

Merton Parish Council

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Notice is hereby given that a Council meeting will take place on Monday 13th January 2025 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

Audio recording will be in progress to assist with the taking of Minutes.

1.1.25 Welcome:

Chair to open meeting and inform the meeting that a recording is taking place to assist in the preparation of minutes, the recording will be deleted once the minutes have been approved.

2.1.25 Apologies for absence:

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

3.1.25 Minutes of the Last meeting – as available on website (Chair)

Councillors to consider the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024

4.1.25 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.

5.1.25 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 of Parish Council business.

6.1.25 District/County Councillors :

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

7.1.25 Current and New Business:

- a) Drainage issues in the square. Cllr Littleales to report on community Payback work.
- b) Overnight parking permits – Cllr Littleales to write short policy for registering vehicles – not actioned. Move to next meeting.
- c) Response from Clinton Hall in relation to lease of the playground and the distribution of Playground committee funds. – to consider response from Chair Michelle Stacey
- d) Short report on outcome of Christmas Tree Festival
- e) Oak Tree in Square – work authorised but not yet completed. Move to next meeting.
- f) Back Lane access – ascertain ownership of the road.
- g) Speed Watch cameras – review information received from Beaford Parish Council
- h) Vote on Poppy Appeal amount.
- i) Update on Lord Clinton room at the Clinton Hall

7.1.25 Financial Matters (Clerk):

- a) To approve the financial schedule as presented by the Clerk at Appendix A
- b) Banking cheques for period 29.10.24 – 28.11.24 at Appendix A
- c) To review, discuss and decide on the Budget for year 2025/2026 and the association precept contribution. Appendix B. To include:
 - i. Consideration of moving all or some monies in the Earmarked Reserves for Square Improvements and Tap fund.

8.1.25 Cllr reports and Items for future agendas

Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future Agendas.

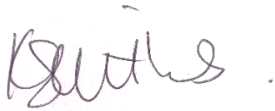
Cllrs are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

9.1.25 Confirmation of next meeting date:

Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.30pm in The Clinton Hall

10.1.25 Confidential matters (PART 11) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2)

- a) **Resolution required to move the Council into Part II**
- b) To review and sign contract of employment for Parish Clerk
- c) The Chair to return meeting to public session to hear resolutions.



Kerry Littleales – Proper Officer
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