

The Planning Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

The Town Hall

Tuesday 16th September 2025 7:00 pm

Present:

Councillors:

Mr Rob Lockey (Chair)
Mr T Carty
Mr R Tizzard

Mrs M Capon (Vice-Chair)
Mr C Phillips
Mr T Watts

In Attendance:

The Deputy Parish Clerk & Committee Officer: Nathalie Hetherington

One member of the public in relation to Item 42.

Public Question and Comment Time:

There were no questions or statements from Committee members.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
37	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Mr John Price.
38	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
39	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> It was proposed by Cllr. Lockey to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 18 th August 2025; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved by 5 votes with 1 abstention due to absence at that meeting.
40	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:</u> None to consider.
41	<u>Planning Committee Budget Update:</u> This was received.

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42	<u>Report from site visit by Andy Barron from Somerset Council Traffic Management</u> The feedback on Andy Barron's site visit on 25th August had been circulated ahead of the meeting and the member of the public present was able to provide further information about the use of East Street by heavy goods vehicles. The three problem areas of East Street, Brook Street and Station Road were discussed and the relative merits of Andy Barron's suggestions debated. Cllr. Lockey proposed that up to £1000 be allotted to the cost of erecting the 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs on the A30 either side of the entrance East Street junction and if possible at the junction itself, as per Andy Barron's suggestion; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved unanimously. It was agreed to ask Andy Barron to proceed with his suggestion to have some pavement marked instructions on the footpath that leads from Pud Brook to Brook Street, e.g. 'Look both ways', and a sign to alert drivers that pedestrians have access straight onto the pavement from the footpath. This is in response to concerns that some drivers mount the pavement to pass parked cars on Brook Street. There would be no cost to the Parish Council for this. It was also agreed to ask Andy Barron to proceed with his suggestion to have some double yellow lines on both sides of the bend on Station Road that is opposite the turning to Lower Kingsbury. This is in response to concerns over poor visibility at this bend for motorists entering the village and would impact on only a small area currently used for parking. There would be no cost to the Parish Council for this, but a Traffic Regulation Order would be required, and a consultation period; this process cannot begin until 2026 at the earliest. It was also agreed that the Committee Officer will clarify with Andy Barron the process by which information about new signage is communicated with the overarching sat nav company called Here, and that HGVs being driven along inappropriate roads should be reported to their companies, the thinking being that if this happens enough, it might bring about a change in the behaviours of those drivers, and/or the companies employing them, and/or the way that local authorities' highways/traffic management departments communicate with Here. Action: The Committee Officer will liaise with Andy Barron accordingly.
43	<u>Verbal Updates / Reports:</u> a) Update on Previous Planning Applications: information not available at the meeting b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications: Reserved Matters of the Wheathill Lane application yet to be decided upon. c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites: Cllr. Carty reported that MPPC's Projects Officer is still liaising closely with Redcliffe Homes regarding the exact requirements and responsibilities for the Community Hub, which is now due to be ready by April 2026.

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	d) Update on Highway Issues: The deadline for residents close to the proposed new site of the SID on Gainsborough to respond was reached today with no responses, so the Committee Officer will now go ahead with the rest of the Memorandum of Understanding process. e) Committee Officer's Report: - We are still awaiting a quotation from a contractor for further work on Bathwell Lane. - Cllr. Lockey will go and look at other parts of Bathwell Lane (by Cannon Court & Bavewell Cottage) to see whether other work might be needed/appropriate.
	Meeting ended at 7.50 pm.