

Merton Parish Council

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Notice is hereby given that a Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 9th September 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

1.9.24 Welcome:

Chair to open meeting and inform the meeting if a recording is being taken to assist in the preparation of the minutes, the recording will be deleted once the Minutes are drafted.

2.9.24 Apologies for absence:

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

3.9.24 Minutes of the last meeting – as available on [website](#) (Chair):

Cllrs to consider the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2024.

4.4.24 Co-option Vacancies (Chair)

Reminder that there are currently 2 co-option vacancies and to consider candidates who have completed the required [Co-option form](#) and have been confirmed as eligible prior the Meeting.

5.9.24 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.

6.9.24 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.

7.9.24 Police/District / County Councillors Reports.

- a) To receive Police report.
- b) County Cllr Andrew Saywell.
- c) District Cllrs: Cllr Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin & Cllr Chris Wheatley

8.9.24 Current & New Business

- a) To consider approval and ratification of [MPC 024 Grant Policy V1.0 – Draft](#) (Chair)
- b) To consider approval and ratification of [MPC 025 Staff Appraisal Policy V1.0 – Draft](#) (Chair)

- c) To consider request for additional donation towards the maintenance of the public toilets at the hall.

This was raised that the July Meeting during public speaking time and members of the hall committee agreed to arrange costings to be sent to the Council for consideration.

- d) To discuss request for funding towards replacement of the boundary fence around the football pitch at the Hall (Chair)
- e) Consideration of weed maintenance and tidying of Play Area (Chair)
- f) To consider parishioner request that the Parish Council consider buying a bench in memory of Lord Clinton - maybe situated within the grounds of The Clinton Hall or other venue to be discussed. (Cllr Papworth)
- g) To consider request for the [purchase of Community Speed watch signs](#) and where they can be located (Chair)
- h) Devon Community Resilience Forum - Thursday 26th September
Devon Community Resilience Forum on Thursday 26th September 9.30am – 4pm at Crediton Rugby Club, Exhibition Road, Crediton, EX17 1EP.

The event is free, and a light lunch is provided. Presentations and topics of discussion will include:

- The emergency response to the Plymouth UXO - British Red Cross
- Learning from the past: flooding in Devon - historic, current and future risks - Environment Agency
- Getting involved: recruiting volunteers and engaging the community - Lymptstone Flood Group
- Community emergency contact hubs: the development of societal resilience in Dorset - Dorset Council
- Farewell to the landline: digital switchover and emergency response – EE

There will also be an open forum discussion where you can raise issues and ask questions.

Booking is via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/devon-community-resilience-forum-autumn-2024-tickets-970322780557>

i) DALC AGM 2nd October 2024. (Chair/Clerk)

Cllrs to discuss voting for the AGM and delegating a proxy vote to the Chair of the AGM. [The Agenda Pack is available via this link.](#)

We will have a live stream of the AGM proceedings should you wish to watch remotely. However, you will not be able to speak and vote through this option. Cllrs can register to watch remotely:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkceytpzsiGdKoI6onWlm2CQFHdvsNbhlLq>

If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to record your councils apologies, or if you have any other queries regarding the event, please email enquiries@devonalc.org.uk.

9.9.24 Financial Matters (Clerk).

- a) Cllrs to consider the Financial Schedule as presented.
- b) Banking Checks for period 10-06-2024 to 08-07-2024.
- c) Banking Checks for period 08-07-2024 to 09-09-2024.

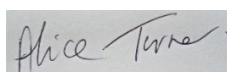
10.9.24 Reports and future agenda items (not for debate/decision making):

- a) Advance Notice of [ROAD CLOSURE: Thursday 24th October between 09:30 and 15:30 - ROAD FROM PEAR TREE COTTAGE TO MOWHAY, MERTON, CARRIAGEWAY, VERGE, O/S CONKERS OFF BOUNSELLS LANE.](#)
- b) Advance Notice of Road Closure: [Thursday 17th October between 08:30 and 15:30 - ROAD FROM CHAPEL CROSS TO LAKES CROSS, MERTON, ROAD FROM CHAPEL CROSS TO LIMERS LANE, ROAD FROM BRANDIS CORNER TO CHAPEL CROSS, ROAD FROM CHAPEL CROSS TO RYALLS CORNER & ROAD FROM RYALLS CORNER TO LAKES CROSS.](#)
- c) Stagecoach are making changes to many of their services from 1st September 2024. Full details of the changes and the new timetables will be available on their website shortly: www.Stagecoachbus.com.

11.9.24 Confirmation of next meeting date: Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm. - Any change will be on the [Website](#).

12.9.24 Confidential matters (PART II) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2)

- a) Resolution required to move the Council into Part II.
- b) To discuss matters relating to the recruitment of a replacement Clerk and matters relating to the existing Clerks departure – (*Confidential employment matters*).
- c) To report on pre-planning meeting with TDC and any advice received relating to Drainage matters in the (*Legally sensitive information*).
- d) To discuss Solicitors advice relating to the Play area including ownership of the land and maintenance of the playground – (*Legally sensitive information*).
- e) The Chair to return the meeting to public session to hear resolutions.



Alice Turner – Proper Officer

Date: 4th September 2024.