

**Marrick Parish Council**  
**Report of Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**  
**Marrick Institute at 19.30pm**

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

Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant

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10 Minute Question and Answer Session:

- Some hedges trimmed but problem not solved on the Parish Roads. Clerk to report again to the highways.
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1. Apologies for Absence: Miss Pauline Cordner
2. Confirm Minutes from Previous Meeting: Resolved that minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 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 Sealed order consultation for restricted byway 20.42/9 for Marrick, Fremington Edge Modification Order is on the agenda for consideration at the forthcoming Environment Directorate - Corporate Director and Executive Member - Highways and Transportation meeting which is due to be held on 23 January 2026. At this meeting the Members will decide the stance to be taken by the Council when submitting the opposed Order to the Secretary of State for determination. The clerk has submitted a statement to be discussed at this meeting.
  - 5.2 MHCLG launched a consultation seeking views on a revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework, this closes on 10<sup>th</sup> March.
6. Gritting:
  - 6.1 Parish Clerk has attained grit to refill the Parish-owned grit bins near Ellerholme Lane and these have been refilled. Clerk is to monitor and refill as required.
7. Highways:
  - 7.1 Parish Council are continuing to monitor flooding on Ellerholme Lane. Cllr Bradford and a resident had a meeting with Iain Burgess relating to the water flow and had confirmation that the funding for the start of works has been agreed by Jayne Charlton - Area manager Highway area 1. Due to recent weather, there is more water again on the road.
  - 7.2 Locality funds have been received, and Cllr Stones has repaired the passing place as agreed. There is still some remaining stone that is to be used at the top of Crook Bank Lane. Clerk received approval to pay for the quarry waste for a total of £354.19.
  - 7.3 Hedges have been trimmed at the Dales Beck although there are still more bushes that need to be trimmed, Clerk is to report these again. This was also brought up in the starting Question and Answer Session.

- 7.4 A684 Hawes to Garsdale Head – Carriageway Resurfacing Works to commence on Monday 2nd February 2026 and will be carried out under a full Road Closure for a period of 10 working days between the hours of 07:30 and 17:00.
- 7.5 Patching work at the top of Reels Head has been done without a road closure, the Parish Council were not notified of this work. Did yo
8. Financial Officers/Clerks Report: Community account is currently at £4963.89 and the land account is at £2896.98. Request for an increase in the Parish Precept has been submitted to North Yorkshire Council. Sheena Spence is set to retire this month, she is the current YLCA Chief Officer and has worked for the YLCA for 26 years. YLCA had a fee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November and agreed a new formula to determine its subscription fee, Councils are told to expect a slight increase when the invoice is received at the start of April.
9. Correspondence:
- 9.1 Richmondshire YLCA Branch meeting is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> on zoom.
- 9.2 NYC has given the YLCA £10,000 grant to be used particularly to help smaller councils fund training
- 9.3 The House of Commons Library has published a research briefing on rural mobile coverage in the UK
- 9.4 Coast to Coast Stakeholders meeting was postponed and rescheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> at YDNPA office in Bainbridge
- 9.5 Deborah Flowers - Highway Customer Communication Officer, is soon to send out dates for Parish Workshops in March focusing on Streetworks; Traffic Engineering; Development Control and Highway Asset Management.
- 9.6 Representatives from Parish Council/Parish Meeting are invited to Civic Service and networking event being held in Helmsley on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- 9.7 2026 garden waste service: Residents can now pay for their licence for the 2026 garden waste collection service. A licence costs £52 for collections between March and early December for one 240-litre wheelie bin to be emptied fortnightly
10. Any other Business:
- 10.1 None
11. Date of next meeting confirmed for the 12<sup>th</sup> of March to start at the earlier time of 19.00pm and to begin with the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed at 19.57pm.

Grace Bryant  
Marrick Parish Clerk