

Marston Montgomery Parish Council

Minutes 13th April 2026

Present

Mick Butler, Matthew Bates, Alex Stephen, Cllr Sue Bull, Cllr Steve Bull, Peter Collyer, Steve George

1. Apologies for absence - Nick Brown

2. Declarations of interest - None

3. Minutes of the last meeting Monday 9th March 2026

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and approved as a true record of the meeting. They were proposed by Parish Councillor Matthew Bates and seconded by Parish Councillor Steve George.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- **Insurance** – All in agreement to continue with Gallagher insurance for the 26/27 period.

5. Public participation - None

6. Planning – 26/00398/FUL – The Spinney, Marston Bank - No objections.

7. Banking/payments

- **Clerk timesheet** - Approved
- **DALC subscription paid** – Previous Approval Agreed, invoice presented for reference
- **Audit** – To be paid once the audit has been completed

8. Revised local plan to the government

Sue Ball advised that email correspondence will be sent out with any updates.

Clerk to make contact and request details of any planned proposals for Marston Montgomery and the surrounding areas.

9. Website – Update given by Matthew Bates, website shown to councillors. Alex and Matthew to liaise with Zonkey to finalise amendments and agree on a 'go live' date.

10. Communications – All relevant communications have been circulated to councillors since the last meeting.

11. Any other business

- **Mowing** - agreement between the parish council and Ben Robinson to continue. An email is to be sent out to formally give the go-ahead.

- **Village Hall Site** - The village hall committee have discussed the options for the old hall site. Nick Broad is requesting clarification of use from the Charity Commission. The committee have agreed to subsidise the planning application for a carpark on the site, but consideration of other uses has also been openly discussed.

- **Phone Box** – Following correspondence on the village WhatsApp group, the parish council once again discussed the options for the repair and maintenance of the phone box. As the primary use is now for the book swap, councillors will invite members of the book club to attend the next parish council meeting to run through the options. Matthew Bates will liaise with Liz Archer regarding this.

- **Maintenance of the footpath over Marston Brook** – Cllr Steve Bull clarified that the responsibility of maintaining the footpath lay with the landowner, up to the bridge, and the council for the bridge itself. Next steps involve confirming land ownership and making contact with the proprietor, where necessary.

12. Date of next meeting – 11th May 2026