



**Marbury and District Parish Council**

**Marbury Village Hall**

**Thursday 20th November 2025 7.30pm**

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Phil Shakeshaft and Ward Councillor James Pearson

**In Attendance:-** Representative from Wrenbury Parish Council - Councillor Lyndon Jones.

**Absent:** Councillors T. Leese and R Perry.

## **51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of the requirement to declare any disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and to leave the meeting where appropriate.

There were no declarations of interest.

## **52. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2025 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Marian Turnbull and seconded by Councillor John David.

## **53. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR JAMES PEARSON**

No report was received due to the Ward Councillor's absence.

## **54. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were in attendance, and no questions were raised.

## **55. MATTERS ARISING / UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **55.1 Police Update**

The Clerk reported that the next Wrenbury Police Cluster Meeting would take place on 3 December 2025 at Goodwill Hall at 7:30pm.

Members noted recent press coverage concerning potential redundancies among PCSOs.

Two ambulances had attended an incident in Norbury involving a cyclist and potholes. Another report concerned a farmer and a ladder-related incident.

### **55.2 Church Update**

There was no update regarding St Michael's Church.

### **55.3 Cemetery Update**

Correspondence from Whitchurch Town Council's Clerk had been read. The Parish Council continued preparation for the additional consecrated space for the cemetery expansion. Positive comments had been received regarding cemetery upkeep during the Britain in Bloom visit, with potential for a separate future award. There had been a seasonal increase in burials. No anti-social behaviour had been reported.

### **55.4 Grounds Maintenance**

A complaint had been received regarding the size and strength of the Jubilee silver birch tree. The Council noted that removal may become necessary if issues persisted. Leaves will be arranged to be cleared by the Village Hall. The condition of the silver birch would be reviewed in spring.

## 55.5 Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan was progressing through Regulation 14. The Clerk will request an update and a copy of the consultation documents so the Parish Council could review the content.

## 55.6 CILC Update

Quotes had been received for improvements to the Village Hall car park area: **£10,000** and **£15,000**. A third quote was awaited.

## 56. CORRESPONDENCE / CLERK'S UPDATE

The Clerk provided general updates; no further actions were required.

## 57. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors considered current planning applications and noted feedback received from members of the public. Councillors reiterated that they provided an independent viewpoint and remained custodians of the Parish's Conservation Area. No declarations of interest were made.

## 58. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

### 58.1 Expenditure Approval

Council reviewed and approved the following payments:

#### Expenditure Table

Date	Payee	Details	Net £	VAT £	Total £
30/09/2025	Service Charge	September	6.00	0.00	6.00
20/10/2025	B/P to: HMRC Cumbernauld	HMRC	56.80	0.00	56.80
20/10/2025	B/P to: D Foulkes	Clerks Salary	237.38	0.00	237.38
30/10/2025	Direct Debit (ICO)	ICO	47.00	0.00	47.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>347.18</b>

All payments were **approved**. Members also advised that the Clerk discuss the Scribe accounting package with the Clerk at Wrenbury for comparison and advice.

## **58.2 RFO Financial Report**

The RFO's financial report for 2025/26, including the Cheshire East Council Band D tax base update, was received.

## **58.3 Precept Setting 2026/27**

It was resolved to increase the Precept by £9,450.

The Parish Council noted that the precept had not been raised since 2020/21, whilst costs had steadily increased. The recommended figure ensured ongoing financial sustainability without reliance on reserves. For a Band D property, the increase equated to approximately 61 pence per week.

# **59. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place on:

- **29 January 2026** (agreed)
- **19 March 2026** (noted)

# **60. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

## **60.1 Pavement Leak**

A longstanding pavement leak remained unresolved at School Lane. Highways had previously undertaken drainage work, but surface water continued to cause issues, including a recent slip incident.

It was agreed that a strong letter would be sent to Ward Cllr James Pearson requesting urgent action.

## **60.2 Bench/Seat Between Steerbridge and the Canal Locks**

Quotes will be obtained for the proposed bench in the Steerbridge–Canal Locks bridge's 24 & 25 area.

**The meeting closed at 8:20pm.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_