



Marbury and District Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting Marbury Village Hall
15 May at 7.00pm

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor T. Leese and Councillor R. Perry.

2. Chairman's Welcome and Annual Report

The Chairman welcomed attendees and provided a summary of the Council's key activities and developments over the past year:

- A beacon was lit to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.
- Flooding at Pinsley Green Railway Bridge marked the 'Year of Water' – thanks were extended to the Cliffe family.
- Ongoing issues with ice on the A49.
- The passing of former Clerk, Geraint Jones, in November.
- Storm damage in December caused damage to one of the fingerposts.
- Water issues reported at the Village Hall.
- Concerns raised by a resident of Norbury.
- Thanks were extended to the Shakeshaft family for clearing Norbury Road.
- Thanks to all Parish Councillors for their dedication, and to the Clerk/RFO.

3. Reports from Local Organisations

Updates were received from the following local organisations:

3.1 Marbury Women's Institute:

- Membership has risen to 38 members.

- Meetings are held in the afternoons (Nov–Mar) and evenings (Apr–Sept).
- 11 meetings per year are hosted at the Village Hall, including two Open Meetings.
- Monthly Book Group with lunch at The Swan, Marbury (16 members).
- A Mahjong group meets fortnightly at The Swan.
- The Lunch Club visits different venues every two months.
- Three outings planned: Wedgwood (April), Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (June), Wollerton Old Hall Gardens (August).
- The WI provides catering for funeral teas at the Village Hall.

3.2 St. Michael's Church – Revd Veronica Green:

- Thanks to the Council for its commitment to local community concerns.
- Prayers offered for councillors' wisdom in decision-making.
- Thanks to Councillors Joe Briggs and Jan Makin for organising the VE Day Beacon and bell-ringing.
- Gratitude for all contributions to the successful Merry Days weekend.
- Special thanks to the Clerk/RFO for her continued support and service to the Council.

3.3 Marbury Village Hall – Councillor Marian Turnbull:

- The Hall remains a key venue for community events and room hire.
- Events include coffee mornings, school reunion, Christmas Fun Day, and a Hog Roast in June.
- Insurance covered repairs to leaks due to the building's age.
- Used by local groups: WI, Wine Club, Knit & Natter, Pilates.
- Two new committee members have joined.

4. Other Reports / Guest Speakers

No additional guest speakers attended.

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 May 2024 were approved as a correct record.

6. Appointments to Outside Bodies

- Police Cluster Meetings: Cllr Marian Turnbull
- Pan Parish Highways Group: Cllrs Phil Shakeshaft & John David.

- Cemetery Board: Cllr Joe Briggs (other representatives when required - Fiona Wilson, Phil Shakeshaft).
- Village Hall Committee: Cllr Marian Turnbull

7. Public Participation

Residents were invited to share concerns or ask questions. No matters were raised.

Finished 8.04pm