THE PARISH COUNCIL OF MERTON M8/2026

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN MERTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT: D. Marshall (Chair)
M. Smith, R. Gurprashad and L. Wainwright. (Councillors)

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk: Tracey Charlesworth
Village Hall Bookings Clerk/Cleaner.
16 Parishioners
A representative from Real Estate Communication
Two representatives for Merton Burrow Pit.

1. APOLOGIES:
RESOLVED:
   - To accept apologies from District Cllr. Timothy Faltermeyer.

2. CO-OPTION: To consider any applications: None received.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: To receive declarations of interest from councillors in relation to matters on the agenda and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct: None noted.

4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS: To consider passing a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for items numbered 23 on the agenda (20 below) on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information:
RESOLVED:
   - To pass a a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for items numbered 23 on the agenda (20 below) on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The Chairman Cllr. D. Marshall brought forward the following items on the agenda for inclusion in the public participation:- The Chairman's report formed the basis of the following (attached).
   1. Asylum Seekers Accommodation:
   - The Parish Council wishes to share what information it has to inform, links will be provided on the Parish Council Facebook page linked to the Village Facebook page.
   - The proposal generates many views.
   - Piddington Public Meeting: Chair Cllr. D. Marshall and Cllr. L. Wainwright have attended a public meeting. It's media campaign is attracting a lot of attention, the Parish Council agrees that it is key to focus on a democratic process, and ensure that there is no hostility against the asylum seekers needing somewhere to live.
   - Publication of the plans generated lots of questions and issues which C. Miller MP has raised with the Prime Minister i.e., public consultation, transparency, independent assessments on services (drainage, electricity, ecology etc.), the scale of the proposal, clarity on future operation of the site, accuracy of information submitted, value of tax payers money being invested, as a result the public have been given an opportunity to respond closing on 17 September. Cherwell District Planning Committee are holding a special meeting on 16 September to prepare a response.
   - Safety: Discussed with concerns raised about the number of asylum seekers and whether the numbers could increase and the fact that the residents can roam free; security measures.

   2. Merton Burrow Pit: The Chairman welcomed two of the planning applicants from Shearfield Ltd to address the audience and give an outline of their proposals for a family run community resort, for the Change of Use of Merton Lake to allow for recreational uses including supervised and safe activities like; open water swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, sailing, fishing and scuba diving, together with erection of essential buildings, storage, parking and access and a small club house/cafe; there would be a small membership fee with discount for villagers. They have spoken to villages and District Councillors. Various surveys have been carried out including ecology (this showed common species of bird which feed on Otmoor as the lake is too deep for feeding) and a

traffic survey; the Parish Council advised that Oxfordshire County Council are currently reviewing the 20mph limit with 40mph buffer zones expected outside the 20mph limit areas, which may offer the opportunity to request the inclusion of the corner where access to the site is situated. They would happy to work with the possibility of S106 monies being available for other projects. They want to encourage walking and cycling; the grass has been cut and danger signs for deep water erected. Cherwell District Council invite comments on the application by 11 September 2026 and it is hoped to have a decision by 26 October 2026.

The Chairman thanked them for attending, left 8:02pm, he then brought forward Item No: 8 and 6 on the agenda:

6. MANOR HOUSE CARE HOME:
   - The Parish Council are supportive of the proposal to reinstate it as a care home following a presentation on 8 June 2026 however, no application has been submitted for consideration. The developers held a public consultation in the Village Hall during the summer and have been given feedback.
   - Parishioners raised the following matters some of which was given as feedback at the consultation:-
     1. Service Provider: If this was to change would they have apply for change of use?
     2. Scale: The proposed overall height and scale is massive which is imposing and may cause light pollution.
     3. Access: Concern raised about the traffic that will be generated through the villages. Does the access require double lines.
     4. Deliveries: Anti-social hours traffic; request restriction on hours.
     5. Impact: Concerns raised about the demand on utilities.
     6. Parking: Adequacy of sixty spaces.
     7. The Parish Council also raised the concern about the impact the proposals would have on local surgeries.

