locality funds to contribute to this and am pleased its inside roof has been cleaned and painted. Thanks to Cllr Alison Caddell for sorting that out.

Stay safe around water this summer – remember to Float to Live

SHDC works closely with emergency services partners, to help keep people safe along our coast and waterways. By sharing this message, we can help prevent accidents and keep everyone safe while enjoying the outdoors.

Messages for residents:

With warmer weather bringing more people to our beaches, rivers and open water, we're reminding residents and visitors to stay safe by following the RNLI's lifesaving Float to Live advice.

Even when the weather feels warm, the water around the UK stays cold enough to cause cold water shock, which can affect breathing and lead to panic within seconds.

If you find yourself in difficulty in the water, the message is simple – Float to Live:

Tilt your head back and keep your ears in the water

Relax and try to control your breathing

Use your hands and legs gently to help you stay afloat

It's okay if your legs sink – everyone floats differently

Once you are calm, call for help or swim to safety [rnli.org]

This simple action helps you recover from the initial shock, regain control of your breathing, and gives you time to get help or get yourself to safety.

If you see someone in trouble in the water, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Sustainable South Hams

And just in case you missed it last month, Sustainable South Hams have been working hard to create a number of interactive programs. It's worth signing up to their Facebook page to learn more.

You can sign up to events such as “The Power of Positive Tipping Points” to amazing workshops such as street composting and home composting.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/>

STANDING ORDERS WERE RE-INSTATED

26/06/07 Village car park

The Clerk advised that the National Trust was in the process of producing a new lease for consideration . The Clerk had instructed Windeatts to act on behalf of the Parish Council

26/06/08 - Planning

<u>1204/26/FUL</u>	Land At Sx 865 636, West Lane, Marldon, TQ3 1SL	Demolition of existing agricultural buildings, construction of 3no. new dwellings and associated works
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The Clerk explained various aspects of the application - and advised on the SHDC case Officer’s response to several queries raised

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council responds **OBJECTING** to this application as it had on the previous application 2328/25/ FUL - with the addition of

It was NOTED that the application before the Council added a very modest flat above a shared garage to satisfy the issues highlighted in previous pre-app advice from SHDC - namely that the adjusted sizes did not accord with the needs of the Parish and that it was not a good use of a large plot

At the PC meeting , It was suggested that the addition of this “affordable dwelling “ could be considered to have been put forward as a means to remove the conditions against the previous application limiting occupancy to a local person/s

The Parish Council wishes to point out that West Lane is the ONLY access to the Parish Council allotments - namely steps from the elevated allotments down to the very dark lane below . This access has been used since 1963 when the National Trust sold the plot to the Parish Council . The movements of 6 vehicles - from the 3 dwellings could impinge on the safety of those 15+ allotments holders

If South Hams is minded to approve , maybe this could be taken into account

The Parish Council is adamant that the applicant should consider access through its own land as a priority

ACTION : CLERK TO FORWARD PLANNING RESPONSE

<u>1501/26/ TPO</u>	6 Meadow Park Marldon TQ3 1NR	T2: Oak - crown raise to 5m from ground level by removing four lower limbs from over the shed and garden back to main stem, to allow more light to garden.
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NOTED

26/06/09 - Admin

a) To note update on potential co-option of vacant seats (2)

The Clerk advised that she had been unable to obtain confirmation from South Hams that the Co-option process could commence despite passing the deadline for election . After suitable discussion , it was **AGREED** that The Council should aim to co-opt at its September meeting (subject to authorisation from SHDC)

b) To agree new HMRC Mileage rate (inc from 45p to 55p per mile from 04/26) **AGREED**

c) To sign a new standing order from July 2026 re addition of role of burial Clerk) **SIGNED**

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by the Monitoring Officer to amend the Register of Interests forms for all Councillors - which , in some case may require Councillors to fill in new registers

She confirmed that she had booked New Councillor training for Cllr Hellier - unfortunately Cllr Hellier had subsequently advised that no could no longer attend

It was **AGREED** that a paid version (£3 per month) version of Wordpress was required for the Garden of Rest website

26/06/10 -Village projects - Village Phonebox library

It was reported that the box was full and well used - however, someone had deposited very many old and unsuitable books which had to be removed

It was stressed that the Library was intended for Children's book and Novels alongside jigsaws

26/06/11 - Clerk's report - The Clerk commented that it would be useful if all reports and requests for cheque payments were sent to her one week before the meeting - so that all information could be sent to all Councillors as one package . She also asked that responses to emails are sent when requested

