

Marston Parish Council Tuesday 10th March 2026

Marston Chapel, 7pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Cllr Mark Cherrington (Chair), Cllr Jonathan Nickell (Finance), Cllr Jon Robbins, Cllr Charlie Milton, Steve Bennet (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Philip Bellew

Also Present Dawn Whiting (minutes) and Fiona Cassidy (Website and Marston Village Green working group).

Agenda Item No	Agenda Item	Notes
1	Apologies	Cllr Philip Bellow
2	Declarations of Interest	None declared
3	Minutes of previous meeting	January 2026 meeting minutes approved as accurate. Proposed JN and Seconded JR
4	Matters arising from minutes	Action Tracker reviewed and updated
5	Items for Discussion	<p>a) Common Land</p> <p>i) Openreach Wayleave payment offer increased to £287.62pa or £4066.36 as a one-off payment. SSE offered “a few thousand” for a one-off payment but no exact amount quoted. CM proposed to take the one-off Openreach payment and a continued annual payment from SSE subject to agreement of the draft agreements from both companies. Councillors to review both agreements.</p> <p>ii) Cllr Milton to review the broken water pipe and report back.</p> <p>iii) Noted that flooding has been improved this year, presumably through the ditch clearing etc</p> <p>b) Highways</p> <p>i) Work will take place later in year re repairs at Norney Bridge when the river level drops. SB and TR to maintain contact with Christopher Pearce to ensure planning progresses.</p> <p>c) Solar Community Fund – No applications received</p> <p>d) Planning</p> <p>i) For Sale sign to be removed</p> <p>ii) Unpermitted shed now removed – query raised as to whether other discharges been adhered to. PB to feedback</p> <p>iii) Baybrook no significant changes – NFA</p> <p>iv) 6 Norney Bridge - permitted development. PB has already responded</p> <p>e) WC update</p> <p>Comprehensive WC update given. Copy submitted to the Bridge for viewing</p>

		<p>Recording and papers available here</p> <p>f) Finance Balances as of 26th Feb 20206: Community Account £15,928.61 Solar Fund Balance £45,491.92 N.B. Solar fund awaiting invoices from previous applicants.</p> <p>i) PB will represent MPC at the VH management committee.</p> <p>g) Common Land Working Group Comprehensive proposal was presented, followed by open discussion. Next steps – quotes to be obtained for proposed works, commoners to meet to further discuss options. Potential village survey to be compiled. Summary of proposal to be submitted to The Bridge. Feedback to be brought to May council meeting.</p>
6		Meeting Close
7	AOB	<p>i) Summary of MPC meetings to be submitted to The Bridge</p> <p>ii) Next meeting May 12th to include annual village meeting- common land proposal to be the main agenda item.</p> <p>iii) Road markings on Long Street/Plough Lane junction – has been reported.</p> <p>iv) No swimming signs to be replaced.</p>