

MARTON & GATE BURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2026.

PRESENT Cllr S Spence (Chairman)
 Cllr N Cody (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr C Durning
 Cllr L Musgrave
 Cllr P Kent
 Cllr J Ridley

Also present:

Sue Moody A McArthur (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr G
Worrell Cllr J Patrick

2.DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS. None

3.PUBLIC FORUM:

Sue Moody mentioned the path at the cemetery was getting overgrown. Cllr Spence said when the weather improved this will be attended to.

4. Co-Option of Councillor: Cllr Spence stated that the Parish Council will advertise the vacancies for Marton and Gate Burton clerk to prepare adverts for the next meeting for two councillor vacancies. Cllr Worrell had not attended a meeting since the summer and this will be addressed.

5. NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th January were signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Cody seconded Cllr Kent.

6. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Cllr Spence stated Colin Butcher has made a start on the hedge cutting, more work will be carried out on the parish field when the weather improves. The Christmas tree has been taken down, Cllr Spence had tried to contact the vicar to thank her and arrange a donation to the church. The clerk gave an update on the ordering of the filing cabinet.

7. PLANNING: WL/2026/00067 Burton Chateau – No objections

8. Finance: Agreed to approve payment for clerk salary £198.93 HMRC £49.80 LALC £108.00 LALC 272.34 WAVE £19.44. The clerk confirmed the Multidata DD of £68.20 was the final payment.

9. Cllr Spence had visited the mobile post office again and had spoken to Edward who runs the mobile post office, he is keen to include Marton and will speak to his manager, Cllr Spence awaits confirmation.

10. The grass cutting schedule was discussed and agreed. Clerk to re mention to Krinkels UK that no photo evidence of cuts had been received although this was requested, Cllr Kent will prepare a map and the areas that are covered under the contract will be marked on the map and the map will be circulated to the parish councillor's.

11 Correspondence: Cllr Spence read out the letter received on behalf of Musson Ltd regarding the proposed community facilities. Cllr Spence stated at this stage this was not a planning application. Points of concern: The facilities being offered already exist within the village and any duplication would put both enterprises at financial risk of failure. Council tax payers in the village already pay for the grass cutting of the childrens play park, the addition of a further play park could increase council tax if the costs were passed on for the grass cutting.

The route of power lines for proposed solar farms are on the site, the proposal is outside the development of the village. Clerk to inform Musson Ltd of the above.

12. Discuss and agree the request from the solicitors of the value of the parish land being registered: A value of 4K was agreed, clerk to notify the solicitors.

13. Correspondence: An email has been received requesting the PC try and progress the opening of the school car park. Clerk to write to highways and Cllr Wimhurst. A copy letter has been received regarding the Council's decision not to support the installation of the pedestrian crossing outside the school. Clerk to write to highways and Cllr Wimhurst.

It was also agreed the clerk should again invite Cllr Wimhurst to the parish council monthly meeting.

14. Coronation Wood. Cllr Ridley stated he hadn't obtained quotes for the stump grinder yet, there are more stumps than anticipated as he had been marking them.

15. AOB. The bus shelter was briefly discussed as was the defib, Cllr Pilgrim had passed on a contact for the defib at WLDC the clerk will make contact.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm date of next meeting meeting Monday March 2nd 2026.

