

MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 08 APRIL 2026

at 7.30PM in the Memorial Hall

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Alex Robinson (AR) Vice Chair; Hugh Creasey (HC), Arabella Cornelious (AC) Sandra Windross (SW) Clerk.

Resident attendance 8

1. Apologies

Apologies received Cllr Charlotte Lewis Sanderson

2. Declarations of Interest

02.01 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary interest and the receive and consider any applications for dispensation **non received**.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on March 2026

The minutes of the above meeting was formally approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. NYC matters

AW advised following the NYC budget a significant ongoing deficit is expected for 2026/27. AW is keen to see a more strategic approach to tackling this debt and is still chasing for a register of NYCs assets including their council owned property portfolio. NYC has approved a 4.99% council increase for the 2026/27 financial year; this is the maximum increase permitted without triggering a referendum. He was disappointed to see that the NYC Planning Committee have just given approval for 190 houses to be built on green belt in the Selby area.

AW's next surgery will be held at Great Ouseburn on the 24th May.

AW has been involved in assisting families during the fuel crisis. A local company has agreed to deliver small quantities of fuel at bulk prices with 41 constituents participating.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

5.1 Playing fields and Woodlands (inc Marton Wood) – Chrysalis Arts have approached NYC about the Parish Council taking over the lease of Marton Wood. AW advised the lease may need to be extended to be eligible for new grant money applications. The PC voted on taking over the lease and the motion was passed.

5.2 Childrens play area – installation of fencing – agreed to Agenda for the next meeting. RS is still to hear if our application for the fencing from National Lottery has been successful. RS will investigate Safety inspections in more detail.

6. Kiln Garth Management Company Update

There has still been no correspondence from Brierley Homes in respect to issues relating to the transfer of the POS. RS took AW to Kiln Garth to show him in person the dangerous manhole covers on site. AW advised the PC to record this in minutes as is a health and safety issue. AW stated he would raise with Brierley Homes. RS is in the process of opening a dedicated Kiln Garth Management Company bank account with HSBC.

7. Village Hall

There was no update.

8. S106/CIL Projects – The cemetery extension project will require a Tier 1 ground water risk assessment survey and 3 quotes have been received with the cheapest at £2,900 plus vat. S106 money available of just under £8000 is currently allocated to MCG for cemetery expenditure. TC has been in touch with NYC but has been informed the S106 monies for the graveyard are in respect to the immediate surroundings of the church, where only a single grave is in situ, and not the graveyard. There is a meeting with the infrastructure funding officer on the 26th April where this issue will be raised and hopefully resolved, PC agreed in principle to assist with the cost of the survey.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 The following planning applications were received and discussed:

26/01081/DISCON|Approval of details under condition 3 (materials) of planning permission HGTZC23/01530/FUL - Part demolition, alteration and extension of Sycamore House, with improved garden connections, erection of detached oak framed outbuilding, re-orientation of existing internal driveway, parking provision and hard/soft landscaping. (Revised scheme) Sycamore House Thorny Hill Lane Marton Cum Grafton North Yorkshire YO51 9PP Council had no objections.

8.2 The following approvals/refusals received:

None received

8.3 Enforcement

There we no enforcement matters discussed at the meeting.

9. Parish Council Insurance – It was agreed to stay with our current insurer for the next year.

10. Financial matters

10.1 The bank reconciliation/financial reconciliation circulated by the clerk was approved.

10.2 Payment of accounts were noted as per Appendix I below. It was agreed to pay Kings of Marton £215.00 for the repair works at the shop. The quote was accepted for the ceiling plastering to the shop of £250.00.

11. The following items of correspondence had been received and noted.

E-mails circulated by the Clerk to all Councillors.

10. Minor matters and Agenda Items for the next meeting

No date was fixed for the next meeting; this will be set at a later date. The meeting closed at 20.06pm

APPENDIX I

HMRC PAYE/NIC	57.80	
S. Windross Salary March	231.58	
NYC Trade Waste	60.06	
Autella Payroll services	102.00	
PKF Littlejohn PLC Audit fees	<u>96.00</u>	<u>£547.44</u>