MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 08 SEPTEMBER 2026

at 7.30PM in the Memorial Hall

Present: Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Alex Robinson (AR) Vice Chair; Hugh Creasey (HC), Arabella Cornelius (AC) Charlotte Sanderson-Lewis (CSL) Sandra Windross (SW) Clerk.

Resident attendance 8

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Arnold Warneken

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 29th June 2026

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

4. NYC matters

RS read to the meeting an email received from Cllr Warneken seeking a charitable donation to his Macmillan Cancer 'Brave the shave' fund raise. S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the PC to donate on behalf of residents, and a proposal of circa £11.00 per resident listed on the electoral register was suggested. After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to support a donation from the PC on the basis that many in the meeting had already contributed to the fund - well in excess of the suggested amount, and residents have had numerous opportunities to contribute to the fund through prompts from the village email & Facebook accounts. The Council congratulated Cllr Warneken on his impressive fund-raising campaign.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

5.1 Playing fields and Woodlands (inc Marton Wood) RS thanked the volunteers who have been keeping the paths clear within Marton Wood. RS met up with NYC Parks and Grounds development officer Lee Jones in the woodlands to discuss various matters & explore funding options for pathway repairs and fencing. National Lottery Funding was confirmed to fund the rabbit proof fencing of the playground area which will likely take place in November. Should this be deemed a success, the next phase is to look to rabbit proof the entire playing fields surface.

A minor landslip was recently reported in Grafton – a large bolder opposite Prospect Farm rolled onto Thorny Hill Lane from the old tennis courts banking opposite. The location has been inspected, and no further loose material was identified, but residents should be aware of the possibility of further movement.

5.2 Childrens play area – there are two items currently in need of repair, one is a rotten climbing frame support and the other is the broken zip wire. RS advised he will get in touch with S106 department regarding release of some funds to carry out the repairs. It was agreed to have the zip wire

repaired by HAGS at an approximate cost of £560.00. There will be additional costs for the repair of the wooden beam.

5.3 Kiln Garth Management Company Update - A dedicated bank account through Lloyds Bank is now up and running but with a zero balance. It was agreed to transfer an amount of £100 from Parish Council funds until such time as monies have been received from Brierley Homes (estimated £2500). This will mean that monthly banking charges can be paid and no penalties applied.

AW has been in touch with Brierley Homes lawyers to finally sort out all the outstanding matters in respect to the Public Open Space (POS), not least the transfer of the land to the Parish Council. To date the stumbling block has been a conveyancing dispute between one of the properties and the adjoining landowner, although this has apparently been resolved. A MOP asked if the roads, pavements and drainage has been adopted and advised the PC should be cautious of taking ownership until these areas are adopted. Works to bring the pavements up to standard and the caps on the drainage inspection hatches have now been completed. Two garden planters supplied by Brierley Homes have been located on the path adjoining Church Lane, apparently to act as a safety measure.

It was agreed that the best way forward was for the Parish Council to only receive the transfer of the POS, which was always the original intention, and to leave all the currently unadopted features under the ownership of Brierley Homes.

A MOP asked about the main entrance to the development and who has responsibility for the grass bank as it is currently unkempt. There were also queries as to the extent of the POS within the Housing Association plots and whether they were currently paying any upkeep costs, as had been rumored. It was felt all these queries could be answered with a meeting with the Brierley legal team.

6. Yorkshire Water/Pollution in the Village

A public meeting with Yorkshire Water was held in the village hall on 20th August and attended by 7 personnel from Yorkshire Water including a Technical Support Scientist, Senior Network Engineer and a Water Quality Technical Manager. The meeting was also attended by an NYC Environmental Protection Officer. The notes from this meeting will be distributed once approved by Yorkshire Water.

7. Bulb Planting

It was agreed to purchase some £250 of Daffodil bulbs for the village with the monies being allocated from our dedicated bulbs fund

8. **Village Hall**

There was no update.

9. S106/CIL Projects – The planning application for the Graveyard extension was submitted 7 weeks ago. The planners have only requested an additional contamination survey so the outlook for this project is currently looking positive. The survey is due to be funded with S106 funds.

10. **Planning Matters**

10.1 The following planning applications were received and discussed:

26/04255/TCON Crown reduction (by 1m) of 1 no. Prunus Sargenti (T1) Crown Reduction (by 1.5m) of 3 no. Prunus Avium (T2, T3 and T4). Crown reduction (by 1M) of 1 no. cherry tree (T5) within Marton cum

Grafton conservation area Sycamore Lodge Grafton Lane Marton cum Grafton YO51 9QJ council had no objections.

10.2 The following approvals/refusals received:

None received

10.3 Enforcement

There we no enforcement matters discussed at the meeting.

11. Financial matters

11.1 The bank reconciliation/financial reconciliation was accepted.

11.2 Payment of accounts were approved as below
Purchase of bulbs £250.00
Improvements to the Play Area £530.00
Sirius Environmental £708.00
Shire Aggregates £138.60 (reimbursement to NCJ)

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

E-mails circulated by the Clerk to all Councillors.

13. Minor matters and Agenda Items for the next meeting

No date was fixed for the next meeting, this will be set later. The meeting closed at 20.36pm

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Cllr R. Shepherd Chairman 19th October 2026