

# The Planning Committee

## MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

The Town Hall

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 7:00 pm**

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Mr R Lockey (Chair)  
Mr T Carty  
Mr J Price  
Mr T Watts

Mrs M Capon (Vice-chair)  
Mr C Phillips  
Mr R Tizzard

**In Attendance:**

The Deputy Parish Clerk & Committee Officer: Nathalie Hetherington

**Public Question and Comment Time:**

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr. Phillips reported that the Clerk had responded promptly when the contractor installing the new transformer next to The Clump on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 badly damaged the ground on The Clump; the contractor returned on Sunday to make good the damage.

| Agenda Number: | Agenda Item:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 57             | <b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b><br>None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 58             | <b><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></b><br>None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 59             | <b><u>Adoption of Minutes:</u></b><br>It was proposed by Cllr. Phillips to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024; seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 60             | <b><u>Planning, Tree &amp; Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:</u></b><br><br><b>Notification only</b><br>1. Proposal: <b>Tree surgery work to No. 3 trees as shown by the Yeovil District Council (MIPO 1) 1976 TPO</b><br>Location: <b>10 Gainsborough, Milborne Port, DT9 5BA</b><br>Applicant: <b>Mr Alan Martin</b><br>Application Type: <b>TPO</b><br>Application Number: <b>24/00062/TPO</b><br><br>This notification was discussed and received. |

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Committee Officer: Nathalie Hetherington

Website: [www.milborneportpc.org.uk](http://www.milborneportpc.org.uk)

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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|           | <p>2. Proposal: <b>Extension of existing garage to attach to house, providing secure and useable vehicle storage</b><br/> Location: <b>24 Orchard Walk, Milborne Port, DT9 5DE</b><br/> Applicant: <b>Mr Matt Creighton</b><br/> Application Type: <b>Household Application</b><br/> Application Number: <b>24/02934/HOU</b><br/> Deadline: <b>30<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Lockey proposed that MPPC support this application; seconded by Cllr. Carty and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Notification only (received after the agenda was published)</b></p> <p>3. Proposal: <b>Tree surgery work to No. 3 trees as shown by the Yeovil District Council (MIPO 1) 1976 TPO</b><br/> Location: <b>10 Gainsborough, Milborne Port, DT9 5BA</b><br/> Applicant: <b>Mr Alan Martin</b><br/> Application Type: <b>TPO</b><br/> Application Number: <b>24/00062/TPO</b></p> <p>This notification was discussed and received.</p> <p><b>Action: Committee Officer to respond to Somerset Council Planning Department accordingly.</b></p> <p><i>Following enquiries, the Committee Officer was able to inform members that the new Tree Officer at Somerset Council is Ben Parkinson, and that it is his understanding that SC strongly encourages replanting with an appropriate species for any removal; however, this will not be legally required unless expressly stated as a condition in the TPO process.</i></p> |
| <b>61</b> | <p><b><u>Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update:</u></b></p> <p>This was received. Cllr. Lockey commented that there might be some small expenditure on fittings for the new SID. Cllr. Carty commented that although it appears that there will be an underspend before the end of March, it must be remembered that £5000 is set aside for the fitting out of the Community Hub.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>62</b> | <p><b><u>Big Red Bin:</u></b></p> <p>Councillors and the Committee Officer provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cllr. Carty will be meeting the pharmacist next week to discuss the deterioration of the area where the cardboard recycling bin currently sits, attracting fly-tipping and other rubbish, and encourage the business to make alternative arrangements.</li> <li>– The Committee Officer will continue to update Somerset Council Nicola Clark and Colin Mercer, the Contract Manager for Collections.</li> <li>– Cllr. Lockey will contact again the local resident who is in touch with the current owners of 8 High Street to ask that they remove their black bin and recycling bins.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Cllrs. Carty and Lockey</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| 63 | <p><b><u>Bathwell Lane hedge/foliage clearing</u></b></p> <p>Two quotations for clearing the foliage away from the wall on the western side of Bathwell Lane between Sansome's Cottage and the 5-bar gate opposite the Church were received and discussed; this is the first phase of a two-phase project to widen the road to provide more parking space and avoid the congestion that regularly occurs in this very well-used part of the village.</p> <p><b>Cllr. Carty proposed that Vale Tree Surgeons Ltd be contracted to carry out this clearance work at a cost of £780 (incl. VAT); seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Action: The Committee Officer will liaise with Vale Tree Surgeons Ltd; once a date has been set, local residents will be informed and asked to keep that section Bathwell Lane clear of cars on the day.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 64 | <p><b><u>Verbal Updates / Reports:</u></b></p> <p>a) Update on Previous Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alteration to garage roof at Springfield Road – approved,</li> <li>▪ Internal refurbishments at West Cottage, Ven House – approved.</li> <li>▪ Side elevation window at 34 Gainsborough – approved.</li> <li>▪ Alternation to entrance at Gainsborough Corner – permitted with 22 conditions based on ecology and highway safety.</li> <li>▪ Cllrs. Carty &amp; Tizzard are meeting representatives of Wyatt Homes 22.1.25 ref. development on land in Wheathill Lane.</li> </ul> <p>b) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites – none.</p> <p>c) Update on Highway Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cllr. Lockey noted again that he will need some new fittings in order to install the new SID.</li> </ul> <p>d) Committee Officer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintenance of Footpath Furniture: The Committee Officer reported that Cllr. Flynn has reported some broken footpath furniture in the Vartenham Hill area on the SC website. It was agreed that if landowners are not responsive to approaches from SC or MPPC to mend broken furniture, it will consider funding these repairs.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. Carty will be attending an LCN meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February about the Somerset Local Plan Call for Sites. There followed a discussion about: public access to information about sites; preferences expressed recently in the Community Plan Survey and historically; the extent to which SC will consider historic preferences; housing priorities for parishioners.</p> <p>Cllr. Capon shared progress towards the Emergency Plan and the grant funding being sought. She will update the Full Council in February.</p> |
|    | <p><b>Meeting ended at 8.04 pm.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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