26/06/12 - Finance

a) Cheques for payment -

APPROVED - ALL IN AGREEMENT

9/6/26	KAREN GILBERT	119.00		119.00	EXPENSES/MILEAGE
9/6/26	KAREN GILBERT - R/BURSE	23.33	4.67	28.00	STORAGE
9/6/26	SOURCE FOR BUSINESS	22.21		22.21	WATER JUBILEE MEADOW
9/6/26	KAREN GILBERT	904.80		904.80	O/T G of Rest 4/25 - 06/26 incl
9/6/26	BOB LE MARCHANT	100.00		100.00	PAINT INSIDE CEILING BT BOX
9/6/26	HMRC	243.76		243.76	EMPLOYERS NI FOR 05/26
9/6/26	DEREK HORE	27.87		27.87	NO DOGS SIGNS
9/6/26	PAUL HELLIER	6.19		6.19	MEND ALLOTMENT GATE
9/6/26	A CADDELL	19.20	3.84	23.04	PC INK
9/6/26	WINDEATTS	150.00		150.00	DEP RE CAR PARK LEGALS

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Hore could sign his own cheque

The Clerk advised that the Insurance renewal had been received that day and that she would circulate all documents for Councillor comment

26/06/13 - Councillor reports

MEG REPORT – June 2026

MEG has two very positive pieces of news – firstly co-ordinator Robin is out of hospital and hopefully on the road to recovery, and secondly the two new petrol strimmers funded by Devon County Council have been gratefully received and put into use.

The Parish Memorial Garden was given its first cut of the year along with the verge on either side. A blocked drain in Village Road was cleared of gravel and debris, a job that Highways no longer seem to do.

FP 5 was given a good cut back and Volunteers were rewarded with cake and tea by a local for their efforts, perhaps that is why all nine regulars turned out.

Weather permitting FP 13 will have been cut back by now and various other routine jobs will have taken place.

b) **Compton** - Once again there is nothing to report from Compton, all is quiet!

c) **Police advocate report** - I attended this on-line meeting today along with 8 other Councillors with Inspector Ben Shardlow. Overall crime numbers across the South Hams in April were at a similar level to the previous month. There was nothing raised that related to our Parish. However overall it was highlighted that we are now in a period when we will experience an influx of visitors which will have an impact.

We were asked to pass on that the Police in the South Hams are attending what they call Engagement events and they post the dates of these on their web-site. Relevant to us are those held in Totnes when they encourage public engagement with the Officers present.

We were also asked to pass on details of a website set up to assist parents with guidance/ simple tools which may be helpful which is www.letstalksaferfamilies.com

We are now at a time of year when Unauthorised Encampments become an issue and any such encampments should be reported to the Police in the first instance.

The next meeting is at 13.00 on 25 June 2016.

Cllr Caddell also alerted the Council and Parishioners to the fact that discussions regarding the amalgamation of forces (similar to 2018) were taking place - and that this could be followed on the Police websites

d) TRAYE - Marldon Youth Club - 22/05/26

Attendance: 52

young people (48 from Marldon, 4 from surrounding areas).

Staffing: 4 youth workers, 1 volunteer and 2 young volunteers.

Young people enjoyed outdoor games on the field, picnic and arts and crafts. Session focussed on Staying Safe work.

During half term, young people from Marldon and other areas too enjoyed the trips below:

26/05/26 - St Mary's Film making workshop - 2 from Marldon attended.

26/05/26 - Young women's Non Contact Boxing session (Evening time) - 2 from Marldon attended.

28/05/26 - Woodlands Leisure Park - 8 from Marldon attended.

Our next session will be held on Friday 12th June and will be focused on outdoor games, picnic, slime making and learning about diversity.

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 Thursday 4th June 2026. I am pleased to report that all the equipment was in order and I have updated the online monitoring site that all defibs are online and available.

f) - VAS signs. Cllr Cooke confirmed that the sign was still proving highly effective

26/06/14- Open Spaces -

a) To consider maintenance of Memorial Garden - It was **AGREED** that this area would benefit from a Gardener rather than a groundsman . It was **AGREED** that suitable enquiries be made

26/06/15 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 The Chairman advised the meeting that the Muga Contractor was currently addressing the last issues identified in the Independent inspection and by the Parish Council

26/06/16 HIGHWAYS -

a) To note the removal of disabled parking Bay - Marldon Cross Hill - **NO OBJECTION.**

b) To note the progress of the Appeal (carried out by Planning Inspectorate) In relation to the opposed diversion of Footpath No.19. Marldon. **NOTED**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Flower Festival would take place in the Church from 26th June - 28th June 2026

26/04/17 - It was **RESOLVED** that the press and Public be excluded from the Meeting to allow discussion of Contractual matters .

26/06/18- DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

14th July 2026 at 7pm

There being no further business , part 1 of the Meeting was CLOSED. at. 7.55pm

MUGA The Clerk and Chairman explained the various communications with the Contractor and also with South Hams - it was hoped that a satisfactory outcome would be forthcoming in the next few weeks

STAFFING - Following the eventual correction by HMRC of the Employers account , it was now time to address the Pension situation under Pension auto-enrolment - backdated to the time when it should have become applicable

Cllr Caddell offered to contact Peninsula Pensions for specific advice

Part two of the meeting was **CLOSED** at 8.05 pm