

## Marston Montgomery Parish Council

### Agenda 8th December 2025

#### Present

Councillor Steve Bull                      Steve George

Liz Archer                                      Alex Stephen

Matthew Bates                                Peter Collyer

Mick Butler

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Sue Bull

Nick Brown

#### 2. Declarations of interest

None

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and approved as a true record of the meeting. They were proposed by Paris Councillor Mick Butler and seconded by Parish Councillor Peter Collyer.

#### 4. Matters arising from

- Matthew Bates to send images of the blocked drains near Ashbourne Glamping to Cllr Steve Bull, to escalate.
- Phone box – Steve George conducted a structural assessment and advised that there is minimal concern that it is going to fall over. All parish councillors agreed that Steve would draft a short statement for the village, suggesting that the liability and cost of repairing the phone box would outweigh the benefits.
- Liz Archer will present the statement to the book club at their next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

#### 5. Public participation

None

#### 6. Planning

- 25/01096/VCOND – Waldley Manor Farm – variation of condition – No objections.
- 25/10621/FUL – Thurvaston Road – Comments available on the Derbyshire Dales planning website. Concerns remain from the previous application request. Clarification of land ownership, also requested.

## **7. Banking/payments**

- Play inspection £113.94
- Clerk timesheet
- Village hall hire

All of the above were agreed to be paid by bank transfer.

## **8. Precept 2026**

Steve George presented a comparative spreadsheet to give parishioners better visibility of precept figures, past and present.

Councillors proposed and agreed £7000 for the 26-27 period. This was in line with the previous year's increase. The amount will take into account the development and maintenance of the new website, which will enhance transparency for residents.

## **9. Website, Printer**

- Website in progress – Matthew Bates confirmed that part payment for the design and production of the website would be required imminently – Alex to initiate payment when the invoice arrives.
- Steve George has ordered and collected the printer for the clerk to use. All were in favour of the purchase, as discussed at the last meeting.

## **10. DALC training**

- Alex to explore relevant DALC training and present pricing to parishioners at the next meeting.

## **11. Communications**

- Questionnaire; public spaces – Agreed no action as Marston Montgomery was not listed on the correspondence schedule.

## **12. Any other business**

- Play area inspection report/stock - report circulated to parish councillors for reference; no major concerns.
- Steve George to circulate clerk role statement, as agreed.
- Layby Parking Old school meadows; parishioners discussed ownership and residents' concerns. It was concluded that the parish council had no role to play in this, and the matter should be discussed by residents and the construction company alike, should they wish to seek further clarification.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026