

MERTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Merton Parish Council will take place on **Monday 8th July 2019 in the Clinton Hall, Merton at 7:30pm.**

All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted as set out hereunder.

All members of the public are welcome.

AGENDA

1.7.19 Welcome and address – Chairman of the Parish Council.

2.7.19 Apologies for absence: Resolution required to approve apologies (with reasons) made to the Clerk prior to the meeting. (RR2019/053)

3.7.19 Minutes of the Last Meeting – to consider the approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held 20th May 2019. (RR2019/054)

4.7.19 Declarations of Interest: Councillors are invited to declare any interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting, including the nature of the interest. They are also reminded to consider whether in the light of recent activities any items within their Register of Interests should be updated.

5.7.19 Public Speaking Time – members of the public are invited to speak on issues on this Agenda, raise issues for future consideration, or other matters which the council has some control over during this item on the Agenda. Members of the public may not speak during other items of Parish Council business.

6.7.19 District and County Councillor Reports.

7.7.19 Council Policies: to consider the approval and ratification of the following Policies:

- a) MPC 008 Equality & Diversity Policy V.1.0
- b) MPC 009 Anti-fraud & Corruption Policy V.1.0
- c) MPC 010 Confidential Reporting Policy V.1.0
- d) MPC 011 Press and Media Policy V.1.0
- e) MPC 012 Risk Management Policy V.1.0

8.7.19 Matters Arising From the May Meetings:

- a) Asset register – To review and approve asset register and inspection delegation – Clerk
- b) High-speed Broadband Failure – update - Cllr Papworth.
- c) Clinton Hall Property Valuation –update – Clerk (Circulated to Cllrs and available from the clerk on request)
- d) Village Notice Board – update - Cllr Papworth
- e) Freedom of Merton – update on cabinet – Cllr Papworth
- f) External Audit – update on correspondence & exercise of public rights – Clerk

9.7.19 New Items

- a) Grass Cutting of verge above Clinton gardens – Cllr Papworth
- b) Neighbourhood Plan – Clerk

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- c) Request for funding new sign from the Merton Playground Chairperson £43.20 – Clerk.
- d) Grange Farm – information to be supplied by the Chair at meeting.
- e) Airband –broadband service provider has recently gone live in Merton, they are requesting a public meeting facilitated by the council – Clerk

10.7.19 Clerks reports:

- a) Update on Payroll arrangements
- b) Approval of Clerks hours - to be submitted at the meeting.
- c) Banking update
- d) Play equipment lease
- e) TDC Play Strategy Audit (Circulated to Cllrs and available from the clerk on request)
- f) Register of Gifts – (Circulated to Cllrs – Copies for Cllrs to sign at meeting)
- g) GDPR Cllr Check list (Circulated to Cllrs – Copies for Cllrs to sign at meeting)
- h) North Devon Records office – Request for funding received (Circulated to Cllrs and available from the clerk on request)
- i) DALC Budget and precept course Tuesday 8th October £40 + VAT – Consideration of approving Clerks attendance. (see agenda support document)

11.7.19 Cllr reports and Items for future agenda's: Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the Agenda and to raise items for future Agendas.

Cllrs are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

12.7.19 Finance:

- a) To approve financial schedule of payments as presented by the Clerk at the meeting.

13.7.19 Confirmation of next meeting date:

The next meeting of the council will be on Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

14.7.19 Confidential matters (PART II) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2)

- a) To consider quotes obtained for the following:
 - 1. Installation of 2 new benches and removal of old.
 - 2. Hire of plant and driver to remove roots in flowerbed in the Square.
- b) Return to public session
- c) Resolution required for items a) 1 & 2

Alice Turner

Alice Turner – Proper Officer & R.F.O

Date 2nd July 2019

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