

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF MERTON OXFORDSHIRE

Merton Parish Council website

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To all Members of Merton Parish Council:

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Merton Parish Council on **Monday 9 January 2023** at **7.30pm** in Merton Village Hall.

Tracey Charlesworth, Parish Clerk.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend during 7.45pm and 8pm when they can ask questions or express their views.

Agenda

- 1. To Accept Apologies For Absence:**
- 2. PARISH COUNCIL:-**
 - 2.1. Election of Vice-Chairman.**
 - 2.2. Vacancies/Co-option:** Consider any applications.
 - 2.3. To Receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** Register of Members Interests.
 - 2.5. Merton Village Neighbourhood Plan.**
 - a) Joint Neighbourhood Plan: Update. MS
 - 2.6. Code of Conduct:** Review.
 - 2.7. GDPR Policies:** Update on publication. All
 - 2.8. Civility & Respect Pledge:**
 - a) To consider passing a resolution to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.
 - b) To review statement and proposed policies.
 - 2.9. Policies:** Review:
 - a) Reserves Policy: To be reviewed and amended for adoption.
 - 2.10. Annual Review of Audit and Governance Documents:**
 - a) Review Effectiveness of Internal Audit:
 - b) Review of Internal Audit.
 - c) Asset Register.
 - d) Risk Assessments: Allotments; Parish Council; Village Hall; Play Area; Woodland Volunteers.
 - e) Financial Regulations:
- 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda. The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.
- 4. MINUTES:**
 - 4.1: Approval of the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 November 2022 at 7.30pm.
 - 4.2: Meeting scheduled for 12 December 2022: Cancelled as meeting not quorate.
- 5. ASSET MANAGEMENT:**
 - 5.1: Recreational Field/Play Area/Allotments/Village Hall:**
 - a) Play Area:
 - i. RoSPA Report :Update on actions. All
 - b) Recreational Area:
 - i. Bicester Vets Football Club:
 - ii. Rugby/Football Nets/Goal Posts: Update on installation. All
 - c) Village Hall:

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| i. | Flooding: Approval of Insurance Claim. | All |
| ii. | PAT Testing: Arrangements to be confirmed. | All |
| iii. | Immersion: Update. | PS |
| iv. | Village Hall Cleaner: Contract and Job Description: | All |
| v. | Window Cleaner: Update. | All |
| vi. | Stock Check: Document to be drawn up to support Insurance policy. | All |
| vii. | Electrical Checks/Safety Alarms: Update on works resulting from report. | PS |
| d) | Allotments: | |
| i. | Vacancies: Update. | Clerk |
| e) | Woodland: Cricket Bat Willows – Enquiry from supplier. | |

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1: **Merton PC Facebook Page:**

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| a) | To consider/approve matters for publication. | All |
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7. COMMUNITY:

7.1: **Planning Applications:**

- a) Application No.: 22/03475/F
 Applicant's Name: Mr Nicholas Turner
 Proposal: Solar Panels are proposed for the the new extension which is attached to the rear of the house and the converted modern outbuilding in the garden.
 Location: Merton Croft, West End Lane, Merton, Bicester, OX25 2NG
 Parish(es): Merton
 Comments by: 12 January 2023

7.2: **Decision Notices:**

- a) Application No: 22/02819/LB
 Proposal: Reinstatement of opening between kitchen and store to create dining area with raised floor. New glazing to front, rear and side elevations. Removal of non-historic fire surround to kitchen. Replacement windows to first floor bedroom on side elevation
 Location: West End Farm, West End Lane, Merton, Bicester, OX25 2NG
 Parish(es): Merton
 LISTED BUILDING CONSENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS
 Date of Decision: 2 December 2022
- b) Application No: 22/02821/F
 Proposal: Reinstatement of opening between kitchen and store to create dining area with raised floor. New glazing to front, rear and side elevations. Removal of non-historic fire surround to kitchen. Replacement windows to first floor bedroom on side elevation
 Location: West End Farm, West End Lane, Merton, Bicester, OX25 2NG
 Parish(es): Merton
 Permission for Development
 Date of Decision: 2 December 2022

7.3: **Planning Matters:**

- a) NHS - Alchester Medical Group - RAOC -VHS - New Bicester Health Hub - CAS-149313-S1Z5F7 – Application granted.
- b) NHS - Montgomery House Surgery - RAOC - New Bicester Health Hub - CAS-149291-X4Y5N7 – Application granted.

7.4: **Traffic Calming:** Update from Traffic Calming Working Group:

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| a) | 20mph Limit Application: Update. | DR |
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7.5: **Bus Stop:** Land Registry Search update.

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| a) | Light/Solar array and LED fixture: Update. | MS |
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7.6 **Overgrown Trees:** Report of overgrown trees in The Butts.

8. FINANCE:

8.1: **Receipts:** -

- a) Petty cash and Bookings:
- Nov 2022
 - Good Energy - Energy Bill Relief Scheme - The government Energy Bill Relief Scheme is a discount to your unit rates, for energy used from 1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023.

- 8.2: **Account Paid Prior to the Meeting:** None.
- 8.3: **Accounts for Payment:** To be approved:-
- a) Clerks Pay/Exp. November/December 2022:
 - b) M. Day – Adopt a Site Agreement – July-Sept 2022 - £59.62.
 - c) W. Meads –Village Hall Cleaner – October-November 2022 - £112.50.
 - d) Community First Oxfordshire Membership 2023/24 – Population below 300 - £35.00 – Population between 301 – 1000 - £55.00 (2021/22 Population 279).
 - e) Contribution to MPCC.
- 8.5: **Quotes:**
- a) Laptop: TC/All
 - b) Electrical Check and Safety Alarms: Outstanding works from report. PS/MS
 - c) Access to Church Clock: Consider request.
 - d) Hot Water Tank: PS
 - e) Grass Cutting 2023: Consider recommendation regarding access for equipment.
- 8.7: **Funding:**
- a) County Councillor - Offer of funds to support projects in Merton parish – Application.
- 8.8: **Spending under COMF Parishes Fund:**
- i. Progress Form: Update. RFO/Clerk
- 8.9: **Training:** Consider/approve any training costs. All
- i. Planning Enforcement Seminar – 5 Dec 2022 – 7pm-8pm.
- 8.10: **Banking:**
- a) Unity Trust: Application update.
 - i. Electronic payment procedure
 - ii. Debit / Payment Card:
- 8.11: **Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation:** For consideration/approval. TC
- i. Verification by Internal Financial Control Cllr. M. Smith MS
- 8.12: **End of Year Accounts 31 March 2021/2022:**
- a) Internal Auditor Report: Actions from report (including those carried over from 2020/21). TC
- 8.13: **End of Year Accounts 31 March 2022/2023:**
- i. Merton Question Sheet. TC
- 8.14: **Budget 2023/24:** To commence process. All
- i. MPC319(15): C.D.C. - Estimated Tax Base 2023-24 & Parish Precepts 2023-24.
9. **GENERAL:**
- 9.1: **The Clerks Contract and Job Description:** Review. DR
- 9.2: **Correspondence:** – To note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required:.
- i. MPC319(10): Botley West Solar Farm
- 9.3: **Matters for Further Information or Discussion:**

10. NEXT MEETING

- 10.1. **13 February 2023 – 7.30pm – Parish Council Meeting:**