

## Minutes of Marton Cum Grafton Parish Council Annual and Ordinary Meeting

**Date Held: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Present:** Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Alex Robinson AR) Vice Chair; Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis (CS-L) Arabella Cornelius (AC) Hugh Creasey (HC) Sandra Windross (SW) Clerk, Cllr Arnold Warneken (AW)

**Apologies:** None

**Resident attendance** 8

<b>Agenda Point</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1 Elect Chairman</b>	<b><u>Annual Meeting 2025</u></b> Rob Shepherd was nominated and voted in unanimously as Chairman for the ensuing year and signed his acceptance of office.	
<b>2. Elect Vice Chairman</b>	Alex Robinson	
<b>3. Elect other Committee representatives</b>	Village Hall: Alex Robinson Police and Crime liaison: Alex Robinson	
<b>4. Chairmans Report 2024/25</b>	RS read through his annual report (find attached)  Annual Meeting closed: 7.46pm	
<b>Ordinary Meeting Opened 19.46PM</b>	<b><u>Ordinary Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025</u></b>	
<b>1. Note Apologies</b>	Persons present as above for Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting. No apologies were received.	
<b>2. Declarations of interest</b>	None to declare	
<b>3.Minutes 8 April 25</b>	The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
<b>4. NYC matters</b>	AW briefed the meeting of the current issues at NYC. The main issue being the new Boundary Commission consultation. The proposal placed MCG in the new Tollerton & Ouseburn Division which has an east-west trajectory crossing over the River Ure to include the likes of Linton on Ouse and Tholthorpe.  AW believes this would adjoin two very distinct areas with little commonality between them. AW advised he has put a draft alternative proposal to NYC  The new proposal would create 3 new divisions but with MCG in a north/south geographic range, incorporating neighbouring villages/parishes with greater affinity to MCG. AW asked if the PC could consider his proposal, and if in agreement, inform the Boundary Consultation of our support. It was agreed to email the draft proposal to the residents for their consideration too.	

<p><b>5. 1Playing Fields and Woodlands</b></p> <p><b>5.2 Inspections of the play area/playground maintenance</b></p> <p><b>5.3 Asphalt Plant</b></p>	<p>A MOP asked AW about press reports suggesting Brierley Homes were to shortly announce a financial loss of some £3m in the last financial year, a result of gross incompetence and a likely drain on council taxpayers which needs to be investigated. AW advised he has questioned this and asked for an explanation of their financial position.</p> <p>Quotes are being obtained for the installation of rabbit-proof fencing around the playground area. The damage caused by burrowing is a constant feature in our playground safety inspections and needs to be addressed. Two quotes are expected in the next couple of days. RS felt we should be in a good position to obtain grant funding and we also have S106/CIL monies that could be allocated in a match-funding scenario.</p> <p>HAGGS have quoted £3500 plus VAT to repair/replace some of the damaged/worn equipment. This represents an extensive refurbishment given the age of the equipment and should give the area many years of use.</p> <p>The strategic planning meeting was cancelled this month, hopefully it will be next month. RS quoted an FT article highlighting asphalt sales are now the lowest for a decade due to a shrinking pipeline of new work with worsening budget pressures on local authorities impacting road maintenance.</p>	<p>RS</p>
<p><b>6. Village Hall</b></p>	<p>AR advised the proposed post-box for Parish Council correspondence was approved by the Village Hall. RS will complete the application form to register the Memorial Hall as a postal address, the cost of which is £150</p> <p>Water and gas consumption has doubled in recent weeks and the reason for this is unclear.</p>	
<p><b>7. New website and email addresses</b></p>	<p>RS thanked Tim Joynson for the work carried out to transfer to the new village/PC website and dedicated Parish Councillors email accounts. The new website is a huge improvement with increased functionality and security. TJ advised there is an area for photos of councillors if the Council wished to have pictures on the website. It was agreed to place a village map with house names on the website, AR will email the information to Tim.</p>	
<p><b>8. Cold Calling Signs</b></p> <p><b>9. To consider guidelines for parties/outdoor events</b></p>	<p>The PC supported the new cold calling signs and agreed to contribute £100.00. It was agreed to apply to AW for a grant for the signs. Following discussion, it was agreed to ask the school if the children can create some artwork and create some dog mess signs too. AW confirmed he is happy to support £100.00 from his grant funding, the PC need to submit a formal application to AW. AR will assist with the application.</p> <p>It was suggested that residents should be consulted for their views in respect to parties held outdoors in and around the village. The feedback will likely be used to create some guidelines for future events in terms of notice periods, music cut off times etc.</p>	

<p><b>10. Planning</b></p>	<p>Residents were reminded that one-off events involving licensable activities, such as amplified music, require a valid Temporary Event Notice (TEN) and the failure to secure one is a criminal offence under the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>The following applications/decisions and TPO were considered.</p> <p>ZC25/01213/TCON   Crown reduction (to 3m post pruning) of 3 no. Yew Taxcus Baccata and 1 no. Cherry Laurel Evergreen in the Marton / Grafton Conservation Area   4 Springbank Marton Cum Grafton York North Yorkshire YO51 9QZ Council had no objections</p> <p>Planning application 6.71.43.D.PBR 25/01321/PBR</p> <p>Prior notification for the conversion of barns to 2 no. dwellings. LOCATION: Land South Of Limebar Lane Marton Cum Grafton North Yorkshire Council wished to see refused.</p>	
<p><b>10.2 Decisions</b></p> <p><b>11. SHELAA</b></p>	<p>No decisions were received.</p> <p>There was no update on this matter.</p>	
<p><b>12. Financial Matters</b></p>	<p>Summary of recent finances were shared and payments received and made as per Appendix 1</p>	<p>SW</p>
<p><b>13. Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>13. Any other items for business and next meeting</b></p>	<p>Correspondence the clerk had circulated was noted.</p> <p>Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 10 June 2025 at 7.30 in Memorial Hall Marton</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 21.15 PM</p>	

Signed: ..... Dated: .....