

Marrick Parish Council
Report of Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 25th September 2025
Marrick Institute at 19.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr Mark Hodgson (Chairman), Mr Frank Wilkinson, Dr Martin Bryce and Mr Bob Bradford

Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant

Also Present: Mrs Pauline Cordner

10 Minute Question and Answer Session:
None

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Keith Stones
2. Confirm Minutes from Previous Meeting: Resolved that minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 31st July 2025 can be taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
3. Declaration of Existence & Nature of Interests: None
4. Matters Arising: None
5. Planning Matters:
 - 5.1 Planning application to raise the pitch on a roof of an outbuilding attached to the house to 25 degrees to stop the ingress of water at The Old Byre, Marrick was discussed prior to the Parish Council Meeting
 - 5.2 Coast to Coast Public Footpath Diversion Orders at Steps Wood, Marrick, has been confirmed.
 - 5.3 Sealed order consultation for restricted byway 20.42/9 for Marrick, Fremingotn Edge Modification Order was discussed. It was agreed for the Clerk to object to this request, mainly due to the Parish Paths Plan in 1998 placing improving the styles along the track making it legally a footpath.
 - 5.4 Upper Dales Housing Needs Survey Report: Had 110 responses. Marrick has 14 second homes, 7 holiday lets, 58 primary homes with total 63 affordable properties with NYC managing 48 at social rent with all in either Melbeck or Reeth. Median house price in Marrick from Arc 4 data showed £315,000. 6 out of the 7 Parishes were identified as having a housing need.
 - 5.4 Reeth and Gunnerside School Plan was discussed.
6. Gritting:
 - 6.1 Winter maintenance meeting this year did not happen through an online zoom call instead it was discussed through emails. Councillor Karl Battersby responded to the Parish Councils request for more grit heaps and explained there were already 17 carefully positioned heaps, in line with Councils policy.
 - 6.2 Parish Clerk to chase Cllr Yvonne with regards to the grit heaps on hardstyles
 - 6.3 Parish owned grit bins near Ellerholme Lane need refilling so the Parish Clerk is to look into this

7. Highways:
 - 7.1 Flooding on Ellerholme Lane has improved with minimal water on the road during the recent wet weather. However not perfect yet with more work to be planned in. Parish Council will continue to monitor throughout winter.
 - 7.2 Cllr Yvonne and the Clerk have applied to the locality fund to help the Parish Council fund repairing the road at the narrowing point on Crook Bank Lane and this has been agreed and agreement was signed by Cllr Hodgson and Cllr Bradford.
 - 7.3 Visibility on highway roads was discussed and the clerk is to put in a request for hedges to be trimmed around the Parish with particular emphasis on Stelling Road and the Dales Beck.
 - 7.4 Clerk has reported fly tipping at layby at High Greenas reference 386711 and this has been removed.
8. Parish Precept for 2026/27: Councillors agreed that the amount they require to precept upon to cover the net cost of their services was £1800, an increase of £100 on the previous year. YLCA annual analysis of tax levels for 2025/26 has shown precepts increasing 9.68%
9. Financial Officers/Clerks Report: Community account is currently at £5164.89 and the land account is at £2896.98. Notice for exemption for the accounts for 2024/25 has been logged. Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments annual report noted that only 78% of smaller authorities submitted their AGAR return before the deadline and that they are working on strategic initiatives to develop a digital portal for submissions
10. Parish Council IT Policy was reviewed and an updated policy was created, it was agreed that this would be reviewed annually along with our current policies.
11. Correspondence:
 - 11.1 Next YLCA Richmondshire Branch meeting is to be held Monday 13th October at 7pm
 - 11.2 Yorkshire Dales Coast to Coast stakeholders meeting to be held either 20th or 27th November
 - 11.3 YDNPA Annual Forum will be held from 12.30 till 15.30 on 23rd October 2025 at Grassington Devonshire Institute.
 - 11.4 YDNPA Autumn Parish Forum will be held online at 7pm on 4th November
 - 11.5 North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel is seeking three individuals as independent co-opted members of their panel
 - 11.6 Due to the phased shutdown of electricity meters that use radio teleswitch service (RTS) residents with meters using RTS have been contacted multiple times by their energy supplier to switch to a smart meter
- 12 Any other Business: None
- 13 Date of next meeting confirmed for the 13th of November to start at 19.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.31

Grace Bryant
Marrick Parish Clerk