MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

The Town Hall

Tuesday 21st April 2026 7:00 pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr Rob Lockey (Chair), Mrs Margaret Capon (Vice-chair), Mr Tim Carty, Mr Chris Phillips, Mr John Price, Mr Robert Tizzard, Mr Ted Watts

In Attendance:

The Deputy Parish Clerk & Committee Officer: Nathalie Hetherington

3 members of the public (in connection with Item 97) until 7.28 pm.

Public Question and Comment Time:

Nothing at this point in the meeting.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
91	**Apologies for Absence:** None.
92	**Declarations of Interest:** None.
93	**Adoption of Minutes:** **It was proposed by Cllr. Lockey to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2026; seconded by Cllr. Capon and resolved by 5 votes with 2 abstentions due to absence from that meeting.**
94	**Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:** ***Notification only.*** 1. Proposal: **Lawful development certificate for existing use to confirm the use of the property referred to as Flat 2, Cross Cottage, as a separate self-contained dwelling Use Class C3** Location**: 2 Cross Cottage, North Street, Milborne Port, DT9 5ET** Application Type: **Certificate of Lawful Use or Development** Application Number**: 26/00655/COL** **This notification was received.**

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	2. Proposal: **Porch to front of house** Location**: 40 The Meads, Milborne Port, DT9 5DS** Applicant**: Mr and Mrs Attwood** Application Type: **Householder Application** Application Number: **26/00635/HOU** Deadline: **21st April 2026 (extended to 22nd April 2026).** **Cllr. Lockey proposed that the Parish Council support this application; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved unanimously.** **Action: Committee Officer to respond to Somerset Council accordingly.**
95	**Planning Committee Budget Update:** This was received.
96	**Application for premises licence – 38 Gunville Gardens** There was a discussion about the possible impact of brewing activity at this location. **Cllr. Lockey proposed that the Parish Council support this application with the following requests:** • **That deliveries are made 8 am – 6 pm;** • **That consideration is given to environmental factors such as waste disposal and smell;** • **That consideration is given to avoid disturbing neighbours.** **The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Tizzard and resolved unanimously.** **Action: Committee Officer to respond to Somerset Council accordingly.**
97	**Brook Street site update – Cllr. Capon:** *This item was brought forward to follow Item 94 at 7pm* Cllr. Capon summarised the current enforcement notices/issues; no retrospective planning applications have been made and the 3 months to make them allowed by Somerset Council in December 2025 have passed. Planning issues on this site are now in their 9th year. There was a discussion about the different contraventions of planning law, with contributions by members of the public, who continue to feel frustrated at the inaction of Somerset Council and the lack of fairness in the application of planning law. Somerset Council's response that enforcement action is not in the public interest. Cllr. Lockey has had no response to his letter to Mike Rigby of Somerset Council, not even an acknowledgement.

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	It was agreed that Cllr. Capon and Cllr. Lockey meet to write again to Somerset Council to complain that action has not been taken on the follow issues (there can be no ombudsman involvement until a complaint has been made and responded to): • The continued use of the access created by the removal of part of the wall, despite the 'cease to use' instruction. • The raising of livestock (pigs) – questions over traceability of meat if appropriate registration/checks/licences are not in place. • Material developments: the installation of a mobile home and septic tank. • The continuing cutting down of trees in a Conservation Area that is impacting on the amenity. • Other material development on the site, e.g. earthworks. It was agreed that MP Sarah Dyke should be copied in on future correspondence. Cllr. Carty will also raise the issue at the next LCN meeting that he attends.
98	**<u>Yellow Line request – Wheathill Lane</u>** The request for a yellow line outside a property in Wheathill Lane was discussed; parked cars are creating a hazard when exiting the driveway. It was observed that parking is an endemic problem in the village and that legitimate parking on Wheathill Lane slows traffic down, as it does elsewhere in the village. If cars were prevented from parking in this area, the problem would simply be moved elsewhere. It was agreed to inform the resident that the Parish Council does not support the request at this time. **Action: Committee Officer to respond to the resident who made the request.**
99	**<u>Verbal Updates / Reports:</u>** a) Update on Previous Planning Applications: o Change of use/LBC consent Tippling Philosopher – approved. b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications: none c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites: o The building of the Community Hub continues. d) Update on Highway/Traffic Management Issues: - Cllr. Lockey reported that a resident of East Street has been in touch about another incident of damage to a parked car there and reminded members that issues here have been brought to the attention of Somerset Council Traffic Management and that it is on the list of projects to be completed. - Cllr. Carty requested that enquiries be made as to the current situation with the Crackmore crossing. - Another complaint has been received about the collection of plants, plant pots and bric-a-brac on the pavement at an address at Coldharbour. Members did not believe that these constitute a trip hazard at this time and that they are not encroaching onto the pavement to the extent that

	easy passage is impeded but agreed that the situation should be monitored. - Cllr. Capon has observed that the planting on the verge at Bavewell Cottage on Bathwell Lane could become an encroachment problem in the future; it was agreed that Cllr. Lockey will carry out a site visit for a further assessment. e) Committee Officer's Report: - nothing further.
	Meeting ended at 8.04 pm.

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