



NEWSLETTER

Llanwarne & District Group Parish Council

Chairman's Corner - Jason Pacey

As we step into the second half of 2026, I am pleased to welcome you to the second edition of our Parish Council newsletter. Our aim is to keep residents informed about the work we are undertaking on your behalf, while also sharing opportunities to get involved in shaping the future of our community.

Over the last year, the Parish Council has continued to focus on practical improvements across the parish. One significant change has been the appointment of a new Lengthsman. We have now introduced regular monthly maintenance days, with drainage works being carried out across various locations in an effort to improve known flooding areas and help prevent future issues.

In addition, following the amazing work that has been done to restore and make safe parts of St John the Baptist church, the Parish Council has built into its budget regular maintenance works to the area surrounding the war memorial and car park to ensure these important village spaces remain tidy, well-presented and easy on the eye for residents and visitors alike.

As many residents will be aware, the Council has undertaken a detailed review of its budget and precept for the coming financial year. Like many local authorities and organisations, we continue to face increasing costs, particularly around maintenance, services and community infrastructure. The agreed increase in precept will help ensure the Parish Council can continue to deliver essential maintenance, support community projects, respond to drainage and highways concerns and maintain financial stability moving forward. Careful consideration was given throughout the budgeting process.

Residents may recall that the first edition of this newsletter was delivered to households across the parish. However, following a review of the Council's budget and priorities for 2026/27, it was clear that continuing household delivery was not financially sustainable. The Parish Council remains committed to keeping residents informed and will continue to publish and circulate newsletters as widely as possible within the resources available.

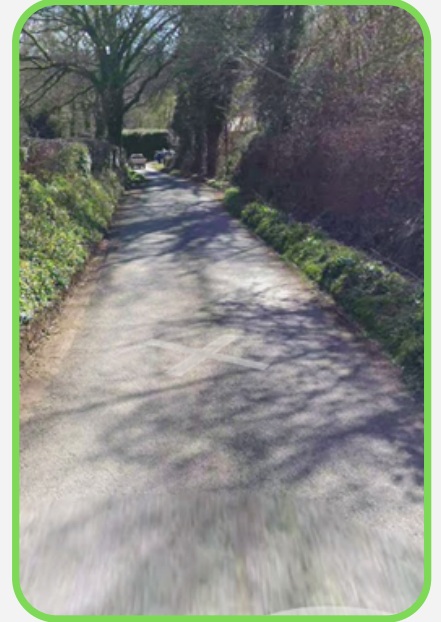
Highways

Lengthsman

A new Lengthsman has been appointed to carry out minor highway works throughout the area. Marches Ground Maintenance will be undertaking maintenance of roadside ditches and grips on all C and U roads every month across the area, with the aim to visit all settlements twice a year.

These works include:

- Cleaning out road gullies
- Clearing road culvert headwalls
- Checking inspection pits
- Clearing grips
- Cleaning road signs
- Clearing minor storm debris off roads
- Reforming grips following blockages or impact damage



Drainage Grant

Herefordshire Council recently invited Parish Councils to apply for funding towards local drainage improvements. The Parish Council submitted a bid of £12,050 for ditching works at four sites and minor drainage improvements at Llanwarne crossroads.

Currently, £8,000 has been awarded to support the works at Llanwarne crossroads and Herefordshire Council endeavour to review the remaining projects in due course. We're delighted with this funding, which will help address long-standing drainage issues that cause water to pool and freeze in colder months, creating a safety concern for road users.

The works will include installing a drainage crossing in the carriageway and will require a short road closure. The Clerk is currently liaising with the contractor to ensure the necessary applications are made to the Highway Authority to enable the works to be scheduled.



Financial Matters

As many residents will be aware, the Council has carefully reviewed its budget and precept for the coming financial year. Like many organisations, we continue to face rising costs, particularly for maintenance, services and community infrastructure. The agreed increase in the precept will help ensure the Parish Council can continue to maintain the parish, support local projects, respond to drainage and highways concerns, and remain financially sustainable. Every effort has been made to keep the increase to the minimum necessary while continuing to deliver the services and improvements our community expects.

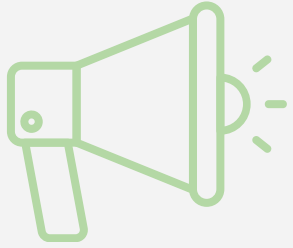
Income

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>26/27 Budget</u>
Precept	£14,622
VAT Recovery	£256
Bank Interest	£0
Total	£14,878

Expenditure

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>26/27 Budget</u>
Clerk's salary/PAYE	£7,225
Clerk's expenses	£200
Postage	£10
Stationery	£30
ICO Fee & SLCC	£50
Internal Audit - HALC	£300
HALC Subscription	£700
Payroll	£300
Lengthsman (P3)	£4,000
Footpaths (P1)	£500
Hall Hire	£100
Training	£50
Insurance	£210
Defibrillator	£100
Poppy Wreath	£25
Donations	£200
Microsoft 365 subscriptions	£50
Website Maintenance	£100
Eyelid	£100
VAT	£256
Bank Charges	£72
Contingency	£200
Newsletter	£200
Total	£14,878

Village Hall



£148,000 Funding Success for the Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee is incredibly proud to have secured £148,000 in funding to support much-needed repairs and improvements to the building.

