

MEETINGS OF NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2026

Attendance:

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Tally
Iain Mordue	Chairman	✓		
D Hogbin-Mills	Councillor		✓	
B Newman	Councillor	✓		
S Hill	Councillor	✓		
A Boyt	Vice Chairman	✓		
K Du-Plessis	Councillor	✓		
M Tanner	Councillor	✓		
Chloe Collins	Clerk/RFO	✓		N/A
Phil Gomm	Unitary Councillor		✓	N/A
Members of the Public		2		

Papers circulated in advance of the meeting:

- January 2026 Agenda
- December Draft Minutes
- January 2026 Meeting Report Bundle

Meeting started: 20:00

Meeting finished: 22:25

Meeting references: 175/25 – 191/25

175/25 Present and Apologies

To receive and consider apologies for absence in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Apologies received:

- Cllr D Hogbin-Mills
- Cllr Phil Gomm

RESOLVED:

That apologies for absence received from Cllrs D Hogbin-Mills and Phil Gomm be accepted and the reasons given approved in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

176/25 Members' Interests

Members were invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

None declared

176/25 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

To consider any dispensation requests received.

None received.

177/25 Open Forum for Parishioners

177.1 Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

Thanks were recorded to **Jan Brandon** for her hard work and valued contribution to the Parish Council.
The meeting was reconvened.

177.2 100 Club Draw – January 2026

The following numbers were drawn:

- No. 5 – Mark Saunder
- No. 41 – Mike Brandon
- No. 23 – Graham Jenner
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It was noted that the 100 Club and the Village Hall require further advertising. It was suggested that ideas for promoting both could be included in a regular six-monthly circular, alongside other items to be collated.

178/25 Buckinghamshire Council Update

To receive an update from Buckinghamshire Councillor Phil Gomm.

Noted.

179/25 Minutes

To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **9 December 2025**.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 December 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

180/25 Planning

180.1 Delegated Planning Decisions

To note planning applications considered under delegated authority since the last meeting.

Noted - None

180.2 Planning Applications for Consideration

Application: 25/01865/APP

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council submit a further objection to planning application 25/01865/APP on the grounds of overdevelopment and harm to historic ridge and furrow fields, with reference to the objection submitted previously and by Granborough Parish Council.

181/25 Finance

181.1 Budget and Precept 2026/27

To consider and approve the budget and precept for the 2026/27 financial year.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the budget for the 2026/27 financial year be approved as presented; and
- (ii) That a precept reflecting a **5% increase** be issued to Buckinghamshire Council in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Noted during discussion:

- Potential increase of £3,000 for Village Posts
- Mileage allowance to be included (£200)
- Village Hall window costs to be met from Village Hall reserves, with grants explored
- Promote the fact that hall hire now includes use of a sound system and encourage weekend party bookings to increase income. Action - Village Hall fees to be reviewed at the next meeting
- Flooring costs now included

181.2 Payments Schedule

To approve the schedule of payments and receipts presented.

RESOLVED:

That the schedule of payments and receipts presented at the meeting be approved and that the Clerk be authorised to make the payments in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

181.3 Payroll Provider

To consider appointment of a payroll provider.

RESOLVED:

That PATA be appointed as the Parish Council's payroll provider at the stated cost, with authority delegated to the Clerk to finalise contractual arrangements.

182/25 Compliance with Assertion 10

To receive any updates regarding compliance with Assertion 10.

Noted:

Cllr Tanner reported no update at this time. CloudNext remains under consideration awaiting payment which is to be requested on an invoice basis.

183/25 Accredited First Aid Training

To receive an update and agree actions.

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council fund **50% of the cost** of the accredited first aid training course, with participants contributing **£15.00 each**, and that the training be promoted on Facebook and Website. JB to send email to interested parties.

The course will be held at North Marston Village Hall from 7.00–9.00 pm on 12th, 19th and 26th February 2026.

184/25 Property and Community Facilities

1. Village Hall

- Floor polishing: quotes required for cleaning and sealing; sanding and sealing also to be explored – Clerk
- Replacement mugs: completed
- Replacement of keysafe with smart version: ongoing -Cllr Mordue

2. Shop Storage Area

- Wi-Fi installation: ongoing – Cllr Mordue

3. Play Area

- Inspection generally satisfactory

4. Village Pond and Parsnip Pond

- Village Pond: reported to be in good condition; no bullrushes currently
- Pond: maintained by Diana

5. Defibrillators

- Village Hall defibrillator now back in service following battery replacement
- New signage installed

185/25 Environment and Highways

185.1 Highways

No updates on road issues, parking, MVAS, street lighting or bus shelters.

185.2 Grass and Hedges

To consider the extension of the grass and hedge cutting contract.

RESOLVED:

That the grass and hedge cutting contract with Blades be extended for a period of six months on the existing terms and conditions.

Action: Clerk to obtain Quotes for works to be completed
Clerk to obtain quote for Hedge Cutting at Sportfields

186/25 Projects

1. Village Hall Windows

RESOLVED:

That the Council proceed with a planning application for replacement windows at the Village Hall, first action is to locate previous planning application to review drawings.

2. Replacement of posts around the upper and lower greens
 - Awaiting quotes
3. New streetlight opposite the Sports Field entrance
 - Approved soft glow folding column. Cllr Mordue to proceed with the order as quoted
4. Encouraging Wildlife / Aylesbury Vale Wild Project
 - No update

187/25 Sports Field

- No updates
- Fence repairs completed
- Hedge cutting contractor not yet identified; alternatives discussed

188/25 Confidential Items

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

189/25 Land to the North of Quainton Road

An update was received on ongoing legal proceedings.

- Site meeting declined; parties to revert to the Council
- Awaiting instruction of an independent surveyor (50% contribution noted)
- Process for agreeing the boundary to be clarified to include cost ramifications and all potential outcomes.

190/25 Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

To consider admission to the LGPS.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That North Marston Parish Council become a Designated Admission Body in the Local Government Pension Scheme;
- (ii) That the Parish Clerk be admitted to the LGPS from **1st April 2026**; and
- (iii) That the Parish Council pays the full employer contribution rate as determined by the Scheme Actuary, and that the employee pays the employee contribution rate as determined by the scheme.

191/25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at 8.00 pm at the North Marston Village Hall.**