

Marton Parish Council Meeting

Chair: Cllr David Fry

Minutes Taken by: Louise Hollings - Parish Clerk

Minutes of Marton Parish Council (MPC) held on Tuesday, 13 January 2026 at 7:30pm Marton War Memorial Hall.

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| 1. ATTENDANCE |
| Cllr David Fry, Cllr Rob Lummis, Cllr Mike Taylor, Cllr Sarah Heath, Clerk Louise Hollings |
| 2. APOLOGIES |
| Cllr Faye Chambers, Cllr Dale Keeling, PCSO David Banks |
| 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING |
| Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November signed by Cllr Mike Taylor. |
| 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION |
| 4.1 Defibrillator on Birdingbury Road has lots of condensation again. Silica gel pads suggested as a winter solution - the unit is in a dark area with little sun. Check code still valid. 4.2 Concern raised regarding the encroachment of grass across the main road footpath out of the village towards Long Itchington. Follow up how to get this cleared. 4.3 Dog fouling on pavement in Church Street raised, not been an issue for a while. Speak to Andrea and include in Newsletter again. |
| 5. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST |
| None |
| 6. POLICE ISSUES |
| 6.1 New Community Speedwatch sessions to be set. Refresh meeting in Warwick in late February will cover retraining and future plans. 6.2 Police drop in booked for 28th Jan. Will be in Playing Fields car park due to Pavilion refurbishment. Publicise within the Village. 6.3 New PC for the area announced, PC Seb Payne. |
| 7. PLANNING MATTERS |
| 7.1 Hall Farm; new RBC Planning Officer now in place and as no appeal has been submitted it is expected enforcement is likely to follow. Check with Planning for an update. |
| 8. VILLAGE ISSUES |
| 8.1 No further progress on Emergency Plan leaflet. 8.2 No update on pavement to Long Itchington. 8.3 New progress on condition of rivers, with three test sites agreed - main road bridge, Eathorpe bridge and Birdingbury Road ford). Results will be fed back each month over the next year. Full breakdown of figures is available. 8.4 New 'No HGV Access' signs agreed for Church Street, with funding provided by our WCC Councillor; no timescales available yet. No update on school bus issue; check with Cllr Chambers. Problem of getting pushchairs through the kissing gates raised, but this would be a landowner requirement, not a Highways issue. 8.5 No further information regarding Black Horse future, though it is rumoured the previous tenants have now left so the general expectation is that the building will be sold. Whilst some villagers would like a community pub there does not appear to be enough commitment (or probably cash) for this. 8.6 Proposal to ensure MPC is compliant with Assertion 10 agreed. Continue with existing supplier; website at martonvillage.com to continue as now, new gov.uk domain to be purchased to provide each councillor with an |

independent parish council email address (noted that auto forwarding from new addresses should not be used). New laptop for MPC operations kindly donated by resident, software and back up drive to be purchased.

9. VILLAGE UPDATES AND MAINTENANCE

9.1 Community Network continues to provide support to the village.

9.2 Next stage of Pavilion development likely to be complete by the end of January. The interior has been cleared and the entrances changed. Ikea kitchen units will be fitted before a new floor and decoration. Thanks to residents who have volunteered their time for this. Marton Playing Field Association to look at five year plan on the use of the Pavilion (historical information to be provided).

Cricket Foundation have been looking at the playing field possibly hosting a team and funding may be available to repair the square. Meeting following initial conversations will be soon as the funding deadline is February.

Playground report queried. Completed but not yet received (or invoiced); follow up.

Key upcoming dates; Marton Get Together 11 July, Race Night 17 October.

9.3 Roads and Footpaths. Main road drain cover now an emergency repair as it has fallen in. There are two more in need of attention. High Street / Fields Farm Lane resurfacing now done, but edge of road surface at 42 High Street still waiting for repair. Footpath in Orchard still awaiting permanent repair following temporary patch.

Crack highlighted in the new car bridge should be investigated, as not known if it is an old issue or recent structural changes. Cllr Fry to follow up.

9.4 Grass and Hedges. New three year contract with existing supplier agreed.

9.5 MPEG. New plants arriving this week to fill the gaps in the new hedge. Volunteers are sought to help with planting.

9.6 No update for new streetlamps, no communications received re funding requests. Follow up.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Financial transactions from 1st November - 31st December

Expenditure

| Date | Item | Value |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 31/12/25 | Service Charge | 6.00 |
| 24/12/25 | RBC dog bins | 172.80 |
| 24/12/25 | Clews Skip Hire (Pav Dev) | 306.00 |
| 24/12/25 | Modern Glazing (Pav Dev) | 1452.00 |
| 19/12/25 | Clews Skip Hire (Pav Dev) | 276.00 |
| 17/12/25 | Countrywide Grass | 283.50 |
| 17/12/25 | E.on Next | 71.89 |
| 17/12/25 | Slide Fold Doors (Pav Dev) | 2837.88 |
| 12/12/25 | Clews Skip Hire (Pav Dev) | 552.00 |
| 09/12/25 | MPC CRFO December | 221.85 |
| 04/12/25 | WATER PLUS (pavilion0302) | 23.90 |
| 01/12/25 | Water Plus (Mus2024) | 30.02 |
| 30/11/25 | Service Charge | 6.00 |
| 20/11/25 | Bus shelter bark chips (DF) | 42.00 |
| 20/11/25 | MWMH Nov meeting | 24.00 |

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| 20/11/25 | Wel Medical defib pads | 67.66 |
| 20/11/25 | Scythe hire (DF) | 201.60 |
| 18/11/25 | E.on Next | 56.76 |
| 13/11/25 | Countrywide Grass | 283.50 |
| 10/11/25 | MPC CRFO November | 221.85 |
| 04/11/25 | MWMH Severn Trent meeting | 18.00 |
| 04/11/25 | Countrywide Grass | 283.50 |
| 03/11/25 | WATER PLUS (pavilion0302) | 14.96 |

Income

| Date | Item | Value |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------|
| 17/11/25 | VAT rebate | 871.92 |
| 11-22/12/25 | Pavilion Dev lottery funding | 5423.88 |

Opening balance: £10,908.60

Total Expenditure: £7,453.67

Total Income: £6,295.80

Closing balance: £9,750.73

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

10.3 An increase in the Precept for 2026/27 of 5% agreed unanimously; confirm with RBC.

10.4 Future budget considerations:

10.4a New EDF fixed rate contract set up, direct debit forms to be signed by councillors.

10.4b As per 9.2 above, five year plan for MPFA to be developed.

10.4c No update for Streetlighting, see 9.7.

11. CHAIR ELECTION

CLlr Lummis volunteered to chair the next meeting, if able. CLlr Taylor to do so otherwise.

12. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

7.30pm, Tuesday 10th March 2026.