



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at: Catshill Village Hall

Date and Time: Thursday 28th May 2026 7.00 pm

Present

Cllrs B Laniosh (Chair), J Parry, P Masters, T Gillespie, S Webb, S Cassim

In attendance: J Mathews (Clerk), one member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Falconer and Cllr Osman.

2. Declarations of Interest / Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

2.1 None received.

3. Public Participation

3.1 The meeting was adjourned for public questions. One member of the public attended the meeting.

- A resident from Stourbridge Road attended to report that the newly installed VAS sign is not helping to reduce the speeding. She suggested that the hedge needed siding out to widen the footpath and improve visibility. Cllr Webb will ask Cllr Dunkley to look into this. In addition, the MOP told the Parish Council that the field next to her house has been put up for sale which was a concern particularly due to the utilities located there. She noted that any upkeep of the field and the hedge had ceased. Cllr Webb confirmed that the County Council are selling off assets across the region.
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4. Reports from Outside Bodies

4.1 Worcestershire County Councillor – a report would be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting to follow this meeting.



- 4.2 Bromsgrove District Councillor – a report would be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting to follow this meeting.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (30th April 2026)

- 5.1 The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 5.2 Matters Arising – were as follows;
- A new sign is to be purchased for North Marlbrook. This would likely be situated on Braces Lane. Further work to secure this is ongoing.
 - The parish garage needs to be repaired as there is evidence it has been damaged which is affecting the door mechanism. A new lock is also required. Cllr Cassim and Cllr Webb will contact a tradesman to provide a quote.
 - No response has been received from Cllr Helen Jones to attend a parish meeting on behalf of Marlbrook.

7. Finance

- 7.1 The following invoices had been submitted for approval and payment authorisation.

Supplier / description of service/ goods/ expenses	Amount
Burcot Nurseries Ivy cottage garden plants	298.44
Cllr Webb expenses B&Q	14.00
Cllr Webb expenses Singletons	48.00
Event Branding UK Gazebo	1474.80
Cllr Parry Easter expenses	39.40
White goods scheme Grant	3,000
Scribe	44.40
Meadowfields Garden Maintenance	237.60
Clerk expenses	69.16



- 7.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement – the bank statement and accounts had been scrutinised by all Councillors.

8. Working Groups

8.1 Environment & Events

Cllr Webb update the PC on the following points;

- It is the 100 -year anniversary of the War Memorial in 2027. Cllr Webb has asked Cllr Masters to take a lead on the this. Further discussion on this with be on the agenda for the June meeting. **ACTION**
- Cllr Parry reported that she had been liaising with Christmas light providers for quotes to add lights to Braces Lane. It is estimated that 8 sets are needed which would cost in the region of £800 each which she had been assured would be discounted if ordered.
Cllr Gillespie suggested that reconditioned lights would be more cost effective, however some Cllrs felt that these had not proved good enough in previous years and risked a double investment as they would not last as long.
More information was needed to make a decision and the issue would be added to June’s agenda. **ACTION**
- It was reported that different dog waste bags would be bought which would provide a significant cost saving. Current and new dispensers are also being considered.

8.2 Planning

Cllr Gillespie provided an update;

- Application type: Full Application
Planning Reference: 26/00497/FUL
Proposal: Proposed 2 Storey Side & Rear Extensions, Single Storey Rear Extension, Porch extension to Front Elevation, Loft Conversion including Raised Ridge Height, roof lights and Dormer windows to front and rear together with Replacement boundary wall, Railings and Gates to the frontage
Location: 516 Birmingham Road, Marlbrook, Worcestershire, B61 0HS
- Application type: Full Application
Planning Reference: 26/00528/FUL
Proposal: Retrospective application for single-storey rear extension
Location: 32 Halesowen Road, Lydiate Ash, Worcestershire, B61 0QJ

The PC had no objections to the above applications.



8.3 Finance, HR and General Purposes

Cllr Falconer had provided an email update in her absence which would be shared with Cllrs after the meeting. **ACTION**

8.4 Communications

Cllrs Masters and Laniosh provided an update;

- The new website has been created. Emails have been moved and some training on updating the website has been received by Cllr Masters and the Clerk. It was proposed that the old website was now discontinued and no longer made available publicly. Cllrs AGREED unanimously and Cllr Laniosh would action the switch from old to new.

9. Chairman's Report

9.1 An annual report will be delivered at the Annual Parish Meeting.

10. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

10. 1 Two enquiries had been received and dealt with. One was regarding the ownership of Shelley Close; the other an overgrown footpath. Cllr Dunkley had assisted with the ownership of Shelly Close and Cllr Laniosh and the footpath group had assisted with the footpath management.

11. Reports from Parish Councillors

11.1 No further reports were provided.

12. Date of Next Meeting

12.1 Thursday 25th June 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall

The meeting finished at 19.28