

# Marton Parish Council Meeting

Chair: Cllr Mike Taylor

Minutes Taken by: Louise Hollings - Parish Clerk

Minutes of Marton Parish Council (MPC) held on Tuesday, 11 November 2025 at 7:30pm Marton War Memorial Hall.

<b>1. ATTENDANCE</b>
Cllr David Fry, Cllr Rob Lummis, Cllr Mike Taylor, Cllr Sarah Heath, Cllr Faye Chambers, Clerk Louise Hollings,
<b>2. APOLOGIES</b>
Cllr Dale Keeling, PCSO David Banks
<b>3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b>
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September signed by Cllr Rob Lummis.
<b>4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>
4.1 Primary school bus stop has been moved to the main road with only a couple of days' notice, 'in response to public requests'. Even if not crossing the main road, it is dangerous for young children and the pavement is narrow. Cllr Chambers to follow up with WCC to see if the decision can be reversed.
4.2 Continuing problem in Church Street with large vehicles going down the narrow street, particularly with an artic causing damage recently. If restrict parking so traffic can go through, will cause problems elsewhere in the village. Sat navs currently direct down Church Street rather than Shepherd Street; need mechanism to direct lorries, maybe through weight limit on access. Cllr Fry to follow up with Highways and Cllr Keeling.
4.3 Streetlight next to church raised. See section 9.6.
<b>5. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>
None
<b>6. POLICE ISSUES</b>
6.1 Further Community Speedwatch sessions planned for November and January.
<b>7. PLANNING MATTERS</b>
7.1 Hall Farm; update from Rugby Planning indicated a procedural matter which will mean there is unlikely to be any movement for a couple of months.
7.2 Penpol; no concerns raised in relation to the new application. Welcome pack to be provided.
<b>8. VILLAGE ISSUES</b>
8.1 The priorities of the Emergency Plan leaflet was questioned by Cllr Chambers. Discussion outside the meeting.
8.2 Village gateway funding details provided by Cllr Keeling is match funding, which is currently not an option.
8.3 No further update on pavement to Long Itchington.
8.4 Update on Severn Trent meeting at Village Hall. It is a step in the right direction, but disappointing follow up after the meeting; not yet received water testing results. Cllr Fry to follow up if not forthcoming. Severn Trent are managing the community testing scheme. Birmingham University research is separate, but not heard back from them yet. Cllr Heath to contact CPRE to ask if they can provide any help.
8.5 Use of residential property followed up on resident's concerns. Remove from agenda.
8.6 Parking issues and school bus stop covered in Public Participation section.
8.7 Black Horse owners identified and contacted re the future of the building. As the commercial lease is still in place they are unable to take possession of the building until that is resolved. The future of the building will be decided once that is achieved.
8.8 Assertion 10 and required changes to website and email addresses covered. The existing arrangements will not be compliant in April '26, resulting in changes and extra costs. Parish Council needs to own their own domain, rather than share with the village, and all councillors need separate (non- personal) email addresses, although there is currently not an obligation to use <a href="http://gov.uk">gov.uk</a> . Options looked at so far are likely to be in excess of £200pa, compared to our current cost of £47pa. Further investigation to be made with current suppliers as to how we could cost effectively amend our existing arrangement, in order to be compliant, rather than start again.

## 9. VILLAGE UPDATES AND MAINTENANCE

9.1 Community Network continues to provide support.

9.2 Marton Playing Field Association now has a budget of £20k to cover the next stage of development. More will be needed to finish the outside. Internal designs currently being finalised, hopefully to start in December/January. Marton Art to be asked if will put art on the walls, old photos of Marton Sports Day also suggested. Flat maypole base proposed between Museum and Pavilion; agreed by Councillors. Final checks regarding space required to be done.

9.3 Roads and Footpaths. Pot holes at end of High Street still outstanding. Issues with gutters and drains; main road drain full of vegetation, debris from cleared drain left in gutter, report of pooling water still an issue on Birdingbury Road. Cllr Fry to follow up.

9.4 Grass and Hedges. Grass cutting contract continues until March '26 (October '24 cut was a separate, one-off). Longer contract options to be priced as part of budget setting.

9.5 MPEG. New hedge laid to far side of playing field. Rubbish cleared and will be mulched and returned for use on new plants. Volunteers will be needed after Xmas for planting. A lot of funding for the materials used was provided, plus the experts and trainers and the Highways team awayday staff. Letter of thanks from Cllr Heath to be sent from Clerk email.

9.6 Quote for new streetlamp on main road finally provided. New lamp plus replacement of Church Street unit totals over £5000 including vat. Cllr Chambers to investigate possible grants. Match funding for the Church Street unit may be an option in the meantime.

9.7 Chippings have been laid in the bus shelter area which will keep it tidy for the time being.

## 10. FINANCE

10.1 Financial transactions from 1st September - 31st October

### Expenditure

Date	Item	Value
31/10/25	Service Charge	6.00
30/10/25	Water Plus (Mus2024)	29.06
20/10/25	NPower	531.67
17/10/25	E.on Next	70.36
09/10/25	MPC CRFO October	221.85
02/10/25	WATER PLUS (pavilion0302)	15.46
30/09/25	Service Charge	6.00
29/09/25	Water Plus (Mus2024)	30.02
16/09/25	E.on Next	44.72
15/09/25	Bulbs	26.97
15/09/25	Bus Shelter paints	56.00
15/09/25	Countrywide Grass	283.50
15/09/25	MWMH meetings Sept	24.00
15/09/25	Marton Newsletter	250.00
09/09/25	MPC CRFO September	221.85
08/09/25	NPower	474.38
04/09/25	Countrywide Grass	283.50
04/09/25	WCC County Fund - streetlights	1047.48

**Income**

Date	Item	Value

Opening balance: £14,531.42

Total Expenditure: £3622.82

Total Income: £0.00

Closing balance: £10,908.60

10.2 Ongoing budget maintenance. Updated spreadsheet supplied, no issues.

VAT reclaim currently with HMRC; £871.92 should be reimbursed for 2024-2025 tax year.

10.3 Future budget considerations: Streetlighting.

Budget setting process for '26/'27 to start in advance of next meeting, with the aim of sign off at January's meeting.

**11. CHAIR ELECTION**

Cllr Fry volunteered to chair the next meeting.

**12. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

7.30pm, Tuesday 13th January 2026.