7. GUEST**:** The Chairman welcomed a representative from Real Estate Communication – Puy Du Fou Proposals: Following introductions an overview of the plan was presented and questions addressed:-
   - Although regarded as a Theme Park, Puy Du Fou is an historic park which started fifty years ago in France. The park tells the history of the country that the park is set in; the park will have a high level of green space with four villages set in a circular route using authentic materials and skills to represent each period of history covering some three hundred and eighty eight acres. There will be thirteen interactive shows eight times per day approximately 20/30mins long with outdoor shows being nature based. There will be three hotels on site with themed family rooms for four to five people, one hotel will have a conference centre. The site will open Easter – October half term and will close out of season. The park will welcome some five hundred and fifty thousand people which will increase over the years (fifteen thousand per day); there will be a shuttle bus in and out to access the two local train stations (discounted rail tickets will be negotiated); the car park will have an interchange for buses and coaches; car users will utilise the M40, A43 and A34 and the proposal will include funding to improve routes at Baynard's Green and J10. There will be an entry charge of around £40 per day and all profit will go back into park.

The Chairman expressed thanks for attending the meeting; he left at 8:25pm along with parishioners present; One **parishioner approached the Parish Council, as everyone was leaving, to ask for clarification about agenda item 18.6-a Finance – Funding Request: The Parish Council explained that no decision to spend would require any further contributions from parishioners.**

8. ASYLUM ACCOMMODATION:
   2. Wrong Plan Wrong Site: Links to be provided through Facebook.
   3. Action: Consider/approve any action: It was noted that the Parish Council is now engaged with the planning proposals.

9. MINUTES:
    1. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 July 2026 at 7:30pm previously circulated and taken as read:

RESOLVED:

- That the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 July 2026 at 7:30pm were accepted and approved and signed by the Chair Cllr. Duncan Marshall; it was noted that the date had been incorrectly listed on the agenda as 8 June 2026.

10. REPORTS:
    a. Chair's Report: Taken as read and reported during the Public Participation.
        i. The Chairman Cllr. D. Marshall had been in discussion with County Cllr. L. Gordon regarding the school bus.
    b. Clerk's Report: Matters on the agenda.

11. COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR(S):
    1. County Councillor's: None.
    2. District Councillor: Cllr. T. Faltermeyer written report was taken as read and noted; he has been engaged in local issues.

12. PARISH COUNCIL GOVERNANCE:
    1. Risk Assessment: Rolling review:
        a. Village Hall Risk Assessment: To consider report from Risk Assessor and any action required: The report is to be reviewed and a list of prioritised actions to be made, categorising work that the Parish council can do and that, that requires outside work and a review of any funding that may be available.
        b. Bicester Tree Services: Tree Management Plan: To consider:

RESOLVED:

- To accept the report and use the plan to move forward with an overall risk assessment plan to be considered as part of a wider budget.

    2. Asset Register: Review recording of the three old dog bins destroyed.

RESOVLED:

- To approve the amendment to record that the three old dog bins had been destroyed.

    3. Insurance Policy: Review of Proposed Policy Schedule 2026/27:

RESOLVED:

- To approve the proposed policy schedule for 2026/27 as meeting with the Parish Council requirements.

    4. Pension Regulator: Clerk verbalized, to confirm in writing, that she would be opting-out of the pension scheme.
    5. GDPR Documents: To consider/approve review of recommended documents by Internal Auditor for adoption.
        a. Data Roadmap: Ongoing.

13. ASSET MANAGEMENT:
    1. Recreational Field/Play Area/Allotments:
        a. Recreational Area:
            i. Bookings Update: Caravanners and campers booked from Thursday to Sunday.
            ii. Goal Posts: C/fwd.
            iii. RoSPA/Playsafety Inspection – To note inspection completed, report to be circulated. To note that the gap in the fence has been repaired.
            iv. Active Places Data - Sport England Active Places - 6001250 - MERTON VILLAGE PLAYING FIELDS: To provide information: Noted that this was not applicable.
            v. Insurance Claim: The Parish Council have been made aware of a claim; there is no update to record at this time.
        b. Village Hall:
            i. Village Hall Bookings: None noted.
            i. Kitchen Sink: Leak repair: Resolved.
            ii. Disabled Toilet: Replacement syphon: Resolved.
            iii. Rear Door Lock: Report of not locking properly: In hand.
            iv. Repair to the Path Leading to the Merton Village Hall: To consider/approve action: Clerk

to resend information.

