

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

An Extraordinary meeting of Marhamchurch Parish Council was held on the above date at 7:30pm, in Marhamchurch Sunday School Rooms.

Councillors Present:

Vice-Chair Cllr Edwards, Cllr Biddick-Bray, Cllr Burnett, Cllr Hunter, Cllr O'Sullivan.

Also in attendance: Clerk E Hawkins.

2 members of the public were present for the meeting. In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman Cllr Edwards opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Record and Approve Apologies.

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Cllr Perry sent his apologies as he is on holiday. It was resolved to approve the absence. Proposed Cllr Hunter. Seconded Cllr Biddick-Bray. 4 in favour. 1 against.

Declarations of Interest.

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- (i) No declarations.

Dispensations.

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- a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda:
 - (i) None.
- b) To review new dispensations requests.
 - (i) No new dispensation requests.

Matters Arising.

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None.

Public Open Session.

(To receive statements, questions, and answers from the public on an agenda item)

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No comments.

The Hele Valley Trail.

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- (i) **To discuss the current fundraising figures.**

Clerk updated that the match funding figure had been reached, subject to some outstanding cheques being cleared. A huge congratulations to everyone involved and thanks for everyone's hard work.

- (ii) **Funding Updates.**

£2000 grant from Marhamchurch Village Shop Ltd Community Fund.

Signed: _____ Chairman. /2025

£195 Dog show Fundraiser.

£428 from Bude Pilot Gig Rowing Fundraiser.

£66 from Bude Probud.

Huge thanks to everyone involved for all the generous donations.

(iii) Feedback from Community Ownership Fund Grant Manager

Land valuation will need to be updated – and costs can be claimed under Revenue budget. Cllr O’Sullivan has facilitated this, following discussions with Locality Support Staff. Cllr O’Sullivan advised that updated valuation is imminent, early next week at latest.

Regular contact to be maintained. Evidence of all expenditure to be provided when required.

(iv) To discuss Crowdfunder.

Following feedback from Crowdfunder, it was agreed to switch account to ‘Always On’ in order to withdraw current funds. Proposed Cllr O’Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Burnett. Unanimous.

(v) Feedback from Tree Survey.

Pending report – but verbal feedback was that no significant risk at this point in time. Clerk has a request from parishioner for report to be published on website. Councillors happy with this.

(vi) To discuss and action requests from appointed Solicitor.

Solicitors’ requests all in hand, and has been circulated to Cllrs for information.

(vii) Transfer of funds into Hele Valley Trail Parish Council Acct:

1. £150 donation into MPC current account & £1200 donation.
2. Deposit of cheques

Resolved to transfer all money to HVT acct and for clerk to deposit cheques. Proposed Cllr O’Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Hunter. Unanimous.

(viii) Discuss option of using Parish funds to make up the shortfall.

No longer necessary as match funding target has been reached.

(ix) Any other matters relating to Hele Valley Trail.

Agreed to leave Public Works Loan active at this point in time.

Update from Estate Agent that Memorandum of Sale will be sent to both Solicitors.

Urgent Matters raised with the Chairman since the Agenda was published.

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None.

Date of next meeting and note items from Councillors for the Agenda.

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Next meeting pushed back a week to 23rd September 2025.

Meeting closed at: 8pm

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) Act 1960 S1(2) & S1(6)

During the meeting it may arise that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public will be instructed to withdraw.

When this arises, the Chair will recommend to consider passing the following resolution: “to resolve that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be discussed, the public are excluded and instructed to withdraw.”

Signed: _____ Chairman. /2025