

Marrick Parish Council
Reprot of Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 13th March 2026
Marrick Institute – 19.30pm

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

Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Pauline Cordner
2. Confirm Minutes from Previous Meeting: Resolved those minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on March 13th 2025 have already been approved at the previous meeting on 29th May 2025.
3. Chairman's Report: The Annual Report of business carried out by the Parish Council during the Financial Year 2025-26 was presented to the meeting.

Marrick Parish Council has had a valuable past 12 months. The Parish Annual Meeting in May lead to no changes the in the structure of the committee with all Councillors staying on and the Chair and Vice-Chair being re-elected. The meetings continue to take place on a bi-monthly basis following a similar agenda each time. As always within the Parish Planning Applications, Highways and Gritting remain the main topics of discussion. There have been multiple planning applications received through the year and the Council continue to campaign to improve their highways. Disappointingly the Annual Meeting where gritting routes are discussed was muted however work is still ongoing to improve the safety issues relating to the Stelling Road during the bad winter weather. The flooding on Ellerholme lane is slowly improving but work is still ongoing. The Parish Council also helped with achieving funding for a new defibrillator at Marrick Priory. The Councillors agreed to increase the precept by £100 for the year 2026/27 as currently it does not cover the annual net costs of the Parish Council, this was still less than the annual average increase last year for the North Yorkshire area of 9.9%. The parish land tenders were accepted and as always it is nice to see the land being used for farming. With lots going on in the world politically it is hoped that Marrick Parish Council can continue to keep it 'business as usual'. The main risk facing Parish residents is likely to stem from the rising heating-oil costs, but the Parish Council will continue to do everything it can to support the community.

4. Discussion of the Report: None
5. Report from Marrick Institute: Annual Report from Marrick Institute was presented by Mrs Bryant on behalf of Marrick Institute giving a summary of the business and events carried out by the Institute during the Financial Year 2025-26.

All members of the Institute Committee had been re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting in January, when the Annual Report and End of Year Accounts were approved. Weekly carpet bowls sessions continued to be held throughout the year when numbers allowed but no other bookings had been taken throughout the year, mainly due to their being no elections during the 2025/26 financial year and a loss of connection with the local YFC. There had been little change in income from the previous year and expenditure was similar to the previous year with main expenditure being to maintain the Institute or pay regular bills like the electric.

The Parish Council was thanked for its continued support of the Institute.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.40pm.

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10 Minute Question and Answer Session:

- One resident has questioned the increase in the Parish Precept. Councillors and Clerk explained the 6% increase in precept was due to the previous couple of years expenditure exceeding income of the Parish Council and with a decrease in precept last year when on average precepts increased in the area by 9% the Parish Council agreed it was unfortunately necessary.
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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 22nd January 2026 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 was discussed on 23 January 2026 and the Clerk presented an update received stating that North Yorkshire Council would support the confirmation of the Order when it is submitted to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate.
 - 5.2 Planning application received for erection of fixed rigid polytunnel in domestic garden of property at Park Lodge. This had previously been discussed with councillors and one comment submitted.
 - 5.3 Clerk attended an information meeting run by Hope Moor Wind Farm on 3rd March and provided some information on the potential application. Once the meeting minutes are received these will be circulated.
 - 5.4 NYC Local Plan Call for Sites have updated the public facing map to include information on all registered sites submitted up to the 30th November 2025. Currently not consulting on these sites but making the information available for transparency.
6. Gritting:
 - 6.1 Parish grit continues to be used to fill up the two grit bins in the Parish
 - 6.2 Some grit heaps have been refilled recently however not all the heaps requested have been refilled.
 - 6.3 Councillor Stones has discussed gritting with Ian Burgess who explained that if routes were required to be clear to gain accessible to animals or due to animals needing to be transported then a request can be made to get roads gritted earlier.
 - 6.4 Was noted that a car had gone off the Stelling Road a week earlier due to bad weather and the road not being gritted.
 - 6.5

7. Highways:
 - 7.1 New approach to how roadworks are managed has been approved. This means systems will be used to better coordinate how works are scheduled and encourage utilities and contractors to do work at the same time where possible. Parish Councils should get better advanced notice of planned works and clearer information to share with residents.
 - 7.2 Diversion through the Parish had not been notified to the Clerk.
 - 7.3 Councillor has contacted the highways area manager again regarding water running down Ellerholme lane
 - 7.4 Pot hole/edge of road giving way from Marrick to Three Road End.
 - 7.5 The road is still continuing to breakaway below Nun Cote Nook.
8. Parish Land Tenders: - Three tenders were received for the Parish Land and all were accepted. The Clerk will send out the acceptance letters and contracts to the three tenants.
9. Financial Officers/Clerks Report: Community account is currently at £4963.89 and the land account is at £2896.98. New Chief Officer, Paula Shillaw, for YLCA has commenced working from 1st March. North Yorkshire Councillors have approved the NYC budget for 26/27, £17million in reserves will be used alongside 4.99% council tax rise.
10. Correspondence:
 - 10.1 Invite received to go to the Scott Trial Presentation evening on March 13th.
 - 10.2 Emergency Bleed Kits have been installed around 45 town and villages in North Yorkshire, their location is available on a national register, the Bleed Map. This was made possible with funding from York and NYC community safety and violence funds. There is one in Richmond Market Place, two in Catterick and two in Leyburn.
 - 10.3 YDNPA has completed its first phase to recruit a new Chief Executive following the announcement of David Butterworths retirement. Selection day is scheduled for March 19th
 - 10.4 Gov.UK website has updated guidance to help people prepare for flooding
 - 10.5 NYC campaign 'Shift Yor Focus' is running to help men struggling with their mental health, offering simple and practical ways to change perspective. Information can be found on their website.
 - 10.6 YDNPA spring parish forums dates have been released, closest to the Parish is Aysgarth Village Hall at 7pm, on Wednesday 22nd April .
 - 10.7 The Chairs of NYC and YAA would like to invite Councillors from each parish to the Charity Reception on Friday 24th April at 6.30pm at the Pavilions of Harrogate.
11. Any other Business:
 - 10.1 Quads and off-road trail riders making increasing levels of mess – particularly in Hurst near phone box. The clerk is to report of the increased level of activity.
12. Date of next meeting confirmed for the of 28th May 2026. to start at the earlier time of 19.00pm and to begin with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 20.19pm.

Grace Bryant
Marrick Parish Clerk