YARPOLE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Croft with Yarpole and Lucton

Councillors are summoned to attend the scheduled meeting of the Parish Council on **Tuesday 6 October 2026** 7.00pm at the Parish Hall

The press and public are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

75/26-27. **To receive apologies for absence.**

76/26-27. **To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation.**

77/26-27. **Vacancies**. To consider applications for co-option.

78/26-27. **Public Participation** (limited to 20 minutes)

a) Report from Ward Councillor Dan Hurcomb.
b) Views of residents on Parish matters.
c) Reports from Councillors.

79/26-27. **Minutes**. To consider and agree minutes of the scheduled meeting 1 September 2026.

80/26-27. **Finance**:

a) To receive Quarter Two report from the Responsible Financial Officer, April to September 2026, and consider recommendations.
b) To consider implementing pay award in line with information from National Association of Local Councils, backdated to 1 April 2026.
c) To note balances: NatWest combined balances on 29 September 2026 £80,861.20 including Reserve £7,000, General Reserve £24,142.58, Earmarked: Election Costs £2,000, Community Projects £14,141.82, NDP £5,000. Total Reserves/Earmarked £52,284.40. Un-reserved £28,576.80.
d) To note receipts/payments since the publication of the September agenda.
Receipts. Precept £16,500 on 28/9 and Drainage Grant £1,300 on 24/9.
Payments. Pontrilas Merchants Ltd £70.75 [£11.70 VAT] deck boards LK11 bridge [PROW_26/27_3] and £150 to Shaun Yapp Gardener, maintenance at the Community Meadow.
e) To consider Payments for approval and invoices received after publication of the agenda.

i.	MJH Contracting Drainage Maintenance_4_grips and gullies on Leys Lane £550.00		
ii.	MJH Contracting September Invoice verge mowing	£150.00	
iii.	Brown, Mrs M Payroll Month 6 2026/27	£671.84	
iv.	HMRC Payroll Month 6 2026/27 PAYE & ER NI	£231.20	
v.	Clerk Expenses HP Instant Ink	£4.49	£0.75 VAT
vi.	Clerk Expenses Home Working Allowance £50 & Mileage	£83.00	
	Total Payments	£1,690.53	£0.75
	Un-reserved balance after payments:	£26,886.27	

81/26-27. **Planning**. To agree comments on application to be determined by Herefordshire Council. **P262820/K - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Lower House Farm Yarpole Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0BA, T1 Fir: Fell. Remove the mature fir tree to ground level. T2 Hornbeam: Prune. Crown-reduce the mature hornbeam by approximately 2 metres in height and 1.5-2 metres laterally, cutting back to suitable growth points., Valid. Deadline 16 October.

82/26-27. **Grant from the Parish Council.** To consider application for £750 towards printing costs for The Parishioner Magazine.

83/26-27. **Budget.** To consider the first draft of the 2027/28 budget following Finance Working Group meeting on 21 September.

84/26-27. **Lengthsman**. To consider

a) Cutting back shrub/hedge on Public Open Space at Croft Crescent.
b) Further works to be carried out by the Lengthsman.

85/26-27. **Highways.**

a) To consider quotation for moss removal on pavements at Croft Crescent. £595 net.
b) To seek clarification regarding potential kerbing between two points in Bircher.
c) To consider and decide whether to contact West Mercia Police to request speed enforcement at Bircher.

86/26-27. **To Bleed Control Kits**. To consider further advice on suitability of bleed kits for rural villages and decide whether to purchase two kits for Yarpole village.

87/26-27. **Community Meadow.**

a) Playground inspection. To note date completed.
b) Adult Exercise Equipment. To receive responses following article in the October edition of The Parishioner.

88/26-27. To note contents of the information sheet.
89/26-27. To raise items for next agenda.
90/26-27. Date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting: **7pm 3 November at Yarpole Parish Hall.**

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