



MARHOLM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2024
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCED AT 19.05 AND FINISHED AT 20.10

Present: Sue Welch (Chair & Councillor) Michelle Plant (Vice Chair & Councillor)
Peter Bone (Councillor) Michael Atkinson (Councillor)
Priya Karthikeyan (Councillor & Honorary Clerk)
4 Marholm residents plus Darren Sharpe (environment agent manager)
attended the meeting

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes for the last parish council meeting held on the 26th of September 2024 were agreed upon and signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Parish councillor vacancy

The parish council had received one application from a Marholm resident.

Michael Atkinson from Woodcroft Road had applied for the vacancy.

Michael Atkinson's application was considered by the Parish council. The Parish council's decision was unanimous. He was co-opted as a Parish Councillor. The decision was proposed by Peter Bone and seconded by Sue Welch. Michael Atkinson signed the declaration of acceptance.

The parish council welcomed Michael Atkinson to the council.

4. Briefing on Bretton woods management plan by Darren Sharpe

Darren Sharpe (Natural and Historic environment manager) from the city council attended the meeting to brief us the parish council and the residents about the plans for management of Bretton woods.

There has been a large number of Ash trees which are dying in the woodlands.

Council have decided to manage it by removing diseased trees and a small area around them to create a clearing(coupes), which will then be replaced with wide range of broad-leaved trees. Diseased ash trees have been assessed and

categorised as stage 1-4. 1-2 are to be left but monitored. 3-4 will be removed starting in November 2025. This will include Pocock woods.

People who want to have a say should comment on their website by 5pm on Monday 2nd December 2024.

5. Outstanding Actions from last meeting

- a. Village Sign – Work will start very soon to reinstate the post, a deposit has been paid towards the work.
- b. Bus route – Cambridge and Peterborough combined authorities have decided on franchising the bus service to increase bus routes. The proposal to be completed by September 2027.
- c. Bin down Woodcroft Road – Waiting to be installed, will chase up with Councillor Neil (PK)
- d. Moving speed limit – Not done yet, will write to council again for an update (PK)

6. Discussion regarding membership to SLCC or CAPALC

Council members have agreed to take a membership with CAPALC which will help us in guidance and management of the council.

7. Noise from the village hall

There was a complaint from one of the residents of the village regarding the noise from the village hall. The matter was discussed, as it was a one-off incident and as most events finish by 8pm, no further action had been proposed.

8. Update on Peterborough local plan

Sue Welch (chair) and Peter Bone (councillor) recently attended a meeting organised by PRP(Protect Rural Peterborough), residents will be informed about when planning consultation will be open to the public.

9. Update on nature recovery from damage caused by city fibre!

City fibre reimbursed some bulbs and seeds. All the bulbs have been planted under the oak tree in the green at the top of water end. Thanks to Peter, Sue, Tim and Priya who came out to help plant the bulbs and seeds. Steve from Manor House has kindly agreed to cut the grass on the green near water end. The Verge Committee have been sent a map to remove this area from council cutting. Council on agreed on a budget of £50 to buy more bulbs for planting along church walk and Woodcroft road.

10. MPC Finance

The financial statement up to 7th November 2024

Balance brought forward	£3579.92
Marholm village hall	+ £210
Expenditure	£546.63
Balance carried forward	£3243.29

11. Planning Application

Application submitted for Ceder Create 1-2m building clearance by manor cottage Stamford Road.

12. Next litter picking date

Changed to 14th December to allow Lily to organise for her DoE.

13. AOB

- Laminated sign for the wildflower area- Paul Burgess has kindly agreed to sort it out.
- There is no light on the footpath near the village green, this will be raised with the city council.

It is with deep sadness that we inform the passing of Peter Hill who was a past councillor.

- Suggestion was made to have a village walking group. Villagers will be consulted.

Next meeting 16th of January 2025

If any Marholm Resident has something they would like to raise with the Parish Council, Please Email: clerk@marholmparishcouncil.gov.uk