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For And On Behalf Of
Hill Croome Parish Council
Clerk - Michael Brooks
Vine Cottage Baughton Earls Croome WR8 9DQ

To Members of Hill Croome Parish Council

You are duly summoned/required to attend the Meeting of Hill Croome Parish Council to be held at Earls Croome Village Hall on Monday 16th November 2026 at 8.00pm.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**: to receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence

2. **Declarations of Interest**:
   a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
   b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the items on the agenda and their nature
   c) To declare any other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature
   d) Written requests for the Council to grant dispensation (s33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the Clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or any other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4)(b) of the Code of Conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

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The meeting will be adjourned for Public Question time
The time allocated is to be determined by the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public shall not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting and brief notes shall be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

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3. **Minutes of the last meeting on Monday 21st September 2026 –** to be examined and approved

4. **Local Government Reorganisation** - update

5. **Councillor Vacancy – 2027 elections –** consideration of candidates to approach

6. **Finance**

   a. Full reconciliation provided for Councillors
   b. Expenses/Receipts since last meeting and Upcoming expenses for prior approval
      (1) Lengthsman
      (2) Mower fuel

Receipts

Date	From	Amount	Notes
29/09/2026	Precept - second tranche	2390.00	Put into deposit account

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Expenses

Date	For	Amount	Notes / Category
28/09/26	Regal Garage Mower fuel	18.00	
28/09/26	W J Rowlin - flowers	48.50	
01/10/26	W J Rowlin flowers	51.00	
02/10/26	Nuyards - soil	6.99	
9/10/26	Poppy Shop - wreaths	46.00	
19/10/26	Bank charges	4.25	
02/11/26	Lengthsman August	50.00	
02/11/26	Lengthsman September	70.00	

NB. Receipts and expenses summary to be signed for the records

d. Budget/Expenses to be compared and variations examined/approved

e. 2027/2028 Budget requirement to request Precept increase – the current precept of £4780 covers current expenditure with a margin of reserve, but recent events highlight how quickly the situation could change were it necessary to employ a new Clerk. Add into the mix the uncertainty caused by the changes expected under the Local Government Reorganisation and our current grant towards grass cutting and the provision of the lengthsman scheme could be under threat of withdrawal or reduction in value. Either way, the gentle upscaling of the Precept year on year, is preferable to having a significant rise caused by panic management. After consideration the proposal is for a rise of £500 to a figure of £5280, the additional sum being allocated directly to the 'Clerk Salary' category.

7. CALC – proposal to become a company

8. Progress reports-updates:

1. New bin on Stanks Lane – in situ
2. Pershore-end speed sign – may require a rotational change to ensure capturing speed earlier

9. Lengthsman – update on activity and request for specific action

10. PLANNING – current applications/appeals updates

11. Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026 – a good turn out for this event.

12. Any other matters at the discretion of the Chair

13. Training for Councillors/Clerk: To remind councillors of the availability of training from CALC to further their understanding and involvement in the requirements of the Parish Council. A reminder to Councillors that absence

from meetings must be recorded and reasons agreed with Council. Apologies must be conveyed to the Clerk at the earliest to ensure meetings are quorate.

14. **District and County Councillors Reports:** for information – items raised for decision to appear on agenda for next meeting

15. **Correspondence for Information:**

16. **Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

Date of next meeting:

Monday 1st February 2027 – 8.00pm

Signed: M. Brooks
Clerk to Hill Croome Parish Council