



Marbury and District Parish Council

Marbury Village Hall

Thursday 18th September 2025 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Councillor R. Perry, Rev. Veronica Green, and Ward Councillor James Pearson.

Councillor T. Leese was absent.

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr T. Leese, Cllr R. Perry, Rev. Veronica Green, and Ward Cllr James Pearson.

40. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were made.

41. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2025 were approved as a correct record. Councillor F. Wilson proposed and Councillor J. David Resolved seconded the minutes. **Resolved:** Minutes agreed.

42. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

No update was received from Ward Councillor James Pearson.

43. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present. Members expressed disappointment that there was no public attendance and noted that community engagement has declined in recent years.

44. MATTERS ARISING / UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

44.1 **Police Update:** Minor incidents noted, no major issues to report.

44.2 **Church Update:** No update received from St Michael's Church.

44.3 **Cemetery Update:** No significant changes since the last meeting. Work continues on preparatory matters for the proposed cemetery expansion.

44.4 **Grounds Maintenance:** Members discussed storage arrangements for the protective cage around the new oak tree.

44.5 **Neighbourhood Plan:** Final approval remains delayed as the original plan did not address potential new housing allocations. Councillors suggested potential development land near the substation or along School Lane for accessibility to existing utilities.

Action: Clerk to formally email Cheshire East Council with these recommendations on behalf of the Council.

44.6 **CIL Update:** The Clerk reported receipt of £6,324.81 on 24 April 2025 and £1,542.92 on 10 March 2025, giving a total of £7,867.73 in available CIL funds.

Summary of CIL Consultation Report (for public transparency): A community consultation was undertaken via a Zoho survey, email correspondence, and a road safety petition signed by 20 residents. Top priority: Road safety measures (NPS +60, CSAT 80). Other interests: Walking/cycling infrastructure (20%), benches (20%), and village 'sense of place' improvements (finger posts, signage, defibrillator kiosks), Village hall improvements and Least priority: notice boards. Strong support: For repainting 'SLOW' road markings and installing additional safety signage.

Based on these findings, the Council agreed the Clerk will write to Cheshire East Highways requesting repainting and/or installation of 'SLOW' markings at the following locations: By the bungalows (SY13 area); Near the Swan Pub buildings; Cross Hill Farm, Marbury; Near Mere Cottage, Hollins Lane

45. CORRESPONDENCE / CLERK UPDATE

Items as noted under Minute 44 (CIL correspondence and resident safety concerns).

46. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors reviewed current planning applications as listed in Appendix A. It was noted that no comments were required, as the applications fell within standard categories.

47. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

47.1 Expenditure Approval: Councillors approved the following transactions and resolved to contribute £60 towards the Clerk's ILCA training.

Date	Payee	Details	Net £	VAT £	Total £
01/07/2025	Bank charges	Service Charge	0.00	0.00	5.00
09/07/2025	Bank charges	Service Charge	0.00	0.00	5.00
09/07/2025	Bank charges	Service Charge	0.00	0.00	5.00
09/07/2025	Transfer to Unity Trust Bank		0.00	0.00	36,102.13
09/07/2025	B/P to: Miss A Von Dinther	PLANTS FOR MARBURY	0.00	0.00	30.00
15/07/2025	B/P to: D Foulkes	JULY PAY - CLERK	0.00	0.00	230.11
15/07/2025	B/P to: HMRC Cumbernauld	HMRC	0.00	0.00	55.20
22/07/2025	Direct Debit (PUBLIC WORKS LOANS)	PWLB	0.00	0.00	1,451.08
31/07/2025	Service Charge		0.00	0.00	2.60
19/08/2025	B/P to: D Foulkes	AUGUST PAY - CLERK	0.00	0.00	265.82
19/08/2025	B/P to: HMRC Cumbernauld	HMRC	0.00	0.00	63.80
31/08/2025	Service Charge		0.00	0.00	6.00
14/09/2025	B/P to: D Foulkes	September	0.00	0.00	237.18
14/09/2025	B/P to: HMRC Cumbernauld	HMRC	0.00	0.00	57.00
04/09/2025	Avow	Payroll July-sept	0.00	0.00	21.00
Total					38,536.92

47.2 Income: Precept income received 05/09/2025 – £4,500.00.

47.3 Clerk's Contract: Updated Clerk's Contract, endorsed by NALC and SLCC, was approved.

47.4 Scribe AGAR System: The Clerk will meet another Clerk to review the system before any decision is made.

47.5 Forward Planning:

a) Clerk's hourly rate increase to £16.35 per hour approved in line with the 2025/26 NJC Pay Agreement.

b) Budget 2026/27 approved (Appendix B).

c) Reserves levels approved (Appendix C).

d) Precept calculation deferred pending receipt of the formal Cheshire East Council Band D letter.

48. GOVERNANCE

48.1 Revised Standing Orders with updated tendering thresholds approved.

48.2 Clerk/RFO authorised to publish and implement the revised Standing Orders (Appendix D).

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Thursday 20 November 2025 at 7.30pm, Marbury Village Hall. Future dates: 15 January 2026, 19 March 2026 (to be reviewed nearer the time).

50. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair raised concerns about low attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting and suggested reviewing the format at the next Parish Council meeting.

Meeting Closed: 9.02pm

Signed: _____

Chair

Date: _____