

# Marton Parish Council Meeting

Chair: Cllr Faye Chambers

Minutes Taken by: Louise Hollings - Parish Clerk

Minutes of Marton Parish Council (MPC) held on Wednesday, 6th May 2026 at 7:30pm Marton War Memorial Hall.

<b>1. ATTENDANCE</b>
Cllr David Fry, Cllr Rob Lummis, Cllr Faye Chambers, Cllr Sarah Heath, Cllr Mike Taylor, 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 10th March signed by Cllr Rob Lummis.
<b>4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>
4.1 Dates for the future work to the Sustrans line between Birdingbury Road and the new bridge was queried. Cllr Fry to seek an update. 4.2 Defibrillator lock issue has re-occurred; Clerk to check and re-adjust the door again. Arrangement made to borrow a thermometer to assess the potential heater issue once cabinet is accessible. 4.3 Marton Emergency Planning leaflet is now printed and will be circulated at an appropriate point.
<b>5. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>
None
<b>6. POLICE ISSUES</b>
6.1 Latest Community Speedwatch was yesterday, with 400 vehicles being measured and only 5 speeding. Discussion regarding a report at next year's APM concluded to be not relevant as Speedwatch is not an Organisation. 6.2 Next police drop in at the Pavilion booked for 27th June, 10.30-12.00.
<b>7. PLANNING MATTERS</b>
7.1 Hall Farm; planning application again rejected by RBC. Process to reinstate the wall will need to be followed unless a further application / appeal is submitted within the time period.
<b>8. VILLAGE ISSUES</b>
8.1 No update on pavement to Long Itchington. 8.2 No update from Severn Trent Rangers this month for the Newsletter. Village group discussion with representatives from the Environment Agency around the fact the river near the medieval bridge clogs up with silt and fallen branches highlighted the fact that the Agency only clears such obstructions if they could lead to a threat to life. Should look at working with WWT, who have been in contact, regarding improving the river and its wildlife. 8.3 No news on signs for Church Street (Cllr Keeling funding), follow up with WCC Highways. No response on school bus. 8.4 Further issue with fly tipping at Black Horse; owners emailed, police advised. New tech and fences have been installed to try to address the problem until a decision is made regarding its future. 8.5 It is thought that a Neighbourhood Plan can be more powerful than a Village Design Statement, but it is not known if the effort and cost required to produce one is likely to provide any additional powers. Currently, it is the heritage of buildings which are unprotected officially which are of concern and that is therefore what we should seek to address alongside planning, design and environment. Cllr Fry has a meeting with RBC Planning to follow up. 8.6 Assertion 10 - new @martonparishcouncil.gov.uk emails now mostly in use, though there will be a period of crossover as councillors and the Clerk complete the transition.
<b>9. VILLAGE UPDATES AND MAINTENANCE</b>
9.1 Community Network continues to provide support to the village. Many thanks to those people that volunteer their help when requests are received.

9.2 MPFA AGM welcomed two new committee members. Work is still required to finish off the refurbishment and fund raising continues, though the building was officially opened with a Village evening last month. Final improvements being considered include new furniture, security cameras and wifi.

Currently no further progress on the use of the playing field for cricket. Discussion around hiring out the Pavilion for events and how this would work in relation to hiring structure, running costs, insurance, risk assessments and use in the village alongside the Village Hall - two different types of venue with different facilities. Need to follow up with MPC insurers regarding hirer's insurance and seek guidance from WALC regarding hiring for commercial reasons.

New electric mower has been purchased and new football nets donated (thank you). All maintenance actions from the Annual Playground report have now been completed.

9.3 Roads and Footpaths. Nearly all pot holes and noisy drains in the village have now been repaired. There is an issue regarding dangerous pot holes further down Birdingbury Road; follow up with RBC and Cllr Keeling.

9.4 Grass and Hedges. Some areas of grass had been missed at the last cut, Cllr Fry has contacted the contractors regarding making sure they are done next time.

9.5 MPEG. No updates.

9.6 Streetlights. No progress. Chase Cllr Keeling re funding request and RBC regarding Birdingbury Road lamp. Further one out in the Village to be confirmed by Cllr Lummis.

9.7 New food waste collection service to start in July with caddies to be circulated in May. On-line issue with annual garden bin subscription now resolved.

## 10. FINANCE

10.1 Financial transactions from 1st March - 30th April

### Expenditure

Date	Item	Value
30/04/26	Service Charge	7.00
22/04/26	CPRE annual fees	60.00
17/04/26	EDF	40.34
16/04/26	Countrywide grass	287.75
16/04/26	RBC bins	172.80
16/04/26	DF reimb printing leaflet	55.00
16/04/26	WALC fees	237.00
13/04/26	NPower	768.64
09/04/26	MPC CRFO April	221.85
02/04/26	WATER PLUS (pavilion0302)	18.19
31/03/26	Service Charge	7.00
30/03/26	Water Plus (Mus2024)	27.12
20/03/26	EDF	137.54
13/03/26	MWMH Mar meeting	24.00
13/03/26	DF reimb MPFA lawn mower	849.00
09/03/26	WCC CF streetlight maintenance	270.98
09/03/26	Floorwise carpets (Pav Dev)	832.32

09/03/26	MPC CRFO March	221.85
05/03/26	WATER PLUS (pavilion0302)	23.90
02/03/26	Water Plus (Mus2024)	30.02

**Income**

Date	Item	Value
08/04/26	Precept	6890.00
05/03-16/04/26	Pavilion Dev lottery funding	1995.13
27/03/26	VAT refund	142.50

Opening balance: £7,125.70  
 Total Expenditure: £4,292.30  
 Total Income: £9,027.63  
 Closing balance: £11,861.03

- 10.2 First ongoing budget maintenance spreadsheet of the new financial year to be circulated at next meeting.  
 10.3 Thanks to Vic Shayler who kindly completed the Internal Audit of the end of year accounts. The relevant Internal Audit section of the AGAR has now been signed.  
 10.3a Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR were signed by Cllr Chambers and the Clerk. Further information will be compiled and submitted to the external Auditors before the end of June.  
 10.4 Future budget considerations:  
 10.4a No MPFA progress on financial implications of long term plan for Pavilion usage.  
 10.4b See 9.6 comment regarding funding for streetlighting.

**11. CHAIR ELECTION**

Cllr Fry volunteered to chair the next meeting.

**12. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING**

7.30pm, Tuesday 14th July 2026.