

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held in The Council Chamber, The Town Hall, Milborne Port.

Tuesday 1st April 2025 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Parish Councillors:	Rob Lockey (Chair)	Margaret Capon
	Glenn Coombs	Alison Flynn
	David Grant	Chris Phillips
	John Price	Paul Scrivener
	Robert Tizzard	Ted Watts

In Attendance:

Rev Rona Stuart-Bourne
Somerset Cllr. Nicola Clark
The Parish Clerk: Simon Pritchard
Deputy Parish Clerk: Nathalie Hetherington
2 members of the public attended

❖ Reports from Somerset Council:

- Cllr. Clark's report had been circulated before the meeting; she highlighted the main issues pertinent to the Parish Council: dog-fouling consultation and the maintenance of Prankerd's Road playpark. The Clerk asked about the role of parish and town councils in dog-fouling prosecutions; Cllr. Clark will look into this, the numbers of prosecutions and how the devolution of responsibilities is being managed.

❖ Public Statements and Comments:

- Cllr. Tizzard reported that a resident had contacted him regarding the Parish Council seeking support from local companies with corporate responsibility and that this resident would be happy to help the Parish Council to do this.

❖ Church Building Project:

- Rev Rona Stuart-Bourne informed councillors about the memorial service for Clive Laughton on Friday 4th April at 12.30 pm. She also informed the council that the Parochial Church Council was to undertake a review of the use of the church building and what it could be used for in the future. The congregation is too small to justify it only being used for services, for it to be a useful community building it needs to have a greater function to the community. Everyone is encouraged to complete a survey about the use of the church building for both religious and secular activities; ideas for these types of activities were shared.

*Rev Stuart-Bourne & Cllr. Clark left the meeting at 7:35 pm.
(The remaining member of the public left the meeting at 7:58 pm.)*

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Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
121	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr. Tim Carty - away
122	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations to Participate:</u> A: Declarations of Interests from Members: None. B: Applications submitted to the Proper Officer for a dispensation to participate: None.
123	<u>Adoption of Full Council Minutes:</u> The minutes of the 4 th March 2025 meeting had been circulated to members. Cllr Flynn noted the 'Communications Group had been omitted from the information about the Community Plan working groups in Item 120. Cllr. Grant proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting of Tuesday 4th March 2025 be adopted subject to the addition of the communications group to Item 120; seconded by Cllr. Watts and resolved by 9 votes in favour and 1 abstention
124	<u>Community Grant Applications – Table Tennis Club/Church House:</u> The request for a grant of £500 to the Table Tennis Club was discussed. Concern was expressed that the club has limited capacity for new members who could benefit from new table tennis tables, therefore limited community impact. This led to a discussion about the grants policy; Cllr. Tizzard offered to review the policy. Cllr. Capon proposed that the application be refused in the absence of evidence that a grant would benefit the wider community; seconded by Cllr. Flynn and resolved by 9 votes in favour with 1 abstention.
125	<u>Delivery of the Community Hub by Redcliffe Homes:</u> It was reported that plans have been received and that communication between the Parish Council and Redcliffe continues.
126	<u>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:</u> A. <u>Monthly Payments:</u> Payments on 27 th March 2025 of £10,633.28 and for April 2025 of £ 6,960.20 had been circulated and were received. Cllr. Tizzard proposed that the payments for 27th March and for April 2025 be approved; seconded by Cllr. Watts and resolved unanimously. B. <u>Full Council Accounts & Bank Reconciliation:</u> The full council accounts were received • Reserve Account £208,706.00 - 31/03/2025 • Current Account £5,000.00 – 31/01/2025

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	There was some discussion regarding the funding deficit for Library staff. Cllr. Tizzard thanked the Clerk for his management of the budget.
127	<u>Activities Planner – Priorities:</u> The priorities were received. There was some discussion about the cemetery extension and storage at Springfield. None of the priorities were changed.
128	<u>Verbal Reports:</u> a) Council Chairman’s report: No report due to the absence of Cllr. Carty. b) Parish Clerk’s report: Nothing in addition to report. c) Members’ Reports from outside organisations: None.

End of formal meeting at 20:19

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