

MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday, 12th February 2026 commencing at 8:00pm at Milton Ernest Village Hall, Thurleigh Road to consider the following items of business.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME!

Saqhib Ali Clerk to the Council
7th February 2026

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
- 3 **Presentation of Church Grant request by Church Treasurer**

Members of the public are asked to respect the fact that this is a meeting to conduct council business and interruptions during the remainder of the meeting are not permitted.

4. **To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2026**

5. **Clerk's report on actions**

For items not included on the agenda.

- Submitted precept request
- Tender document issued- expressions of interest sought

6. **Correspondence received since the last meeting (requiring council attention)**

- None to update

7. **Finance**

- **To approve payments and note income and balances**

- Payroll bureau processing invoice Q1 to pay in March
- Payroll- Clerk & Litter Picker February and all future months as per contract
- Warners- £600
- IONOS- £4.20
- Village Hall February and all future months as per contract
- HMRC PAYE as advised by payroll bureau at end of Qtr and all future quarters as per contract
- Cllr Goldwin reimbursement £21 Quiz drinks licence
- Donation for Every Voice's Charity

- **To note the budget variance report- to be circulated**

- **Precept recommendation for FY26/27 based on proposed budget 26/27 of £18k submitted**

- **To discuss and approve Church grant £1250**

- Tender for grass cutting- bids invited- Lloyd's to visit 5th February with Cllr Goldwin, Warners sought clarification to specification, no response from Maddison's, plus one other invited

8. **Village welfare**

- Update on direction regarding preferred supplier/working partner for playing field and next steps

9. **Police Matters**

- Feedback Cllr Lane from Community Priority Setting event, also to consider meeting Sharnbrook PC Chair to consider initiatives for Milton Ernest PC

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10. Reports by Representatives

- To receive feedback from the working groups
 - To receive a report from the Finance Working Group
 - To receive an update on the Biodiversity Plan
 - Environmental Volunteer Group
 - To receive an update from the NDP Working Group- To consider meeting Thurleigh PC Chair to consider how they are updating their NDP.
 - To receive an update from the Events Committee

11. Parish Events

- Defibrillator Training – Monday 2nd February- feedback from event
- Quiz night - Thursday 19th February

12. Planning matters

- To consider any planning applications received since the last meeting – includes any received after the agenda is issued up to the date of the meeting.

To note any planning applications decided by the Borough Council since the last meeting.

Milton Ernest Hall TPO update- Cllr Ross

Any Enforcement Officer update re Maltings, or that of the neighbouring property- Cllr Dipple.

13. Borough Councillor Report

To receive a report from Borough Councillor Martin Towler- to circulate if received

14. Parish Council Updates

- Highway Issues
- Litter Picker contract- update- to be considered under closed HR session
- Update on Parish Councillor Recruitment- one enquiry- interested in co-option from April if vacancy still exists.

15. Public Open Session (15 Minutes)

During the Public Open Session: Members of the public should note that the council is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicized on the agenda; items not on the agenda can be carried forward for a response at a later date. Any questions not presented to the council far enough in advance of the meeting may be noted and responded to at a later time.

16. Business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)

To consider adopting Model NALC 2025 Standing Orders and Financial regulations.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 8pm Thursday 12th March 2026 Milton Ernest Village Hall.

To consider moving to a closed session and exclude members of the public and press to discuss separate business, pursuant to s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that the business to be transacted is confidential It was resolved to move this item to a closed session due to the confidential nature of the business

Closed session

HR Matters

- Clerk Pension & Probation period update
- Litter picker contract review plan

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