

MARSKE AND NEW FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council – MRS Charlotte Smith

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DRAFT Minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held in St Edmunds Church on Wednesday 18th March 2026

Present: Cllr Meredith (Chairman) Cllr Villiers Cllr M Wallis
Clerk: MRS C Smith 5 Members of the Public

26.0 Public Representations

Residents raised concerns regarding the road closure caused by a landslip earlier in the day. A significant number of vehicles were using Marske Road, with no diversion signage or timeframe for repairs. It was noted that if the closure is long-term, issues may worsen.

Action: Parish Council to contact Highways to highlight:

- ***The volume of traffic now using the route***
- ***Existing potholes and saplings encroaching on the carriageway***
- ***The need for the road to be prioritised as a gritting route due to icy conditions***

Residents were reminded of the WhatsApp Community Group for Marske & New Forest- if residents wish to be added to the group please contact the Clerk.

Action: Clerk to issue an email reminder and review the list of subscribers. Clerk to appoint another administrator for the community WhatsApp group; also to investigate why some messages on the WhatsApp group fail to be received by all

26.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Ridley and Cllr Peacock. Reasons for absence were approved.

26.2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members' Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

26.3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2025 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

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26.4 Reports

- a. **Dales Police Report**- circulated.
- b. **Updates from Councillors** -No updates were provided other than items covered on the Agenda.

26.5 Councillor Vacancy

The Council considered applications for the current vacancy and resolved to co-opt and appoint Mr Tom Maxwell as a Councillor onto Marske & New Forest Parish Council.

26.6 Best Kept Village 2026

The Council discussed participation in the 2026 Best Kept Village competition and resolved to enter the competition.

Action: Cllr Meradith to propose a weekend date in May/early June for village tidy-up

26.7 Highways

a. Road Subsidence

A further update will be requested from Highways.

b. Skelton South Bridge

North Yorkshire Council are in the early stages of planning maintenance works at Skelton South Bridge on Skelton Lane between Marske and Skelton. Details will be circulated when received.

26.8 Biodiversity Policy

a. Parish Biodiversity Policy

The Council approved the adoption of a Parish Biodiversity Policy.

b. Toad Migration Signage

Seasonal toad crossing signs to be installed from **1 March** and removed at the **end of April**.

Autumn migration to be monitored and dates reviewed if necessary.

26.9 Signpost Restoration

The fingerpost arm has now been cast. Painting and installation will follow, with completion hoped for by summer.

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26.10 Training

Defibrillator training information to be progressed, now number confirmed.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Lynn Wallis on final numbers and venue.

26.11 Planning

a. Hope Moor Wind Farm – Update

Parish Councillors have attended two meetings since the public drop-in session.

• Meeting 1 – Community Benefits:

Proposals remain at an early stage. Developers indicated support for village projects and would consider contributing. Parish councillors met with trustees of Marske Village Hall Association in January and agreed that A community group rather than the parish council will be required to progress ideas.

• Meeting 2 – Wind Farm Community Liaison Group:

Fourteen parishes are represented. Draft Minutes have been circulated. Concerns were raised about the Parish Council being used as the main communication channel between the developer and the community. The Council agreed to request **28 days' notice** for consultations to allow adequate preparation.

• Forthcoming Wind Farm Consultations

Developers anticipate consultations in **May**, including:

- A formal consultation
- A second, more detailed consultation led by the Planning Inspectorate, on the developer's environmental impact assessment "scoping report". This consultation is not expected to be open to residents and the general public. The council therefore discussed making their own response to this "Scoping" consultation, on the assumption the Planning Inspectorate would allow that. It was agreed that the council would welcome inputs to their potential response from residents.

Action: Clerk to incorporate contributions from residents in any parish council response to the consultation on the Scoping Report.

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b. ZD26/00102/FULL – 3 Glamping Units, Kexwith, Marske

The Council had **no objections** and is **in support** of the application.

c. Barningham Estate Woodland Management Plan - No comments.

26.12 Finance

a. Bank Reconciliation

The Reconciliation Statement dated 27th February 2026 was approved and signed.

b. Bank Balance

The balance of **£6,246.35** was noted.

c. Payment Schedule

Payments and receipts since the last meeting were noted.

d. Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were approved:

- Signpost restoration
- Church hire
- Vision ICT – website domain

26.13 Exchange of Information & Items for the Next Agenda Items raised:

The Council considered a request from a resident regarding the installation of signage in the parking area to remind dog owners to keep dogs on leads. Members felt that any such signage would likely require planning permission and therefore could not be progressed at this stage.

Actions:

- ***Clerk to contact North Yorkshire Highways to enquire whether a small sign could be installed at the entrance to the village to indicate that parking is available at the bottom of the village.***
- ***Obtain signage costs; ask Cllr Wallis to investigate options.***
- ***Contact NFU regarding signage.***
- ***Consider a Countryside Code sign; enquire with YDNP.***
- ***Costings for a noticeboard for the car park to be explored.***

Next Agenda Item: Car park and village signage – update and options.

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Appendix

Payment Schedule

Date	Amount	Memo
04/02/2026	-118.65	MRS CE SMITH SALARY JANUARY 26 BBP
04/02/2026	-118.65	MRS CE SMITH SALARY DECEMBER BBP
04/02/2026	-52	MRS CE SMITH HWA DEC + JAN BBP
04/02/2026	-83.4	VALUE PRODUCTS LIM Defib Pads 4692325 BBP
23/01/2026	-80.8	HMRC SDDS PAYE 0000683484 DDR
19/12/2025	350	POST OFFICE CREDIT 100010 REM
18/12/2025	-346.8	FIRST RESCUE TRAIN 176744 BBP
18/12/2025	-107.85	MRS CE SMITH SALARY NOV BBP
18/12/2025	-114.35	MRS CE SMITH SALARY OCT BBP
18/12/2025	-52	MRS CE SMITH HWA BBP
18/12/2025	-224	ZURICH MUNICIPAL YLL2720868973 BBP