



Marbury and District Parish Council

Marbury Village Hall

Monday 8th January 2024 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Joe Briggs (Chair), Councillor John David, Councillor J Makin, Councillor P Shakeshaft, Councillor M Turnbull and Councillor F Wilson (Vice Chair).

Also Present:

Ward Councillor - J Pearson

Councillor Lyndon Jones - Vice- Chairman-Wrenbury Parish Council

Glenn Pittaway- Wrenbury Parish Council

Sharon Jones - Police Community Support Officer

1. **Apologies-** The following submitted their apologies-
 - Councillor R Perry;
 - Councillor T Leese; and
 - Reverend Veronica Green.

2. **Declarations of interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Dates of next meetings** - The Councillors discussed, agreed and approved the following meeting dates:
 - Monday 18th March 2024
 - Monday 20th May 2024

4. **Minutes of previous Meeting** - The Minutes for Monday 13th November 2023 were APPROVED and AGREED by Councillors whereby Councillor Fiona Wilson proposed and Councillor J Makin seconded them.

5. Public Speaking Time

The Chair thanked the representatives from Wrenbury Council for attending the Marbury and District Parish Council meeting.

The Chair read out a letter that had been received from a resident regarding growing concerns surrounding a persistent pothole, drainage and flooding issues on the local roads.

During the debate a number of issues were referred to, including the need for effective reporting, referencing, information management systems, proactive feedback, escalation of issues, improvement of the road infrastructure, the balance for the consistency against the importance of local intelligence regarding the scheduling of the clearance of gullies, contract management and fair allocation of highway funding to Marbury and neighbouring rural Wards.

Action:

- (i) **That the Ward Councillor investigates the issues raised by the local resident and Councillors regarding the growing concerns surrounding the persistent pothole, draining and flooding issues on the local roads.**
- (ii) **That Councillors follow up the Ward Councillors updated actions regarding the issues identified in action point (i).**

6. Matters arising

- **Ward Councillor Update** – The Ward Councillor provided an update of ward related issues that had occurred since his last update and also informed Councillors that recently Cheshire East Council had appointed a newly appointed Chief Executive.
- **Highways issues:-** Councillors discussed the:
 - a) Re-commitment of the Pan Parish Highways and issues regarding Cheshire East's fix my street system.
 - b) Concerns regarding the quality of highways workmanship.
- **Police Update** - The Police Community Support Officer updated Councillors regarding the Police Commissioners enquiry regarding the re implementation of the cluster meetings and facilitation of a Police Surgery for local residents.
- **Church Update** – The Clerk read out to councillors the correspondence received from Reverend Veronica Green.
- **Cemetery Update** - No update had been received at this time.

- **Matters relating to the highways/Roads as follows: -**

The Clerk confirmed that no response had been received from the Swan regarding the lighting issues.

Action: Clerk to chase up the Swan regarding the lighting issues.

7. Planning

Councillors discussed the following Planning Applications.

- a) **New applications (since the previous meeting) as at 29/12/2023-** No new applications received.
- b) **Planning Decisions made:** - Councillors discussed the Planning Applications that were awaiting decisions.
- c) **Planning decisions since the last meeting** - Councillors discussed the Planning Applications that had been decided since the last meeting.

8. **Correspondence and Clerk's Report** - The Clerk informed Councillors regarding the Correspondence received prior to the Council meeting.

9. Financial Affairs

The Councillors approved the transactions below:

2023/24 transactions

Invoice Date	Cheque Number/Ref	Details	VAT	Total £
13/11/2023	320	D Foulkes	0	323.94
13/11/2023	321	hmrc	0	78.60
12/12/2023	322	Avow	0	19.50
12/12/2023	323	D Foulkes	0	220.99
12/12/2023	324	cancelled	0	0.00
12/12/2023	325	cancelled	0	0.00
12/12/2023	326	hmrc	0	52.60
12/12/2023	327	marbury village hall	0	1,500.00
30/10/2023	DD	ico	0	35.00

01/11/2023	DD	service charges	0	5.00
01/12/2023	DD	service charges	0	5.00

a) **Income Received** - No income had been received at this point.

10. Any other Business

- **Newsletter** - Councillors discussed the proposed increased printing costs from £300 to £350 regarding the Parish Newsletter.
- **Community Resilience Plan** - The Clerk informed Councilors regarding the Community Resilience Plan and will work with Councillors regarding the completion of it in the new year.

Meeting finished at: **9.13pm**