

MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2026 at St Matthews Church, Marstow

PRESENT A Williams (Chairman) R Mutlow M Wigmore P Pardington N Roper

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) and 4 residents

APOLOGIES Ward Councillor E Swinglehurst

DECLARATIONS OF INTERETS N Roper planning 262703 land adjacent Home Farm

1 COOPTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Paul Pardington was co-opted to the parish council having signed the Declaration of Office and will complete the required Register of Interests. The Clerk will inform Herefordshire Council on this appointment.

2 OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

A resident (on behalf of the residents' group) reviewed the biodiversity survey submitted by Herefordshire Council. It was confirmed that the council did not own any land in the parish and that it had reserved £500 for the residents' group towards a Biodiversity programme subject to knowledge and agreement of its elements. The subjects submitted in the survey were highlighted to the meeting and the completed comments will be sent by the Clerk to Herefordshire Council.

A resident asked what was the council's strategy on key matters for the next 2 years. This was responded by the Chairman explaining the relationship of the parish rural area against limited potential revenue and any potential revenue. Council members added their comments relative to parish village lifestyle and well-being experience.

A resident expressed his concerns on road safety A4137 especially Dry Arch – R Mutlow explained the meetings that had taken place and the investigation being carried out by HC Highways senior road traffic team – a report on the proposals would be available shortly. Parish council members had attended these meetings together with our Ward Councillor and it was confirmed that the report would include the Dry Arch as a part of the stretch of the A4137 to cover all safety traffic concerns.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2026

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4 ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Residents notice board – waiting for location submission to Herefordshire Council and approval – action residents and Ward Councillor.

Biodiversity – residents – reference item 1.

Fly tipping A40 Pencraig – reported and actioned.

5 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

261895 water holding tank near Daffaluke Lane

The meeting gave no objections to this application.

262703 self-build dwelling land adjacent Home Farm

This had only just been received therefore details were not yet available.

The members resolved to wait for detail and send comments to the Clerk for submission to planning.

6 WARD COUNCILLOR

The monthly report had been received / circulated to members / and is on the mpc website.

7 FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Lengthsman grant had been submitted and funds received.

Vat submissions have been made and been received.

The second payment of the precept has been received.

Budget and precept proposal 2027/2028 – this is being prepared for consideration and resolution November 2026 meeting.

Payments

Lengthsman works as scheduled - 3 invoices £2004.66 – reviewed by pc members
M Wigmore and R Mutlow had inspected the works and confirmed a satisfactory standard.

8 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / CIRCULATED

No further comments

9 PARISH MAINTENANCE REVIEW – VERBAL REPORTS

Reference lengthsman scheduled plan works – item 7

M Wigmore raised the concern deterioration of the 30mph road roundels Glewstone. Traffic increase has worn them significantly. Discussion progressed as to what would be the costs to repaint them – previous costs under a parish commissioning model being some £6000 and with red tarmac over £10,000.

10 ADDITIONAL REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – VERBAL

N Roper (footpaths officer) reported he had cleared the blocked footpath reported by the Clerk (fallen tree branch). Very many thanks Nigel for doing this yourself.

11 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Precept and budget proposal / resolution finance year 2027/2028

The meeting started at 7.30pm and ended at 8.35pm

Signed

Chairman

Date

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7.30PM AT ST MATTHEWS CHURCH MARSTOW - UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT MATTERS TO ATTEND AND THEN A FURTHER MEETING WILL BE CALLED.