

Merton Parish Council

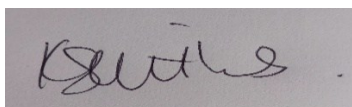
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Notice is hereby given that a Council meeting will take place on Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.30pm at The Clinton Hall, Merton.

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.



Kerry Littleales

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

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

1. 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. Apologies for absence:

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

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

Councillors to consider the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2026.

4. Declarations of Interest:

a. 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. 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.

a) Stephen Boulton – Steering Committee from the Devon BESS and Data Centre Action Group

6. District/County Councillors

a) **County Cllr. Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin**

b) **District Cllrs. Chris Wheatley.**

7. Current and New Business:

a) Co-option of Mr William Thomas to the Council.

b) Update on website (Clerk)

c) Update of playground and quote for splodge of repair to the current surface. (Chair). To note Dave Lock has now cleared the surface of weeds and moss.

d) Final update on asset inspection (all Cllrs.)

e) Drainage in The Square, the flowerbed and the church wall (Chair)

f) Savings bank account (clerk)

g) Response from Highways on relation to Speeding in the village as raised at the previous meeting by a parishioner

h) Overbearing hedges within the village – complaints and remedies.

i) Invitation from Simon Read – Coast Communications (Xlinks) for a meeting with the Chair (and possibly other Cllrs) to explain their proposals for the Data and BESS site.

j) Emergency planning (Chair) and snow warden update (Cllr. McLaughlan)

h) Christmas Tree Festival – Cllrs. to decide whether to support and fund again this year.

8. Policy Updates

a) Anti-fraud and Corruption Policy

b) Confidential Reporting Policy – change to Whistleblowers policy?

c) Removable media Policy

d) Grant Policy

e) Staff Appraisal policy

f) Risk Management Policy

9.Financial Matters (Clerk):

a. To review Bank Reconciliation against statement

b. To conduct banking checks (payments made against bank statement between 14th July 2026 and 8th September 2026

c. Budget review.

d. To approve 3.3% pay increase backdated from 1st April 2026 for clerk as agreed by government.

10. Cllr reports and Items for future agendas

Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report information and to raise items for future Agendas.

11. Confirmation of next meeting date:

Monday 9th November 7.30pm at The Clinton Hall

12. Confidential matters Part 11 Public Bodies Admission to meetings Act 1960 s1 (2)

a) Resolution required to move the Council into Part 11.

The Clerk confirmed that the audio recording had been switched off.

b) Quotes for jet washing contract for playground.

b) The chair to return the meeting to public session to hear resolutions

There being no further business the meeting closed at.....