

The Planning Committee



MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

The Town Hall

Tuesday 16th June 2026 @ 7 pm

Present:

Councillors:

Mr Rob Lockey (Chair)
Mr Chris Phillips
Mr Ted Watts

Mrs Margaret Capon (Vice-chair)
Mr Robert Tizzard

In Attendance:

The Deputy Parish Clerk & Committee Officer: Nathalie Hetherington

Public Question and Comment Time:

Three members of the public were present; two left at 7.12 pm.

Two members of the public asked about the progress with communicating with Somerset Council regarding enforcement issues at Brook Street. Cllrs. Capon and Lockey apologised for the delay in taking action on this; it was agreed that Cllr. Lockey will circulate the response from SC, then work with Cllr. Capon to write again, sharing the draft at the next Planning meeting and copying in Sarah Dyke MP and our Somerset Councillors with the final letter. The two members of the public reiterated their concerns regarding the integrity of planning process & SC's responsibility to discharge that responsibility.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
12	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr. Tim Carty; Cllr. John Price.
13	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.

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14	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> It was proposed by Cllr. Lockey to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026; seconded by Cllr. Capon and resolved unanimously.
15	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:</u> <i>(Cllr. Tizzard left during this agenda item at 7.32 pm.)</i> <i>Notification only</i> 1) Proposal: Tree surgery works to various trees, including the felling of a Cupressus Macrocarpa. Location: Wheathill Lane, Milborne Port, DT9 5EX Application Type: Tree Preservation Order Application Number: 26/01319/TPO 2) (not on agenda) Proposal: Tree surgery works to various trees. Location: Land rear of Bazzleways Cottages, Station Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5EH Application Type: Tree Preservation Order Application Number: 26/01374/TPO 3) (not on agenda) Proposal: Tree surgery works to various trees, including the possible removal of one pine tree. Location: Woodland opposite Bazzleways Close, Station Road, Milborne Port Application Type: Tree Preservation Order Application Number: 26/01373/TCA All 3 notifications were discussed and received.
16	<u>Planning Committee Budget Update:</u> This was received. Cllr. Lockey queried the forecast figure of £1420 which the Committee Secretary will follow up with the Clerk.
17	<u>Coldharbour pavement usage:</u> The growing collection of plants, pots, bric-a-brac and other paraphernalia on the pavement outside an address on Coldharbour was discussed following contact from neighbouring residents over the last few months, and mention of it at the last Full Council meeting. The Committee Officer has reported this to Somerset Council who will monitor the situation but take no action at the moment as they do not consider it to be a safety issue. It was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to monitor the use of the pavement, and write to the occupants of the property involved if need be in the future.
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	<u>Adaptation to ‘smiley face’ SID for solar power:</u> The benefits of solar power adaptation were discussed. It was agreed that a new pole will be needed to mount the modified SID on, possibly opposite the bus shelter; last time a local tradesman was employed to carry out this work. Cllr. Phillips proposed that the solar panel and mounting kit be purchased from ElanCity at a cost of £509.08 (including VAT which will be reclaimed) plus approximately £310 for the pole and labour; seconded by Cllr. Capon and resolved unanimously.
19	<u>East Street traffic Issue:</u> There had been some correspondence between the Office and a resident of East Street regarding the use by an HGV en route to Wheathill Lane, contracted by Wyatt Homes. Members were reminded that Somerset Traffic Management will install signs to indicate that East Street is not suitable for HGVs.
20	<u>Pavement parking on North Street: - brought forward to follow Item 14</u> Cllr. Lockey summarised an issue brought to the Committee’s attention by a local resident, who was present to contribute to the discussion and who had provided numerous photographs (previously circulated) to demonstrate how pavement parking (sometimes of HGVs) in front of Cross House obstructs visibility for motorists leaving Southcombe Gardens and for pedestrians. The history of parking on North Street was discussed. It was agreed that the Committee Officer will approach Somerset Traffic Management regarding the possible addition of a yellow line or white T-bar line of approximately the length of 2 cars/15 ft to the north of the entrance to Southcombe Gardens.
21	<u>Verbal Updates / Reports:</u> a) Update on Previous Planning Applications: - o Wheathill Lane/Wyatt Homes – some non-material changes - o Combe Hill Farm – single storey extension approved b) Update on Current Live Housing Development: none re. Court Lane c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites: - o The building of the Community Hub continues; the roof has been added today. The mortar colouring will be followed up by the Projects Officer. d) Update on Highway/Traffic Management Issues: Cllr. Lockey commented on the large number of dropped curbs on North Street. e) Chairperson’s Report: Cllr. Lockey reported that the Clerk has redistributed the information about the devolution of Somerset Council assets. f) Committee Officer’s Report: - The pharmacist’s big red recycling bin is due to be removed, as other arrangements have been made. The electric fence issue on East Hill has been resolved for now with some support from Eve Wynn.

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	Meeting ended at 8.17 pm.
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