

MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026 at St Matthews church Marstow

PRESENT A Williams (Chairman) R Mutlow M Wigmore O Powell

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor E Swinglehurst Ross on Wye CPO and 18 residents

APOLOGIES N Roper

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None reported

1 COPTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Owen Powell was coopted to the parish council.

All required forms completed and submitted.

2 OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

2.1 Opportunity to talk to our local Community Police Officer – Police structure is to be changed – reference the announcement by Herefordshire police force.

Fortunately crime is low !

Residents when asked for any matters mentioned some home callers early evenings claiming to be a charity organisation. Advice was given how to deal with this and if necessary report to 101.

2.2 Planning applications as agenda item.

Residents present had come with the intention to discuss specific planning applications.

The Chairman gave the opportunity for discussion followed by a review / resolution by council members.

2.3 253333 land at Orchard Close - 2 new dwellings

Details of the main concerns raised attached to the main minutes and were submitted to HC planning 21 January 2026 HC 788722084.

The parish council supported the concerns with an objection to this application.

The Ward Councillor also reported to the meeting that a request would be made for the application / decision be submitted to the planning committee.

2.4 252521 School House – 4 new dwellings – HC 788668020

Two residents were deeply concerned regarding the agreed use they had to the established sewage tank and soak away on this proposed land development. They had made contact with planning but had not received a response.

On 21 January 2026 the Ward Councillor was informed by planning that the developer had withdrawn the planning application.

2.5 253557 Ashe Farm part retrospective - storage containers – HC 788671471

The pc members gave no objections to the application.

2.6 253678 Mount Craig Hall – 12 new / replacement dwellings – HC 788623036

The pc members gave no objections to this application.

2.7 253545 Crossways – variations to 2 dwellings planning granted – HC 788674939

The pc members gave no objections to this application providing planning were satisfied the water drainage matters had been adequately addressed.

Under section 106 a request was made for improved safety area for students waiting for the school transport at this area.

2.8 Further matters – a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish was raised and it was explained to residents how this can be achieved by them and the grants available

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 25 NOVEMBER 2025

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4 ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Lengthsman works – M Wigmore reported that the agreed first phase of works had been carried out. Two 30mph speed signs near Glewstone Court were faded – the Clerk will report this with a request for inspection and replacement.

Fly tipping Pencraig – this had been actioned, but more has appeared – clearly a featured drop off point !

5 FINANCE MATTERS

Bank status – reviewed

Precept 2026 / 2027 has been submitted and confirmed.

6 WARD COUNCILLOR

The regular monthly report had been received and circulated and available on the pc website.

Further highlights – budget discussion / preparation – lower funding available from central government – hopefully some grants available for parish maintenance.

7 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / DISTRIBUTED

No further comments.

PARISH RELATED CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received correspondence and telephone calls from residents relating to planning application 253333.

8 PARISH MAINTENANCE REVIEW

Boat Lane – it appears engineers have been inspecting the area and associated drainage problems.

Chairman agreed to contact our locality steward for further information.

9 ADDITIONAL REPORTS COUNCIL MEMBERS – VERBAL

No further matters.

10 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

May 2026 AMPC proposed meetings start 7pm

The meeting started at 7.30pm and ended at 9.20pm

Signed

Chairman

Date

NEXT MEETING

**TO BE HELD ON 24 MARCH 2026 AT 7.30PM AT ST MATTHEWS CHURCH MARSTOW
UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS TO ATTEND AND A FURTHER
MEETING WILL BE CALLED.**