

Marrick Parish Council
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 14th May 2026
Marrick Institute – 19.00pm

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

Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant

Also Present: Mrs Pauline Cordner

1. Election of Chair: Mr Mark Hodgson was elected Chair by private ballot, to serve until the date of the next Annual Meeting in May 2027
2. Election of Vice-Chair: Mr Martin Bryce was elected Vice-Chair by private ballot, to serve until the date of the next Annual Meeting in May 2027.
3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Chairman: Mr Mark Hodgson signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk and Councillors.
4. Apologies for Absence: None
5. Appointment of Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Miss Grace Bryant was appointed Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council and is to receive expenses of up to £1000 for the year.
6. Appointment of Internal Auditor and Review of Effectiveness of System of Internal Control: Mrs Valerie Bradford was appointed Internal Auditor to the Parish Council. Members were satisfied that the internal control system was adequate, its financial regulations were adhered to, and that risks had been identified and assessed.
7. External Audit: Resolved that Marrick Parish Council is exempt from external audit for the year 2025/26 as its annual turnover does not exceed £25,000.
8. Review of System of Internal Control: All existing control measures were considered as fit for purpose and no amendments were necessary.
9. Policies Review: Resolved that no changes were required to existing policies as they were considered fit for purpose and no amendments were necessary, but these would be reviewed throughout the year as necessary. An additional IT Policy was approved.
10. Annual Insurance: Resolved that Zurich would continue to provide insurance for the Parish Council
11. Arrangements of Future Meetings: Resolved that Parish Council Meetings would continue to be held bi-monthly at 19.30 at Marrick Institute on a Thursday.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.11pm.

Grace Bryant
Marrick Parish Clerk

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

Bradford Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant

Also Present: Mrs Cordner

10 Minute Question and Answer Session:

- Fibre-broadband in Hurst was brought up as it appeared work was being done for improved infrastructure

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1. Apologies for Absence: None
 2. Confirm Minutes from Previous Meeting: Resolved that minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 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 Planning application received for erection of fixed rigid polytunnel in domestic garden of property at Park Lodge has been approved conditionally
 - 5.2 Hope Moor Wind Farm has opened its first public consultation
 - 5.3 New YDNPA Design Guide, consultation is open for review up until 24th May
 - 5.4 Changes to the BDNG system, threshold has been increased from 0.1 to 0.2ha and new exemptions for enhancing parks/playing fields and public gardens
 - 5.5 NYC call for sites has been reopened; set to end 22nd June
 - 5.6 The removal of a stone byre at Nun Cote Nook Farm and replacement with a new shed was brought up as there had been no planning application however it was confirmed this work was being done through permitted development.
 6. Gritting:
 - 6.1 Clerk to confirm price for tote of grit.
 - 6.2 Annual Highways NYC review – request for meeting in August
 7. Highways:
 - 7.1 Diversion through the Parish had not been notified to the Clerk.
 - 7.2 Previous highways matters have been reported from last meeting but no response on these.
 - 7.3 Deborah Flowers is moving to another area in highways, there are to be two parish workshops (27th May and 28th May) which will be part of the handover to Alan Palfreyman. Part of his work is to create a list of events in our area that need considering when coordinating roadworks. The Parish Council created a list of local events to report.
 8. Reeth Medical Centre: Parish Council Working Group has been setup that is closely working with Cllr Peacock to help find a solution to the potential loss of Reeth Medical Centre at the end of May. Currently there is plans for the Central Dales Practice to take over and work two days a week from Reeth and once remotely; work is still ongoing to confirm plans for the building. Meeting to be held on Monday 18th May with a representative from Central Dales.
 9. Internal Audit Report: Internal auditor has carried out examination of the Council's accounts and associated documentation. It can be resolved that the report is approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the financial position of the Parish Council for the financial year 2025/26.

10. Annual Governance Statement & Accounting Statement

10.1 Resolved that Marrick Parish Council approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 for Marrick Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26.

10.2 -Resolved that Marrick Parish Council approve Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26 for Marrick Parish Council on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26.

11. Publication of Documents required by Regulations: Resolved that in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit Regulations 2015 and Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities, Marrick Parish Council will publish the following documents on its website: Certificate of Exemption; Annual Internal Audit Report; Analysis of Variances; Bank Reconciliation and Notice of the Period for the exercise of Public Rights and other Information required by Regulation 15. The Public Rights Notice will also be on the Parish noticeboards.

12. Financial Officers/Clerks Report: Community account is currently at £4483.89 and the land account is at £2896.98. Cheques have been received for the Parish Land Tenders but not cleared yet. Clerk attended the Scott Trial Presentation evening and received a cheque to be donated to Marrick Institute for £100. YDNPA Spring Parish Forum was held on Wednesday 22nd of April for which the Clerk attended. Clerk asked for approval to renew the insurance and YLCA subscription at £251.42 and £71 respectively. Clerk was also approved to pay the Institute £120 for hire of the hall and £25 for the storage fee. Government has confirmed its decision to invest up to £483million over the next two years into the post office network.

13. Correspondence:

13.1 NYC has released a new general map which shows where grit bins are, public rights of way and grass cutting responsibilities, this is available on their website.

13.2 Government and Great British Energy has announced £1 billion in funding for local, clean energy generation projects

13.3 BT Landline switchover is still aiming to phase out analogue phone network by January 2027; running a 'Don't put off the switch' campaign

13.4 NYC are consulting on public space CCTV, questionnaire available on their website to be completed by Friday 22nd May

13.5 The NYC Parish Charter has been updated, this is available on their website.

13.6 NYC Public Toilet Facilities are being reviewed.

13.7 NYC older peoples champion annual report 2026 has been circulated

13.8 Children Commissioners have launched a survey open until 23rd October researching what children want to see in their communities; their biggest concerns and their hopes for the future.

14 Any other Business:

- P Cordner want to thank Members of the Parish Council and in particular the Clerk for all their work regarding the closure of Reeth Surgery

15 Date of next meeting confirmed for the 9th of July 2026.

Meeting closed at 20.06pm

Grace Bryant
Marrick Parish Clerk