v. PAT Test: Expertise Repairs to confirm arrangements to meet with Cllr. M. Smith on 23 September 2026 at 10am.

vi. Castle Water Ltd: To note higher than usual water usage as a result of the hose being left running in the trough at the Allotments; stop cap needs unearthing again.

c. Merton Woodland:

i. CPRE - Best Green Space Project category of the Campaign to Protect Rural England Centenary National Awards: Nomination: Noted that this had not been successful; Woodland Group to be notified.

d. Allotments: Report of Incident: Raised by a parishioner but, noted that no allotment holder had made any reports.

14. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Merton PC Facebook Page:

a. To consider matters for publication: The following approved for publication:-

i. Cherwell/Oxfordshire Bulletins: Matters published.

ii. Asylum Seeker Accommodation: Links to various websites and information.

iii. Super User: Update.

15. COMMUNITY:

1. Planning Applications: To consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council detailed below and any other planning applications submitted and published on the CDC planning portal between the agenda being published and the meeting:

a. **Application No: 26/01931/F**

Applicant's Name: Shearfield Ltd

Proposal: Change of Use of Merton Lake to allow for recreational uses including open water swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, sailing, fishing and scuba diving, together with erection of essential buildings, storage, parking and access

Location: Merton Lake, Merton

Parish(es): Merton

Comments by 11 September 2026

RESOLVED:

- That the Parish Council made no comments or objections.

b. **Application No: 26/02078/F** -

Applicant's Name: Mr & Mrs A Brown

Proposal: Single storey side infill extension and conversion of existing garage/office building to ancillary residential accommodation -

Location: Eden House, West End Lane, Merton, Oxfordshire, OX25 2NG

Parish(es): Merton

Comments by: 23 September 2026

RESOLVED:

- That the Parish Council made no observations or comments.

2. Decision Notices: To consider all recent notices received from Cherwell District Council detailed below and any other planning notices submitted and published on the CDC planning portal between the agenda being published and the meeting: The following noted:-

a. **Application No:** 26/01616/F

Location: Boxengasse Langford Lane Merton Oxfordshire OX25 2NS

Proposal: Change of Use from commercial car storage to private car storage.

Parish(es): Merton

PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

Date of Decision: 10 August 2026.

b. **Application No: 26/01529/F**

Applicant's Name: Mr and Mrs O'Neill

Proposal: Conversion of barn to form two dwellings - Location: Merton Stud, Merton, Oxfordshire, OX25 2NF

Parish(es): Merton

c. REFUSAL OF PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT.

3. Withdrawal Notices:

a. None noted.

4. Planning Matters:
   a. C.D.C. - Mid Cherwell Modified Neighbourhood Plan Examination – Consultation on Basic Conditions Statement Addendum July 2026 - The changes relating to Legal Compliance and Basic Conditions were introduced through Regulations 98 and 99 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 and came into force on 25th March 2026 - Any comments on how these changes relate to the Mid-Cherwell Modified Neighbourhood Plan should be made in writing to Cherwell District Council by 6pm Tuesday, 1 September 2026 to NeighbourhoodPlanningConsultation@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk or by post to Cherwell District Council, 39 Castle Quay, Banbury OX16 5FD: To note no comments submitted.
   b. Meeting with Puy du Fou: Awaiting response to invite to meeting: See 7 'Guest'.
5. Local Government Reorganisation: C.D.C. - Local government reorganisation (LGR): government announcement: To note decision has been paused.
6. Traffic Calming: The working group to arrange a meeting to discuss safety concerns and Speed Watch.
   a. VAS Equipment: Fitting of he second set of pneumatic strips to be completed this coming weekend.
   b. 40mph buffer zone: To follow up with County Cllr. L. Gordon.
7. Footpaths:
   a. Footpath to Fencott: Still closed.
8. Film Club: No other volunteers have come forward. The Parish Council wishes to continue supporting with the provision of a Licence.
9. O.C.C. FixMyStreet Super User – Would the parish council be interested in having a councillor or local resident volunteer as a FixMyStreet Super User? Chairman Cllr. D. Marshall has volunteered and been trained to act as a Super User.
10. Neighbourhood Safety: Information regarding Neighbourhood Watch to be circulated.
11. Spruce Up Your Signs: The Parish Council no longer wishes to borrow the equipment; Clerk to remove from agenda.
12. 'Jazz' in the Church: The Church Warden has expressed that they are keen on the idea. Clerk to invite the Church Warden and Treasurer to the next meeting to discuss the next steps and the Church clock.

