



Minutes of Marston Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2026

Meeting opened 19:00 pm

Signed as a true representation of the minutes taken at PC meeting

Chair: Marion Potts

Signed:

Date:

Present

Parish Councillors: Chair Marion Potts (MP), Vice Chair Amanda Nixon (AN), Phil Carter (PhC), Simon Tate (ST), David Wallace (DW),

Ward Councillors: Phil Marshall (PM)

Police: None

Apologies for absence: None

Declarations of interest: Amanda Nixon (AN) has declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item Permission in Principle to residential development at The Avenue Marston on the Agenda. The owner of the land also owns the Salt Barge public house, where she provides the summer and winter hanging baskets and plant bedding displays.

Dispensations: None

Public Forum:

Ron and Cindy Dunn attended the meeting to discuss Fernley Road access issues. A barrier has been installed by CWAC and this is preventing rear access to some properties. The residents affected have been promised a key to the barrier but have not received this. Despite sending 2 letters and an email to CWAC this issue has not been resolved.

Meeting Chaired by MP, Minutes taken by YH(Clerk).

Approval of minutes from parish council meeting on 12th November.

The minutes were approved and signed by. MP

Actions from Last Parish Council Meeting

Owner	Topic	Action	Date set	Status
All	Hall Store Room repairs	No further quotes obtained. Repairs completed, works still required.	12.02.25	C/F
All	Policy and procedures update	Updates and new policies required. ST looking at combined document. No further progress	12.02.25	C/F
MP	Hall curtains/blinds	YH has obtained quotes/samples from 4 companies. Blinds are preferred option, need to progress.	12.03.25	C/F
All	Fire Compliance	2 fire doors are required. ST to obtain quotes. CWAC (PW) may be able to provide funds (need to apply before end March)	12.03.25	C/F



MP	Benches at Higher Marston	MP has contacted CWAC to confirm that there are no objections. We can now apply for the licence and proceed with the project	09.07.25	C/F
DW	Sheds at side of canal	DW has had response from River Trust to confirm that the sheds will be removed in due course. Foliage has been cut back. DW will continue to monitor	10.09.25	C/F
DW	Lack of dog poo bins	No further progress, DW has sent another letter to LSW	08.10.25	C/F
All	Councillor role definition	AN has sourced a good communication that defines the councillor's role	10.09.25	
All	Review of communication systems	Internal communication works well. Facebook is successful showing an increase in followers. Workshops to encourage more community engagement suggested	10.09.25	C/F
All	Advert for councillors	AN will follow up on 2 possible candidates. LG (CWAC) has forwarded a template for applications.	10.09.24	C/F
All	Activities Action Plan 2026	Meeting to be organised to discuss ideas for 2026	12.11.25	C/F

1. Parish Councillors reports and items for future agendas

None.

2. Ward Councillor Report

Please see attached.

3. Marston Community Enhancements – Fingerpost Planter and Higher Marston Benches

Planter will be transported on 24th. Topsoil has been donated by local farmers. Plants sourced by AN and Parish Councillors to help prepare & plant spring flowers.

4. The future of neighbourhood policing and the proposal to reduce PCSO's from 87 to 27



The PCSO's are currently in consultation. It has been suggested that an increase in the precept could be an option to save these roles. Dan Vinton is attending Wincham's PC meeting. YH to contact Wincham Clerk to ask about the outcome of any discussions.

7. Permission in Principle to residential development at The Avenue Marston

The Parish Council has raised an objection. No further update, awaiting decision.

8. Issues regarding Lane End Farm Marston

Lane Ends Farm is a Grade 2 listed house & buildings. In recent years it has deteriorated into a dangerous and unsightly state and is regularly explored and trespassed. MP will write to CWAC to ask them to take action under 'The planning (Listed buildings and conservation) act 1990, sections 47, 48 and 54, by contacting the current owners to enforce repair to the properties as appropriate to the approved planning application or make the properties inaccessible for public safety.

9. Finance

- a) Payments agreed as per list
- b) Bank reconciliation/statements agreed and signed
- c) Budget-Draft Budget agreed/Precept agreed at £15000

10. Correspondence

To note correspondence received as per attached list

11. Any other business

Marbury Concerns Meeting (CWAC) on 4th February – ST & DW to attend.

Cheshire Day – what photographs can we submit? Suggestions – First Aid courses, collections for food hub, book sale, coffee mornings, Bonfire Night @ The Salt Barge. Grit bin on higher Marston not filled – MP logged a service failure.

Autumn litter pick, nitrous canisters were not collected despite being reported. MP received an apology from CWAC. Canisters have now been collected.

Ivy is overgrown on pavement over the bridge at Lower Marston, AN has reported this to CWAC.

MP has been advised that the church will cut back the trees in the church yard.

Email/communications forwarded to councillors can be excessive. It was suggested that all emails be recorded on correspondence for reference but only forwarded to council if relevant to MPC. All councillors to agree.

Date of next meeting 11^h February 2026

Meeting closed at 20:53 hrs

Completed by Yvonne Hinkson (Clerk)

