

Marhamchurch Parish Council

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**Notice is given that the meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Marhamchurch Sunday School on
TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2025 at 7:30 pm
for the purpose of considering and resolving the following business.**

E Hawkins

Clerk to the Council.

9 July 2025

Press and Public are invited to attend. Meetings are held in a public forum and could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public (see note *below)

AGENDA

1. **Record and Approve Apologies.**
2. **Confirm Minutes from the 16 June Meeting and 30 June Extraordinary Meeting and ratify all decisions taken therein.**
3. **Declarations.**
To receive declarations of the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and any Declarations of Non-registered Interest (NRI) from members concerning items on the agenda.
4. **Dispensations.**
 - a) To note approved Dispensations relevant to items on the Agenda.
 - b) To discuss and determine new Dispensations received.
5. **Matters Arising** – for report only.
6. **Public Open Session.**
To receive statements, questions, and answers from the public on an agenda item.
7. **Correspondence:**
Circulated via email.
8. **Planning.**
 - a) **Decision Notices/Updates:**
 - (i) **PA25/**
 - b) **Planning Applications/Appeals:**
Any late planning applications received will be discussed but not decided under this section.
 - (i) **PA25/**
9. **To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action:**
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Cornwall Councillor.
 - c) Playpark.
 - d) The Clerk.

10. **Updated Draft Business Plan July 2025.**
11. **Hele Valley Trail Purchase Impact Statement 2025.**
12. **The Hele Valley Trail.**
 - (i) Funding Updates.
 - (ii) To formally note the £190,000 asking price and discuss implications if a lower offer was made.
 - (iii) To discuss possibility of reducing the target amount on Crowdfunder.
 - (iv) Transfer CIL money (£2768) into HVT account.
 - (v) To receive Report to the Council inc. Business Plan & Hele Valley Trail Purchase Impact Statement.
 - (vi) To resolve to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £20,000 over the borrowing term of 20 years for the purpose of purchasing Lot 1 of The Hele Valley Trail, Marhamchurch. The annual loan repayments will come to around £2330.32. It is also intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 7.45% which is the equivalent of an additional £5.82 a year. This will be subject to a precept increase consultation.
13. **Marhamchurch Village Shop.**
 - (i) Community Funding Application.
 - (ii) To discuss a possible renegotiation of the annual grant to MVSL for the upkeep of the public toilet & use of the grant for the repayment of a PWLB loan instead
14. **Land at the top of Pinch Hill adjacent to Old Canal Close, Marhamchurch.**
Questions received from resident, who wished to have responses minuted in the meeting:
 - (i) Is a committee going be setup with regards to the use of land formerly referred to as 'The Allotments'. What are the plans for this committee?
 - (ii) Are there any plans to engage with the community with regards to the land?
 - (iii) Will the council confirm that all due diligence has been or will be carried out prior to any clearing work, such as the felling of trees, to ensure all laws and legal issues have / will be/ have been adhered to?
 - (iv) In the March Parish Council meeting it was decided that 'No plans to do anything on the site. To be reviewed again in September'. As there are concerns with regards to the presence of wildlife and their habitats, including snakes, hedgehogs, and bats, will the council use the time between now and September to have independent wildlife surveys carried out?
 - (v) When the title transfer is being conducted, will the council commit to having a covenant placed on the title barring it from it being developed into housing? This is to ensure it will always be enjoyed as a community asset.
- 13a. **Proposed Statement re Land at the top of Pinch Hill, adjacent to Old Canal Close, Marhamchurch.**
15. **Proposed Revised layout for Consented Anaerobic Digestion Plan at East Helscott Farm, Marhamchurch.**
16. **To consider appointing a councillor as an unpaid officer.**
17. **Portfolio Review.**

18. **Finance & Legislation.**
 - a) Approval of payments as per schedule and consider payment of urgent accounts presented by the date of the meeting.
 - b) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule.
 - c) To note Bank reconciliations.
19. **Parish Matters** – Agree action and authorise associated expenditure.
20. **Urgent Matters raised with the Chairman since the agenda was published.**
21. **Date of next meeting and note items from Councillors for the Agenda.**

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) Act 1960 S1(2) & S1(6)

During the meeting it may arise that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public will be instructed to withdraw.

When this arises, the Chair will recommend to consider passing the following resolution: “to resolve that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be discussed, the public are excluded and instructed to withdraw.”