



Marbury and District Parish Council

Marbury Village Hall

Monday 13th January 2025 7.30pm

Present: Councillor J David, Councillor J Makin, Councillor P Shakeshaft, and Councillor F Wilson (Vice Chair).

Also Present:

- Councillor Lyndon Jones (Wrenbury Parish Council)

Apologies: Councillors Joe Briggs (Chair), T. Leese, R. Perry, M. Turnbull and Ward Councillor J Pearson.

60. Tribute to Former Clerk

The Council observed a minute's silence in memory of former Clerk Geraint Jones.

61. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Joe Briggs (Chair), T. Leese, R. Perry, and M. Turnbull.

62. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

63. Public Speaking Time

There were no contributions during the public speaking session.

64. Ward Councillor Update

No update was provided.

65. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 11 November 2024, were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by: Councillor P. Shakeshaft

Seconded by: Councillor J. David

66. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

66.1 Playground Surface Damage (Item 52.3)

- Councillor P. Shakeshaft will provide photographs of the damaged surface.
- The Clerk will forward these photographs to the supplier for further action.

66.2 Road Safety and Parking near The Swan Inn (Item 53.5)

- The Clerk drafted a letter to Cheshire East Council and the police regarding parking hazards, suggesting temporary measures such as cones. Responses from both parties were shared with the Council.

66.3 Neighbourhood Plan Update (Item 56)

No recent updates have been received. The Clerk to follow up.

66.4 Parish Council Facebook Page (Item 58)

- The proposal to create a Facebook page for council updates and news was discussed. Due to the absence of some members, this item will be revisited at the next meeting.

66.5 Proposal to Change Banking Provider

- Councillors considered switching to Unity Banking for improved online services. The Clerk informed the Council that the current branch will close in May, necessitating the change. The Clerk will proceed with the necessary actions.

67. Regular Reports and Updates

67.1 Police Update

- A cluster meeting is scheduled for 21 January 2025

67.2 Church Update

- No update was provided.

67.3 Cemetery Update

- Operations were running smoothly, with records soon to be securely archived.

67.4 Grounds Maintenance and Tree Inspection

- Councillor P. Shakeshaft has trimmed the hedges in the park.
- The Clerk will follow up with Highways Officer Roger Cook regarding the recent tree inspection.

67.5 Highways and Roads Update

- Councillors discussed issues related to flooding and ice in the parish.
- Councillor F. Wilson has actively promoted the use of the "Fix My Street" system to address road and highway concerns by professionally displaying informational flyers at The Sheep Shed Café. This initiative aimed to raise awareness among members of the public in the parish and encourage the use of the system to report local issues.
- Councillor P. Shakeshaft noted the need for additional grit boxes in the parish for safety reasons. The Clerk will write to Cheshire East Council to enquire if they could provide new grit boxes or, if not, if they would be willing to fill ones provided by the Parish Council. Councillor P. Shakeshaft will provide photographs of the proposed locations.
- Councillors requested that a letter be sent to The Swan Inn to discuss collaboration on installing a sign to discourage members of the public from parking on the path and encourage the use of the car park. Additionally, the Clerk was instructed to write to the police and Cheshire East Council to explore the feasibility of implementing traffic cones, planters, or permanent signage in the area to enhance safety and prevent potential accidents.

67.6 Request for Road Safety Measures on the A49 at Bradeley Green

- The Clerk will respond to a letter highlighting that on 2 January, multiple crashes occurred on the A49 due to wet black ice, causing vehicles to veer into hedges. The Council finds the current response unacceptable and seeks clarification on the criteria required for action. If accident data is a factor, the parish will provide the necessary information.

67.7 Other Parish Matters

- Councillors checked the defibrillators to ensure they are operational.
- A Defibrillator/Emergency Aid course will be arranged for the springtime

68. Planning Matters

68.1 New Applications

- No new planning applications have been received since the previous meeting.

68.2 Pending Decisions

- There are no planning applications awaiting decisions.

68.3 Recent Decisions

- Application 24/1592N - Townley Villa, Wrenbury Road, Marbury, SY13 4LU: Refused.

Councillors noted the above decision without further comment.

69. Correspondence and Clerk's Report

- The Clerk provided updates on the Neighbourhood Plan, which remains pending.
- The Finance report, including the budget forecast and reconciliation, was presented, indicating that the budget is well-aligned for the end of the year.

70. Financial Affairs

70.1 Review of Transactions

Councillors approved the financial transactions since the last meeting, including a summary of payments and receipts for 2024/25:

Date	Reference	Payee	Detail	VAT	Total Amount
06/11/2024	358	D Foulkes	Clerks November Pay	0.00	295.98
06/11/2024	359	HMRC	HMRC - November	0.00	71.40
01/12/2024	dd	Bank service			5.00

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- **Clerk's Financial Report**
- The Clerk presented the Bank Reconciliation and Budget Forecast, which were reviewed by Councillors. Jane Lunt was approved as the Internal Auditor.

69. Date of Next Meetings

Councillors agreed to reschedule the meeting originally planned for 10 March to Tuesday, 11 March 2025. Future meetings will be considered for Tuesdays or alternative dates as required. The next meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, 11 March 2025
- Monday, 12 May 2025 (AGM)

Meeting finished at 8.30pm