

MINUTES OF ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at North Marston Village Hall

Signed:

12th May 2026

Mr Ian Mordue – Chairman

Here is a polished and formatted version of the Annual Village Meeting minutes suitable for publication or upload to the Parish Council website.

Annual Village Meeting Minutes

Present:

I Mordue, B Newman, S Hill, A Boyt, K Du-Plessis and M Tanner

In Attendance:

- Parish Clerk
- Representatives of village organisations
- Two members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Head Teacher

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on 13 May 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Parish Council Chairman's Report

The Chairman provided a report on the previous 12 months and current projects.

It was noted that much of the Parish Council's time had been taken up with ongoing boundary matters.

The Chairman highlighted the success of the Granmatory event, describing it as an excellent community occasion that will now become a biennial event, with the next event scheduled for 10 July 2027.

The event successfully raised funds for the PTA and the Sportsfield and would not have been possible without the support of volunteers from both villages. Funds had been shared fairly between the villages based on the efforts contributed, and it was hoped that participation would continue to grow.

The Chairman also reported that the Parish Council had increased the precept by 5% in response to increasing costs associated with maintaining village services and standards. Despite the increase, it was noted that there remained limited surplus funding after essential expenditure.

Thanks were extended to all councillors, volunteers, the Church, and community organisations for the time and effort they contribute to the village.

Residents were encouraged to consider joining the Parish Council.

The Chairman also welcomed new residents to the village and noted the continued work by the Church in circulating welcome packs to newcomers.

4. Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor and Village Organisations

Reports were received from the following organisations and representatives:

a. Buckinghamshire Council

Not in attendance.

b. History Club

A verbal report was received, with a written report also supplied.

c. Monday Club

A verbal report was received, with a written report also supplied.

d. MADS

It was noted that no written report had been received, and the Clerk would check whether the email had been received correctly.

e. NAG-O-WOMBLES

No written report was received.

f. Schorne Well Restoration Committee

No report was received. It was noted that the committee continues to maintain the site.

g. Poors Piece & Clockland

A verbal report was received, supported by a written report.

h. St Mary's Church / Wesley Centre

A verbal and written report was received. It was noted that a QR code and directory address should be sent to David Bayley.

i. North Marston School

A written report was received and presented verbally by the Clerk.

j. North Marston Pre-School

No report was received.

k. North Marston Shop

A verbal and written report was received. It was reported that a van had reversed into the building, causing damage. The damage is repairable, and CCTV is to be installed.

l. North Marston & Granborough Sportsfield

A written report was received.

m. 1st Granborough Scouts

A written report was provided by Martin. It was noted that membership numbers remain healthy and that a wide range of activities are planned, including:

- South Coast trip in August 2026

- Bridge building
- Visit to the National Radio Centre
- Clay shoot
- Pioneering activities
- Pizza station and pizza making
- History tour for Beavers

It was also noted that cladding had been added to the Sportsfield building and that Scouts had assisted with tidying the Sportsfield.

It was confirmed that all Annual Reports would be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

5. Open Forum for Villagers

Residents raised the following matters:

- Bullrushes at Parsnip Pond require attention.
- Posts around the village are heavily rotted and are being considered for replacement.
- Outside lights at the Village Hall are not working.
- Questions were raised regarding whether some village hall furniture continues to serve a purpose.
- Concerns were raised regarding speeding through the village, with reports of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds. It was confirmed that speed data is currently being collected.
- The Remembrance Sunday event was noted as being very well attended and deserving of acknowledgement.

Residents extended their thanks to the Parish Council for their ongoing work on behalf of the village.

6. Date of Next Annual Village Meeting

The next Annual Village Meeting will be held in May 2027.