

The Planning Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

The Town Hall

Tuesday 17th June 2025 7:00 pm

Present:

Councillors:

Mr R Lockey (Chair)

Mrs M Capon (Vice-chair)

Mr J Price

Mr T Carty

Mr C Phillips

Mr T Watts

In Attendance:

The Deputy Parish Clerk & Committee Officer: Nathalie Hetherington

Public Question and Comment Time:

2 members of the public attended in connection with Item 20 and reported further incidents of damage caused by vehicles in East Street in the last month; they left the meeting at 19.40.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
12	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr Robert Tizzard.
13	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
14	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> It was proposed by Cllr. Watts to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 20 th May 2025; seconded by Cllr. Carty and resolved by 6 votes with 1 abstention due to absence from that meeting. <i>Item 20 at this point, 7.05pm</i>
15	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:</u> <i>None to consider.</i>
16	<u>Planning Committee Budget Update:</u> This was received.

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17	<u>Hedge-cutting on Wheathill Lane:</u> The issue of an overgrown hedge on Wheathill Lane to discuss. Some trimming has taken place on Wheathill Lane; the hedge that runs alongside the school's rewilded field needs work, as does the north-west corner of the Redcliffe site on Station Road which needs cutting back from a safety perspective; pedestrians are predictably crossing the road at that point. It was agreed that - before considering further whether to contract a third party to complete this work - the Committee Officer will investigate why the school hedge has not been trimmed and report it to Somerset Council if appropriate, and contact Redcliffe to request the work at the Station Road junction.
18	<u>Pharmacy Bin:</u> The Clerk presented a possible solution to the siting of the large red bin – between now and March 2026 in the area to the west of the Town Hall where there is a large unused space. The pharmacists have not been maintaining the current site as previously agreed. The accessibility of the noticeboards was discussed. A site visit was conducted from 20.15 to 20.20. Cllr. Price proposed the following actions; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved unanimously. • Move the waste bin onto telegraph/electricity pole • Remove the small green noticeboard completely • Move the red bin with its back to the adjacent building • Move the noticeboard to the left and up • The Office to speak to the pharmacist to ask him to clean the bin and to explain what will happen and why, reiterating the need to keep the area clean and tidy, and that this arrangement is until the contract expires on 26th March 2026; a letter to follow to confirm. • The need to adhere to these arrangements in order to avoid a referral back to Somerset Council and possible enforcement action. Cllr. Capon's suggestion that this area be given some aesthetic attention next Spring was welcomed.
19	<u>Request from a Henstridge resident for financial support in judicial review in relation to a planning matter:</u> The recent correspondence on this matter was discussed. A private individual is requesting financial support for his legal case against housing developers Barratts/David Wilson Houses on road safety grounds; Somerset Council - originally cited in the legal proceedings - conceded the case after the judicial review was launched in December 2024. The applicant's position is that this is an important fight for all local villages. It was agreed to refer to this complicated matter to Full Council.

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20	<i>This item was dealt with after Item 14</i> <u>Traffic & Parking on East Street</u> The response - comments and suggestions - from Andy Barron at Somerset Council Traffic Management following an issue raised by residents was discussed, with additional information from the members of the public present. It was agreed that the Committee Officer will continue to liaise with Andy Barron at SCTM to explore further the following options: ○ 20 mph speed limit ○ One way system from corner of The Meads to Wheathill Way ○ Local traffic only/blocking off end of East Street/Wheathill Way – raised area indicating going into a different zone ○ Intermittent parking restrictions
21	<u>Verbal Updates / Reports:</u> a) Update on Previous Planning Applications: - Land at Piece Road – application to erect 2 dwellings (2020); refused due to insufficient detail provided regarding phosphate mitigation. - Football pavilion extension at Springfield – non material amendment to application – permitted. It was agreed that the Committee Officer will write to the Planning Department to thank the Case Officer there for his speedy response to this amendment application. b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications: - Wheathill Lane: Cllr. Carty has chased up Somerset Council's Tom Jones re. the s.106 agreement, and copied in Cllrs. Clark and Burt. c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites: - Enquiries are being made into how close the Redcliffe developers are to selling 50% of their dwellings. d) Update on Highway Issues: - The Bathwell Lane verge clearance will be taking place on Wednesday 2nd July. The Committee Officer will publicise as before so that local residents are aware and avoid parking in the area on that day. Cllr. Phillips will supervise on the day. e) Committee Officer's Report: - The Committee Officer asked whether the Committee would like to pursue the possibility of restoring the finger post at Milborne Wick, which is in very bad condition; it was agreed that she will do so and report back to the Committee.
	Meeting ended at 8.46 pm.