

Annual Village Meeting Tuesday 12th May 2026

Marston Chapel 7pm

Agenda Item Ref	Agenda Item	Notes
a	Marston Green	Suggestions for future consideration: • Maintenance referendum • Play equipment, • Village Green area – i.e. opposite the chapel and between long street and plough lane. • Benches down long street • Different areas with different purposes.
b	Rights of Way	The footpath through End Farm has now been diverted. Signage needs to be updated – PB to action
c	Highways	More maintenance to be undertaken. Highways dept have asked for recommendations for category C surfacing works, long street has been recommended. Pot holes within the village to be reported via Wilts App Tamara Raey to follow up with highways re feedback on use and method used recently on Norney Road and to propose site visit with MPC to discuss further. JR and PB to be points of contact for this.
d	Solar Community Fund administration	£45,511.24 50% ringfenced for future. No applications received since last MPC meeting.
e	WC report	• Consultation in progress re new recycling centre • Consultation now closed re increasing car parking charges • Changes coming to refuse services – 3-week grey bin collections, booking slots at some recycling centres. • Black Dog crossroads project finished. • Caen Hill proposals progressing • WC restarting housing plan to meet Labour issued housing targets. This may take a couple of years to complete. • Cllr Reay thanked MPC and volunteers for their time and dedication to the village.
f	AOB	Last year's annual village meeting mins agreed.

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Meeting Minutes

Present: Cllr Mark Cherrington (Chair), Cllr Jon Robbins, Cllr Charlie Milton, Cllr Philip Bellew, Steve Bennet (Clerk)

Also present Dawn Whiting (minutes)

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1	Apologies	Cllr Jonathan Nickell (Finance) and Fiona Cassidy (website and Marston Green Village Green working group)
2	Declarations of Interest	None declared
3	Election of Chair and agreement on other positions within the Council	MC standing down as Chair following this meeting, will remain as Councillor. PB voted in as new Chair. CM proposed, JR seconded. JR voted as Deputy Chair. CM proposed, PB seconded. Cllr's thanked MC for his 6-year service as Chair. MC thanked SB for his commitment to the village. JN to continue as Finance officer
4	Minutes of previous meeting	March 2026 meeting minutes approved as accurate. Proposed CM and MC Seconded.
5	Matters arising from minutes	Action Tracker reviewed and updated
6	Items for Discussion	a) Marston Green Maintenance Proposed grass cutting regime and nature friendly maintenance schedule. MC met with IDVerde re grass cutting, who confirmed they can be flexible on cutting requirements. Proposal for main areas to be mowed before the open gardens weekend at the end of the month. Quote requested. Elliot's at Lower End Farm offered to cut "village green areas" to keep grass short – Public liability insurance to be handed to Clerk to ensure any voluntary work is covered. Vote on final details at next MPC meeting. JR Proposed to give IDVerde proposal a try, CM seconded. No equipment can be placed on common land unless all Grazers agree and an application is submitted to the secretary of state. None permanent benches would be permitted. Referendum to possibly address the ID Verde visual example of what can be achieved to be discussed at the July MPC meeting. Working group to prepare paperwork ahead of July meeting.

		AI summary of mins to be submitted to The Bridge b) Rights of Way End Farm footpath has been redirected. SB to organise updated signage at approx. cost £180. William Waldren will install signage. Proposed CM and seconded MC. Horse Path update In the hands of the WC and EA barristers. No further involvement from MPC at this stage. c) Highways Highway maintenance in the Parish – Long Street, Goose Street, Norney Bridge SB following this up and has been advised this will be reviewed in Spring. d) Solar Community Fund administration None £45,511.24 Community Account £19,538.11 e) Planning applications Part Q application received re End Farm. PB has reviewed and no objections. JR proposed, PB seconded and will submit comment.
7	Finance update	£19, 538.11 Community Account
8	Correspondence	i) Request to remove Salt Bin Salt bin has been in place for 15 years. MPC bought the bin; WC supply the salt. Bin will be removed by CM. Discussion led to “Caution children” sign. Agreed sign to remain. ii) Overgrown trees along Plough Lane MPC to review tree survey and review land ownership of area to establish who is responsible for the tree maintenance of the land.
9	Closure of Parish Council Meeting	
10	AOB	