

MERTON PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

I hereby give notice that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, Merton. All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted as set out hereunder.

Agenda

54. **Welcome:** the Chairman will welcome everyone to the meeting
55. **Apologies for Absence:** to receive apologies made to the Clerk prior to the meeting
56. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** to consider the approval of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council
57. **Declarations of Interest:** Councillors are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. They are also reminded to consider whether in the light of recent activities any items within their Register of Interests should be updated.
58. **Public Speaking Time:** members of the public are invited to give their view and question the Parish Council on issues on this Agenda or raise issues for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chairman, during the Public Participation section of the Parish Council meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.
59. **District and County Councillor Reports:** any items raised for discussion will be put on the next Agenda
60. **Matters Arising**
 - 60.1 Playground Lease
 - 60.2 Playground: to receive suggestions on how the money is best used from the Lease and to discuss letter received regarding "no smoking sign" and raising funds for Phase 2
 - 60.3 Highways:
 - 60.3.1 ENQ17964694: overgrown hedge
 - 60.3.2 W171054776: Bend sign on a straight pole which gets hit by passing traffic
 - 60.3.3 W17105477: blocked culvert on east side of A386, north of junction with Bounsells lane
 - 60.3.4 W171064137: Bend sign knocked down at the north of the Village
 - 60.3.5 W171061639: Speed Sign
 - 60.3.6 W171061643: Speed Sign
 - 60.4 Speedwatch Group and Speed Indicating Devices: for further discussion
 - 60.5 TAP Fund: update from the Clerk
 - 60.6 Southern Entrance Gates: Cllr Horner to report
 - 60.7 Snow Warden and Winter Service: Cllr Brown to update
61. **New Items**
 - 61.1 Urban Grass Cutting
 - 61.2 Community Governance Review
 - 61.3 Defibrillator – to discuss the expiry of the lease
62. **Planning**
 - 62.1 1/1008/2017/LBC and 1/1007/2017/FUL Shepherds Court, Merton to note the decision made by Torridge District Council to grant permission for this application
 - 62.2 1/0905/2017/FUL Clinton Village Hall, Merton to note the decision made by Torridge District Council to grant permission for this application
 - 62.3 1/1241/2017/FUL 3 The Square, Merton for refurbishment of storage room to convert ground floor to ancillary accommodation

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63. **Clerks Report**
- 63.1 Correspondence – to note the items listed below which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting
- 63.1.1 TTVS: Suicide Intervention Bitesize Briefing
- 63.1.2 DCC: parish & Town Council Conference presentations
- 63.1.3 TDC: Waste & Recycling new Schemes Roadshows
- 63.1.4 DCC: Devon Countryside Access Forum
- 63.1.5 TDC: Communities Conference Invitation
- 63.2 Register of Interests: to receive outstanding Register of Interests from Councillors Brown and Scantlebury
64. **Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda** – each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the Agenda and to raise items for future Agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.
65. **Finance**
- 65.1 To consider/approve the following payments:
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| 65.1.1 Clerks Expenses – Sept/Oct | £27.25 |
| 65.1.2 Steve Jennings – Maintenance | £144.27 |
| 65.1.3 Clerks Expenses – Nov/Dec | £20.00 |
| 65.1.4 Clinton Hall – donation as per minute ref 47.5 | £500.00 |
| 65.1.6 MAT Electrics – DAAT Lighting | £5,434.12 |
| 65.1.7 Tim Horner – Winkleigh Timber (grey granite sets) | £7.20 |
- 65.2 Review the bank balance
- 65.3 Bank Accounts – confirmation from the Clerk that the two bank accounts have now been merged into one.
- 65.4 Budget Sign Off
66. **Date of Next Meeting** – to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Council

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Zena Tett – Parish Clerk
Date: 2nd January 2018