



**Marbury and District Parish Council**

**Marbury Village Hall**

**Monday 11 November 2024 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillor Joe Briggs (Chair), Councillor J David, Councillor J Makin, Councillor T Leese, Councillor R Perry, Councillor P Shakeshaft, Councillor M Turnbull and Councillor F Wilson (Vice Chair).

**Also Present:**

- Councillor Lyndon Jones (Wrenbury Parish Council)
- Reverend Veronica Green (St Michael's, Marbury)

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor M. Turnbull

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**48. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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**49. Public Speaking Time**

There were no updates or contributions during the public speaking session.

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**50. Ward Councillor Update** - No update was provided.

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## 51. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 9 September 2024, were approved and agreed as a correct record.

- **Proposed by:** Councillor P. Shakeshaft
  - **Seconded by:** Councillor F. Wilson
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## 52. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

### 52.1 Grounds Maintenance

- **Discussion:** Additional grass cuts for the play area were considered. Councillors expressed satisfaction with the current contractor. Issues regarding the installation of football posts on sloping land were noted, and advice will be sought.
- **Action:** Contractor to be contacted for additional cuts when required and Councillors to seek advice on the football post installation.

### 52.2 Tree Inspection

- **Action:** Clerk to follow up on the pending response regarding the tree inspection.

### 52.3 Playground Inspection Update

- **Discussion:** Findings from the inspection were reviewed. Swing seats have been adjusted, and grass cutting was highlighted for safety compliance. Concerns about playground surface damage were raised.
- **Action:** Councillors to provide photographs of the damaged surface. Clerk to forward these to the supplier for further action.

### 52.4 Bank Change Proposal

- **Discussion:** Clerk presented findings on switching to Unity Banking based on advice from other councils and online research.
- **Action:** Councillors agreed to proceed with the transition in the near future, pending the closure of the current bank branch.

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## 53. Regular Reports and Updates

### 53.1 Police Update

Road safety information was provided prior to the parish council meeting, particularly on handling horses on roads.

### 53.2 Church Update

- Reverend Green shared updates on upcoming events, including:
  - Carol Service at The Swan on Tuesday, 17 December 2024, at 7:00 pm.
  - Carols by Candlelight at St Michael's on 20 December 2024 and at Bickley on 15 December 2024.
- Positive feedback on the Tommy statue and discussions on extending the graveyard path.

### 53.3 Cemetery Update

- The Clerk reported no meetings of the Cemetery Advisory Group this year.
- No significant matters impacting Marbury Parish Council.

### 53.4 Highways and Roads Update

- Councillors noted the efficient use of a WhatsApp group for local notifications.
- Concerns over outdated road infrastructure and drainage issues were raised.

**Action:** Continue feeding back to Chester East Council for road improvements.

### 53.5 Road Safety and Parking at The Swan Inn

- **Discussion:** Parking on the corner near The Swan was identified as a safety hazard.
- **Action:** Clerk to draft a letter to Cheshire East Council and the police for advice and actions to address parking concerns, including potential temporary measures like cones.

### 53.6 Cheshire East Recycling Centre Update

- Residents will need to use the Crewe recycling center. This matter was noted as previously discussed.

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## **54. Proposal to Change Banking Provider**

Councillors considered the proposal to switch to Unity Banking for improved online banking services. A decision will be finalised after further consultation.

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## **55. Planning Applications**

### **55.1 New Planning Applications**

No new applications were received.

### **55.2 Pending Decisions**

- 24/1592N: Townley Villa, Wrenbury Road, Marbury – Awaiting decision.

### **55.3 Planning Decisions**

- 24/2848N: Swanwick House – Approved with conditions (15-Oct-2024).
- 24/2615D: Land at Bradeley Green Lane – Part approved (09-Oct-2024).
- 24/2433N: Marbury Farm Equestrian Centre – Refused (29-Aug-2024).
- 24/0329N: Holly Brow – Withdrawn (07-Oct-2024).

Councillors noted the above decisions with no further comments.

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## **56. Correspondence and Clerk's Report**

The Clerk highlighted:

- Updates on the Neighbourhood Plan, which remains pending.
  - Correspondence received from a nearby resident about giving their piano away for charity purposes.
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## 57. Financial Affairs

### 57.1 Financial Transactions: - The following transactions were approved:

Date	Ref	Description	Description	VAT	Amount
1/9/2024		Service Charges	Bank Charges	0.00	5.00
2/9/2024	350	Avow	Payroll services	0.00	19.50
2/9/2024	N/A	cancelled		0.00	0.00
9/9/2024	352	D Foulkes	sept pay	0.00	220.79
9/9/2024	353	hmrc	hmrc sept	0.00	52.80
31/08/2024	354	Morrall Play Services	play area	9.50	57.00
23/10/2024	355	D Foulkes	oct pay	0.00	227.59
23/10/2024	N/A	cancelled		0.00	0.00
23/10/2024	357	HMRC	october	0.00	52.80
1/10/2024	DD	Service Charges	Bank charges	0.00	5.00
30/10/2024		ICO		0.00	35.00
1/11/2024	DD	Service Charges	Bank charges	0.00	5.00

### 57.2 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Forecast

- Approved and noted as up to date.
  - **2025/26 Precept:** Set at £9,000. Proposed by Councillor P. Shakeshaft and seconded by Councillor J. David.
  - Clerk's pay adjustment to £15.84 per hour was approved.
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## 58. Any Other Business

- Proposal to set up a Parish Council Facebook page for updates and news.
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## 59. Date of Next Meetings

- Monday, 13 January 2025
- Monday, 10 March 2025
- Monday, 12 May 2025 (AGM)

Meeting finished at 9.15pm