16. FINANCE:
    1. Quotes:
       a. Drainage Survey: To note the increased costs to the drainage survey; more extensive works required.
          i. To consider report as a result of drainage survey and quotes to carry out necessary works: Quotes required to address necessary works to damage pipework.
       b. Village Hall Patio Area: To consider quotes: To review as part of the budget process in September works to drainage needs to be prioritised.
       c. Church Clock Service: To consider/approve: No service has been carried out. Clerk to invite the Church Warden and Treasurer to the next meeting.
    2. Receipts: To record and approve any receipts received listed on receipts and payments schedule: The following receipts recorded as received:-
       a. Village Hall/Recreational: To confirm income from Village Hall Bookings Clerk:
          i. Hall Hire #87 - £37.00
          ii. Hall/Recreational Hire #84 - £30.00
          iii. Hall Hire #86 - £181.00.
          iv. Hall Hire #85 - £40.00.
       b. To receive cash to be banked income from Village Hall/Recreational Hire: No cashed received.
       c. Allotment Rent 2026/27 – Plots 4 - £13.50
       d. C.D.C. - Remittance Advice – Precept Final Instalment - £11,500.00
    3. Accounts Paid Prior to the Meeting: The following payments were verified:-
       a. Salary - July 2026 - £ 307.40 Gross: Power to spend under LGA1972 s112 (1)(2): Verified.
       b. Salary - August 2026 - £ 307.60 Gross: Power to spend under LGA1972 s112 (1)(2): Verified.
       c. Unity Trust Bank Plc – St. No: 062 – Charges £7.00 – 1.6.2026-30.6.2026 – Payment debited 31.7.2025.
       d. Unity Trust Bank Plc – St. No: 063 – Charges £7.00 – 1.7.2026-31.7.2026 – Payment debited 31.8.2026.
       e. Good Energy – Inv. No: I-0CC2242E-0008 - £342.52 – Period 1.5.2026 – 31.7.2026.

f. C.D.C. - Inv. No: 20034897 - £200.00 – Uncontested Elections.
g. Castle Water Ltd – Inv. No: 10011024038 - £44.04 – Period 1.7.2026-31.7.2026.
h. M.R. & J.S. Cross – Inv. No's: 432 - £312.00 (Grass cutting Recreation Grounds 1.7.2026) – 433 - £649.20 (Grass Cutting Woodland 1.7.2026 – Meadow 16.7.2026) – Total £961.20.
i. Emma Bryne – INV-2026-001 - £300.00 – Village Hall Risk Assessment.
j. RoSPA/Playsafety Ltd – Play Area Inspection Report July 2026 - Inv. No: 100259 - £128.40.
k. St Swithun's PCC – Contribution to upkeep of churchyard 2025/26 – 2026/27 - £380.00 as previously approved Minute Ref: M7/2026-13.6-a – Power to spend: LG Act 1972 (The 1972 Act)) s214.
l. OPC Drain Services – Inv. No: INV-22001 - £576.00.

4. Accounts for Payment:

RESOLVED:

- To approve the following for payment; to be set up with Unity Trust online banking:-

a. Salary September 2026 - £ 273.80 Gross: To be approved for payment at the end of September: Power to spend under LGA1972 s112 (1)(2).