This funding enabled the replacement of the roof, essential guttering works, and the reopening of the upstairs rooms as a flexible multi-use space.

These works have helped protect the future of the Village Hall, improve the facilities available, and ensure the building continues to serve the community for many years to come.

In addition, your support at events means that the profits can be ploughed back into the running costs and general work required on an annual basis.



St John the Baptist Church

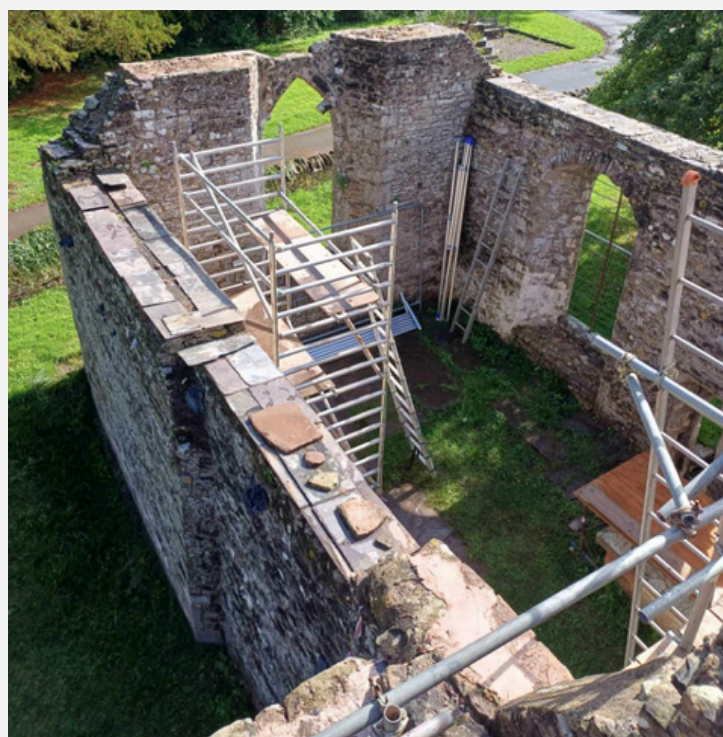
Restoration Works

Llanwarne Parochial Committee have worked tirelessly over the past few years to secure funding for remedial works to the walls and Lychgate.

With support from grants, fundraising events and donations from locals, they have been able to raise over £140,000 to support the works.

These funds are supporting the necessary works to the walls, windows and Lychgate currently.

Further funding of £35,000 is required to undertake the specified works to the tower.



Updates can be found on their Facebook Page:
St John's Llanwarne preservation appeal

Going for Bronze!

The Parish Council is delighted to share that it has been awarded the Bronze Level of the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS).



This award recognises that the Council is run lawfully, follows good practice, and has all the key policies and procedures in place to serve the community effectively.

To achieve it, the Council demonstrated its commitment to training both councillors and staff, recognised its responsibilities in areas like biodiversity and crime prevention, and formally resolved to keep building on these strong foundations.

The Bronze Award acts as a benchmark for good governance and a great starting point for future development — helping the Council continue to grow, improve, and deliver the best possible service for residents.

2026/27 Parish Council Meeting Dates

Thursday 17th September 2026 @ 19:30

Thursday 19th November 2026 @ 19:30

Thursday 21st January 2027 @ 19:30

Thursday 18th March 2027 @ 19:30

**Parish Council meetings are held at Llanwarne Village Hall.
The agenda will be published on the website and sent to
subscribers three days before the meeting**

Information & Contacts

A note from the Clerk - Molly Walters

I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Clerk to Llanwarne and District Group Parish Council. With a background in community liaison at Balfour Beatty, I worked closely with Parish Councils across Herefordshire, which sparked my desire to become a Clerk — and here I am! I also serve as Clerk to Peterchurch Parish Council and look forward to supporting Llanwarne and its surrounding parishes in their work for the community.

Parish

Molly Walters (Clerk): Clerk@llanwarnegroup-pc.gov.uk

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Ward Member Toni Fagan - toni.fagan@herefordshire.gov.uk

Your parish needs passionate, community-minded people to help shape its future. If you care about local issues and want to have a real say in what happens, why not apply to become a Parish Councillor?

Contact our Clerk, Molly Walters: Clerk@llanwarnegroup-pc.gov.uk