

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 7th April 2026 @ 7:00 pm

Present:

Parish Councillors:	Tim Carty (Chair)	Margaret Capon
	Alison Flynn	Rob Lockey (Vice-chair)
	Robert Tizzard	Ted Watts
	Glen Coombes	John Price

In Attendance:

Somerset Councillor Nicola Clark (left the meeting at 8.10 pm)
The Parish Clerk: Simon Pritchard
Deputy Parish Clerk: Nathalie Hetherington
4 members of the public in relation to Item 132 (left the meeting at 8.10 pm)

Reports from Somerset Council:

Cllr. Clark reported:

- The LCN meeting has been rescheduled to 7th May so that the Police & Crime Commissioner can join; it will be important to have strong representation at that meeting.
- Somerset Cllrs. Clark and Burt have been receiving many enquiries about the new charging system at Sherborne Household Recycling Centre; representatives from Dorset and Somerset Councils are working together in the hope of reaching a reciprocal arrangement, similar to that of Dorset with Hampshire; more data is needed. A deal is looking unlikely as things stand. Cllr. Carty queried whether the police have data on increased fly-tipping; Cllr. Clark will look into this.
- The Highways LCN is coming into its own; if there are problems contact Cllr. Clark or James Moore at the South East LCN; clarity re. contracting Keir is currently being sought.

Cllr. Carty commented that the timetable for the Local Plan has been laid out; there have been some queries over the definition of some terminology and regarding the HEELA. Cllr Carty best guess as to the number of house that will be required of Milborne Port is 450, if you extract the figures, numbers which in previous HEELAs have been considered not possible.

Cllr. Tizzard inquired about how the Parish Council might be proactive in contributing to the thinking about HEELA tier categorisation; Cllr. Clark will follow this up.

Cllr. Flynn reported that a resident of Lambert Close is concerned about the build-up of thick vegetation by the river; this is a riparian ownership and responsibility issue that Cllr. Capon and the Office have been attempting to address and will continue to pursue.

Public Statements and Comments:

As the three members of the public had attended the meeting to hear and contribute to the debate re 26/00143/OUT at Land at Court Lane (Agenda item 132), the chair agreed to let the public input at that point in the meeting.

Milborne Port Parish Council: Tuesday 7th April 2026

Parish Clerk: Simon Pritchard

Website: www.milborneport-pc.gov.uk

Signed:.....Date:.....

Full Council

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
129	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Received from: ○ Cllr. David Grant – unwell ○ Cllr. Chris Phillips - away ○ Cllr. Paul Scrivener - away
130	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations to Participate:</u> A: Declarations of Interests from Members: In relation to Item 135/A, Cllr. Tizzard declared an interest in agenda item 135/A as he is President of Milborne Port Cricket Club and on its Committee. Cllr. Tizzard said that he would not leave the room for the debate as he felt his input would be useful. B: Applications submitted to the Proper Officer for a dispensation to participate: None.
131	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> The minutes had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllr. Lockey proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March be adopted; seconded by Cllr. Flynn and resolved unanimously.
132	<u>Planning Application 26/00143/OUT at Land at Court Lane:</u> Proposal: Outline Application with some matters reserved except for access and layout for the development of the land for residential purposes (Use Class C3), including associated landscaping, attenuation, public open space and infrastructure, matters to be considered. Application Type: Outline Application Cllr. Carty summarised the concerns expressed at the Planning Meeting on 17th March. There was a debate/discussion over a number of issues: • What ‘access’ means in terms of an outline application. • Cllr Tizzard explained how an outline application does not need to go into the detail of how issues will be addressed, only the principle. • No affordable/social housing planned. • Contamination issue not addressed by the applicant. A request should be made that a condition be stipulated for a thorough investigation of contamination issue in the event that the application moves to Reserved Matters. • Access issue is pavement coming out dangerously onto Court Lane. • There has been some additional information from other consultees since the Planning Meeting; Cllr. Tizzard encouraged members to concentrate on the main points of concern. • Response needs to express support of sustainable sites to benefit local people.

Full Council

	<i>(At 7:40 pm, members of the public were invited to comment/ask questions.)</i> There were queries and comments in relation to: Wessex Water's recent work to increase capacity; traffic – children play on bikes in Lower Kingsbury, the area is near a playground where there are regularly families and dog-walkers. Cllr. Tizzard proposed that Milborne Port Parish Council object to the application for the reasons outlined in the recommendation from the Planning Committee (issues/concerns around: social housing, contamination, impact on highways, car parking, drainage, conservation & heritage). The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Carty and resolved by 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention. <i>(At 8:10 pm, the members of the public and Cllr. Clark let the meeting.)</i>
133	<u>Delivery of the Community Hub by Redcliffe Homes:</u> The roof will go on mid-June, at which point tenders will go out for the fitting out. The build time is on track. £9.5k has been promised by sponsors; the total cost of the fitting out could be as much as £85k but likely to be around £65k. The Projects Officer is continuing to seek grant funding. <i>(Cllr. Lockey left the meeting at 8:08 pm and returned in time for Item 135 at 8:11 pm.)</i>
134	<u>PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES – Grants Policy:</u> The grants policy for 2026/27 had been circulated to members and was reviewed. Cllr. Carty proposed that the grants policy be adopted; seconded by Cllr. Flynn and resolved unanimously. <i>(Cllr. Lockey was absent for this vote.)</i>
135	<u>PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS:</u> <u>A: Milborne Port Cricket Club:</u> A grant application for up to £3,700 towards the cost of a new roller was discussed. Cllr. Tizzard explained why the application was made after its purchase using Cricket Club reserves and not in advance. The Cricket Club has also applied to the Playing Fields Committee, which receives a grant from the Parish Council. It was noted that the new Grants Policy just adopted does not allow grants to be made after the expenditure has been incurred. It was suggested that the Cricket Club reapply for a grant, but towards running costs. Cllr. Flynn proposed that the Parish Council reject the application; seconded by Cllr. Carty and resolved by 5 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions. The Office will contact the Cricket Club to explain the decision and offer guidance as to how to reframe the application.

Full Council

136	<u>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:</u> A. <u>Monthly Payments:</u> Payments numbers: 345 to 372 totaling £15,678.65 for March 2026 (second payment day) had been circulated. Cllr. Carty proposed that the payments list for March 2026 be approved; seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously. B. <u>End of Year - Accounts & Bank Reconciliation:</u> The budget information had been circulated before the meeting and was received. Cllr. Carty reported that he had examined the end of year reports. He explained the accounts are tricky to determine due to un-budgeted S106 maintenance money received, and that S106 capital projects are paid for by the Parish Council first before the money can be drawn down from Somerset Council. • Reserve Account £267,706.51 - 31/03/2026 • Current Account £5,000.00 - 31/03/2026
137	<u>Activities Planner - Priorities:</u> Not available for the meeting.
138	<u>Verbal Reports:</u> a) Council Chairman's report: Nothing further to add. b) Parish Clerk's report: Nothing further to add. c) Neighbourhood Plan Group: Cllr. Grant will support Cllr. Carty with the writing of the parts of the plan that he has committed to produce. d) Members' reports from outside organisations: Cllr. Flynn reported that the plans for the Milborne Port: Community Matters event on Saturday 9th May and proceeding well and being well-supported.

End of formal meeting at 8:29 pm