

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 3rd June 2025 @ 7:00pm

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Somerset Councillor: Nicola Clark
The Parish Clerk: Simon Pritchard
Deputy Parish Clerk: Nathalie Hetherington
1 member of the public attended

❖ Reports from Somerset Council:

- Cllr. Burt's recent report had been distributed prior to the meeting; Cllr. Clark recommended responding to the current government planning consultation. The constituency changes proposed by the Boundary Commission have been published and the deadline for responses is 11.8.25; Milborne Port has been grouped with Henstridge & Charlton Horethorne, which is what the Parish Council had requested. Where policing is concerned, there will be one new officer per 9500 people, and there is no plan for how they will cover rural areas like Wincanton and Yeovil; villages tend not to be considered. Cllr. Carty mentioned the action point from last week's Management Committee meeting regarding anti-social behaviour in the parish and some additional youth outreach work that is to be undertaken; the Management committee will be writing to the Chief Constable regarding the increase in low level anti-social behaviour in the community and theft from the co-op.

❖ Public Statements and Comments:

- Cllr. Watts reported that Wheathill Lane has been cut back but left the hedge by rewilding area. Some councillors suggested that the contractors had possibly been instructed not to cut that hedge for environmental reasons; possible that Somerset Council Highways need to be approached in the Autumn about cutting this area back.
(NB: item to be deferred to the Planning Committee)

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
20	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> ○ Cllr. Robert Tizzard - away
21	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations to Participate:</u> A: Declarations of Interests from Members:

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	None. B: Applications submitted to the Proper Officer for a dispensation to participate: None.
22	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> a) Tuesday 6th May 2025 – Annual Meeting Cllr. Carty proposed that the minutes of the Full Council from Tuesday 6th May 2025 be adopted; seconded by Cllr. Price and resolved unanimously. b) Tuesday 27th May 2025 – Extraordinary Meeting The Parish Clerk reported that the minutes of Tuesday 27th May 2025 were not yet ready for adoption.
23	<u>Delivery of the Community Hub by Redcliffe Homes:</u> Cllr. Carty reported that there has been no recent communication from Redcliffe. Cllr Carty confirmed that the funding for community hubs mentioned in Cllr. Hayward Burt's report will be pursued.
24	<u>Planning Applications made to Somerset Council:</u> 25/00893/REM at Land Adjoining Wheathill Lane, Milborne Port There was a detailed discussion about the responses from the other consultees and other responses that can be viewed on the planning portal; there is still no visible Highways response (which has been reported to the Case Officer). Cllr. Clark was able to give some insight into some of the details of the planning committee process. The parish council has been engaging with the developer with regards to the needs of the parish and has gained significant concessions in this application. Concerns were raised around a few areas: ○ Car parking – too few spaces ○ Vehicle access onto site – only one way in ○ Redcliffe's condition re ransom strip – to create a second access ○ Cemetery water loss – will this be an issue ○ Street Lighting – too much and not in keeping with the rest of the village ○ Conservation of bats - rare species in the area ○ Homes proposed with painted bricks – not welcomed ○ Ball stop nets – required down the side of the playing field. Cllr. Carty proposed that he draft the council's response, based on the feedback from the meeting, seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved unanimously.
25	<i>Cllr. Clark left the meeting at this point 20:08</i> <u>CPRE Membership</u> There was discussion about the work of the Campaign for Rural England and to what extent it is or is not a protest group.

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	Cllr. Watts proposed that the Parish Council does not take up membership; seconded by Cllr. Scrivener. 2 votes in favour and 8 against. The motion fell. Cllr. Capon proposed that the Parish Council does take up membership at a cost of £60 per year, to be reviewed after one year, seconded by Cllr. Grant and resolved by 8 votes in favour and 2 against.
26	Parish Council's Policies – Community Grants The Parish Clerk gave some context for why this policy has come to the Full Council for review at this stage and there were various observations about the wording and meaning/interpretation of the proposed revised policy. Some suggestions were made by Cllr. Grant, Cllr. Price and Cllr. Flynn to the wording in 3 places. Cllr. Carty proposed that the Parish Council adopt this revised policy subject to the three changes suggested, seconded by Cllr. Locky and resolved by 8 votes with 2 abstentions.
27	Parish Council's Policies – Standing Orders Cllr. Carty noted that he had miscommunicated his request for the Parish Council's Standing Orders to be reviewed at this meeting; he had meant the <i>financial</i> standing orders and/or direct debits. However, the new Standing Orders model document - which had been circulated - was considered, as had been advised by the internal auditor. Cllr. Locky proposed that the new version of the Standing Orders be adopted; seconded by Cllr. Carty and resolved by 9 votes with 1 abstention. Cllr. Carty requested that a list of <i>financial</i> standing orders and/or direct debits be presented for review at the next Full Council meeting.
28	<u>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:</u> <u>A. Monthly Payments:</u> Payments numbers: 42 to 74 totaling £16,023.60 had been circulated. Cllr. Carty proposed that the payments list for May be approved, seconded by Cllr. Watts and resolved unanimously. <u>B. Full Council Accounts & Bank Reconciliation:</u> The full council accounts were received after some discussion about a Neighbourhood Plan took place – it was confirmed that this is a current council project. The RFO confirmed that the Emergency Bleed Kits had gone on the Defibrator budget line, and this had used up a small, earmarked reserve. • Reserve Account £365,531.12 - 30/04/2025 • Current Account £37,156.06 – 30/04/2025
29	<u>Activities Planner – Priorities</u> This was provided at the meeting and received. The Projects Officer has been invited onto the working party for the pavilion project. Cllr. Carty noted that funding for storage at Springfield would become available if the s106 agreement for planning application

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	25/00893/REM at Land Adjoining Wheathill Lane is updated by Somerset council as has been requested. Cllr. Carty reported that the preliminary costs for a higher spec MUGA are higher than originally anticipated and described the flexibility of the funding that is expected.
30	<i>Cllr. Lockey left the meeting at 20:45</i> <u>Verbal Reports:</u> a) Council Chairman's report: ○ The Library contract is nearly finalised. ○ The last LCN meeting was poor; Cllr. Carty believes that the focus of the LCN's activities is wrong. ○ The youth work team is planning 3 outreach visits in June, at no extra cost to the Parish Council, to scope out what they might do on a wider basis, which might involve reducing the number of Youth Club sessions and channeling the funding into outreach instead. b) Parish Clerk's report: ○ A representative for the Somerset Bus Partnership has been requested this doesn't need to be a member of the parish council. There were no volunteers; Cllr. Carty agreed to continue to be the contact. <i>Cllr Lockey returned to the meeting at 20:49</i> c) Members' Reports from outside organisations: Cllr. Capon reported that there has been good progress and new volunteers on flood risk issues following the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st May. Cllr. Watts - as someone with considerable experience and knowledge of the village - will assist with a survey of the whole village regarding surface water/drainage issues; local landowners will be approached to help in a similar capacity. Cllr. Combes can help with the reproduction of large maps. The Rotary Club can come one evening (not to the fête) to demonstrate flood response equipment. The Sprit of Milborne Port will be supportive of the First Aid training on fête day and Cllr. Capon is awaiting a response from St John's Ambulance team regarding Emergency Bleed Kit training on the same day. Cllr. Flynn reported that the milborneport.com domain name can now be used by the Community Plan Communications Working Group.

End of formal meeting at 20:58

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