

Merton Parish Council

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Notice is hereby given that a Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7:30pm at the Clinton Hall.

All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted as set out hereunder.

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

An audio recording maybe taken to assist with drafting the Minutes.

1.1.24 Welcome: Chair to open meeting and inform the meeting if a recording is being taken to assist in the preparation of the minutes.

2.1.24 Apologies for absence:

Resolution to approve apologies (with reasons) made to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

3.1.24 Co-option Vacancies (Clerk)

Cllrs to consider candidates who have completed the required [Co-option form](#) and have been confirmed as eligible to stand prior the Meeting.

4.1.24 Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs to declare any interests they may have in items on this agenda, including the nature of the interest. Cllrs are reminded of their responsibility to keep their Register of Interests updated.

5.1.24 Public Speaking Time:

Members of the public are invited to speak on issues on this Agenda, or on other matters which the council has some control over. Members of the public may not speak during other items. Any items raised will not be discussed at this meeting but may be added to the next Agenda.

6.1.24 District / County Councillors Reports.

- a) County Cllr Andrew Saywell.
- b) District Cllrs: Cllr Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin & Cllr Chris Wheatley

7.1.24 Current & New Business:

- a) Additional Play Space at Clinton School and discussion on Section 106 (Chair)
- b) Consideration of [letter received from Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Cox KC](#) – Member of Parliament for Torridge and West Devon. (Chair/Clerk)
Including consideration on [Levelling up Partnership priorities](#) and [petition for additional funding from central government towards the maintenance of the road network](#).
- c) Cllrs to Consider formation of H.R. Committee, including membership & associated Terms of Reference ([MPC 023 H.R. Committee – Terms of Reference](#)) (Chair/Clerk)

8.1.24 Finance: Clerk to present documents for this item at the Meeting.

- a) To approve financial schedule as presented by the Clerk.
- b) Banking Checks for period 10-07-2023 to 08-01-2024.
- c) To receive 3rd Quarter budget report and any virements.
- d) To receive and discuss the 1st Draft 2024-2025 Budget.

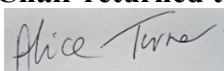
9.1.24 Reports and future agenda items (not an opportunity for debate/decision making):

10.1.24 Confirmation of next meeting: Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

Please note that any changes to the meeting date will be updated on the [Website](#).

11.1.24: Confidential item (Part II) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2).

- a) Resolution required to move the Council into Part II.
- b) Cllrs to discuss the Clerks return to work. *Confidential Employment Matter*. (Chair)
- c) The Chair returned the meeting to public session to hear resolutions.



Alice Turner – Proper Officer

Date: 3rd January 2024.