RESOLVED:

- To approve payment of the following:-

b. Expenses:
   i. Expenses July 2026 - £1.60 – Stationary £15.49 - plus Home Working Allowance £26.00: and August 2026 - £0.00 plus Home Working Allowance £26.00 - Power to spend under LG (Financial Provisions) Act 1963 s5
   Total Exp £69.09
c. C. Newton – Village Hall Cleaner – Inv. No: 07 - £103.17 (Incl. £73.17 mats) – Period 1 July – 31 August 2026.
d. HMRC – Employer NIC's - £156.56.
e. Oxon SA/Moore - Signed External Auditor Report and Certificate 2025/26 – Inv. No: 339850 - £315.00
f. Zurich Insurance – Policy Renewal - Renewal Date: 11 October 2026 – Policy Documents – Inv. No: 559616528 - £1,164.09.
g. Bicester Tree Services – Inv. No: INV-2686 - £1,020.00 - A negative tree survey will be undertaken, all the trees over 200mm DBH which are located within this area will be inspected and those with significant defects will be included within the report, trees which are healthy and appear structurally sound will not be detailed within the report - Sycamore - Sooty Bark Disease - fell to near ground level. Elm - Dutch Elm Disease - dead - fell to near ground level. Poplar - Sesia apiformis dama.
h. Refund of deposit – Hire of Hall - £25.00 – Details to be confirmed by Village Hall Bookings Clerk.91079 – Period 1 June 2026 – 30 June 2026 - £47.86 – o/s from previous month £52.86.
i. Defib Warehouse – Inv. No: DW0197443 – Renewal adult/child Electrode Pads - £88.74 – Replacement required.

5. Funding/Grants: To consider/approve applications:
   a. O.C.C. - County Council – Laura Gordon – Councillor Priority Fund: To be reviewed as part of budgeting process in light of the work needed on drainage; may have to reapply if change use.
   b. O.C.C. - Oxfordshire County Council Grants for Climate and community resilience work: No application.
6. Request for Funding:
   a. Proposed use of MOD Site A, Bicester for asylum accommodation – To consider/approve request for a contribution towards legal costs and powers to spend: The Parish Council considered the request for a contribution to the Bicester Countryside and Communities CIC; donations to the Legal Fund will be used to pay for the specialist legal and professional advice, a Solicitor, needed as the challenge progresses and its legal power to spend.

RESOLVED:

- That the Parish Council would use Local Government Act s137 to incur expenditure for a contribution to the Bicester Countryside and Communities CIC to be used towards legal costs for a judicial review on the use of MOD Site A, Bicester for asylum accommodation; based on the response to the proposal and the turnout this evening; in the Parish Council's opinion it would benefit the village or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.
- That the Parish Council would pledge all of the s137 amount in the 2026/27 budget of £2,908.20 (based on last years figures 2025/26 the limit of spending under LGA 1972 s137 (262 electoral roll x £11.10 = £2,908.20) subject to a Judicial Review; It was noted that no amount has been spent under s137 for the last three years.
- That the Parish Council approved the caveat that; no money would be released until legal

advice has been received from a solicitor that there is a case for a Judicial Review.

7. Training: Consider/approve any training opportunities offered by OALC, NALC and SLCC:
   a. HMRC - Reminder: Expenses and benefits for your employees – travel: Note Clerks attendance on 11 August 2026.
8. Good Energy: Electricity prices are increasing from 1st November: Review tariff:
   a. Clear Solutions – Transfer from Good Energy to Yu Energy – Contract and Completion of Direct Debit Letter of Authority forms:

RESOLVED:

- That two bank signatories sign the Direct Debit Letter of authority Forms in-line with the Unity Trust Banking requirements and it's Financial Regulations.

9. Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation:
   a. Budget Comparison: 1.5.2026 – 31.3.2027 up to 14.9.2026: Presented prior to the meeting, accepted and approved, noted that there were no anomalies.
   b. Bank Reconciliation presented prior to the meeting, accepted and approved. 1.7.2026 – 30.9.2027 (Unity Trust St. No: 062/063 30.8.2026):

Balance B/fwd:	£44,645.86
Add Receipts:	£ 376.50
Less Payments:	£ 4,653.27
Total C/fwd:	£40,369.09

10. Financial Controls Checks: Financial Controls Check presented and signed by Financial Controller; RFO signed, Minute reference to be completed.
11. Banking:
    a. Review Bank Signatories: Update on removal of signatories: Completed.
12. Payroll: HMRC:
    a. PAYE:
       i. Submissions update: Complete.
13. Funds/Reserves: Review: Details to be considered as part of the budgeting process in September.
14. Account Year Ending 31 March 2026:
    a. External Audit:
       i. Oxon SA/Moore - Signed External Auditor Report and Certificate 2025/26: To note publication.
       ii. Oxon SA/Moore – To consider covering Letter: Matters arising from the letter; Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council Code of Conduct is published on the website as requesed.

17. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS/TRAINING: To confirm or approve attendance at meetings or training provided by NALC, SLCC, C.D.C. and OALC:
    1. O.C.C. - Kidlington and the Surrounding Villages Movement and Place (MAP) Plan - Public Consultation is Live - Islip – Village Hall – 11th August between 10:00 – 13:00 - Yarnton – Village Hall - 13th August between 13:00 – 16:00 - Kidlington – Exeter Hall - 20th August between 11:00 – 19:00: To record any attendance and reports: None recorded.
    2. CDC Parish Liaison Meeting Invitation - 09 September 6pm - (6-8pm). This will be held remotely via MS Teams - The main theme of the meeting will be the forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation (LGR):
    3. CFO - Community First Oxfordshire AGM 2026 – Date 8 October – Venue: Online via Zoom – Time: 13:00-14:30: Postponed.

18. GENERAL
    1. Correspondence: Comments to be considered and any matters for the next agenda not already considered as part of this agenda:
       a. MPC361(28): BBOWT Community Network newsletter sign-up: Chair to review.
       b. MPC361(42): OCC - Winter Preparedness 26/27: Salt bags: None required.
       c. MPC361(53): O.C.C. - General review of speed limits on Oxfordshire's rural A and B class road network - Stakeholder consultation - Cherwell district: Circulated/
       d. MPC362(01) OALC June Newsletter for Member Councils – Would your Parish Council be interested in a payroll service? - Adoption of a a suitable complaints policy: C/fwd.
       e. MPC362(12) O.C.C. - Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 - Temporary Road Closure at Merton, street through Merton- 9 September 2026 up to and including 11 September 2026, 24 hours per day – Emailed – Publicised.
       f. MPC362(16): Land & Property registration - Complimentary Property Deed Audit for Your Parish Council: Noted that this is a complimentary offer.
       g. MPC363(27): OALC - Neighbourhood Plan Survey.

h. MPC363(35): South East Guide to SEND 2026-27 - **South East Guide for Parent Carers of Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**,
i. MPC363(36): TR050008 – Oxfordshire Strategic Rail Freight Interchange - Please find below a link to a letter from the Examining Authority (ExA) that has been published on the National Infrastructure Planning website. The letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting for the above application (the 'Rule 6' letter) which will be held on Tuesday 29 September 2026, 10.00am, in-person at the Bicester Hotel Golf and Spa, and virtually via Microsoft Teams. The letter includes an agenda for the meeting, a draft Examination: Not applicable to the Parish Council.
j. MPC364(03): BBOWT - Volunteer awards and events -The deadline is midnight on 13th September and there are 4 categories – Also a list of free events: Date passed.

19. Matters for Further Information or Discussion:
    1. Matters for Further Information:
        a. None noted.
    2. Matters for Further Discussion:
        a. Budget 2027/28: Next agenda.
        b. Village Hall Window Cleaner: Quote next agenda.

20. EMPLOYMENT: No discussions; all matters carried forward to the next meeting.
    1. Clerk's Contract and Job Description: Review update: To forward to Chairman.
        a. Health & Safety: Consider lawful requirement: To re-circulate.
        b. Annual Appraisal: Recommended by Internal Auditor: To be considered.
        c. NALC - 2026/27 Pay Scales: To consider/approve pay increase to be backdated to April 2026.

    RESOLVED:
    - To approve the NALC - 2026/27 Pay Scales: To consider/approve pay increase to be backdated to April 2026 in-line with SCP7.

21. NEXT MEETING: To confirm:
    1. Parish Council meeting to be held on 12 October 2026 at 7:30pm in Merton Village Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:01pm.

Draft Minutes subject to confirmation:

Approved and Signed by the Presiding Chairman …….

Date ……..