

# Full Council

## MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting  
held in The Council Chamber, Milborne Port Town Hall:  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 @ 7:00pm**

### **Present:**

Parish Councillors: Mr Tim Carty (Chairman), Mrs Lyn Harrison, Mr Rob Lockey (Vice-chair), Mr Philip Lock, Mr Ted Watts.

### **In Attendance:**

Cllr. William Wallace – Somerset County Council  
Cllr. Sarah Dyke – South Somerset District Council  
Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer: Simon Pritchard  
Deputy Parish Clerk: Nathalie Hetherington  
Members of the Public: Two

### **❖ Public Comment Time:**

- A member of the public asked that the council revive the pre-Covid plan for a working party to be formed to put together a Village Emergency Plan and gave some examples of other councils' plans; there is also a government template. Cllr. Carty suggested that this was put this on the agenda for the new council later in the year.

### **❖ Reports from Somerset County Council:**

- Cllr. Wallace reported that: the 5<sup>th</sup> May election has been confirmed. There has been an increased level of investment in schools, social and adult social care, capital projects and environmental initiatives. SCC's share of the precept has risen by 2% (+ 1% social care precept). The new aerospace centre in Yeovil is to be welcomed.
- There is no further news on the progress of the Crackmore crossing; Cllr. Carty urged Cllr. Wallace follow this up robustly with Highways as the work has been imminent for almost a year now and there are concerns that the project (and the yellow lines project) might be cancelled with the transition to unitary authority. It is understood that there are still investigations going on into the services that lie beneath the A30.

### **❖ Reports from South Somerset District Council:**

- Cllr. Dyke (SSDC) reported that SSDC is responding to the Ukraine refugee crisis; many groups are working together and information can be found in a new website via the SSDC website 'Let's Rock for Ukraine' at Westlands venue 24.4.22. A recent public transport bid resulted in a disappointing £11 million. There are post-Covid business grants available.

### **❖ Local Government Reorganisation in Somerset:**

- Cllr. Carty spoke about the importance of this process; there is a considerable number of activities/initiatives/pilots taking place, in particular relating to roads, young people, well-being (a well-being initiative is being launched 19<sup>th</sup> May).

### **❖ Reports from Somerset Constabulary:**

- Information flyer provided; nothing to report in Milborne Port.

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Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
1	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b> Cllr. R Tizzard; Cllr. D Barsby; Cllr. T Campbell; Cllr A Wagner.</p>
2	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest &amp; Applications for Dispensations to Participate:</u></b> Cllr. Harrison declared an 'Other' interest in agenda item 8 due to her involvement with the History and Heritage Group</p>
3	<p><b><u>Adoption of Full Council Minutes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b></li> </ul> <p>The minutes of the Full Council meetings had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting. <b>It was proposed by the Chairman to adopt the minutes of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, seconded by Cllr Lockey and resolved unanimously.</b></p>
4	<p><b><u>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. <u>Monthly Payments:</u></b> The April payments list had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting. <b>Cllr. Lockey proposed that the monthly payments were approved, seconded by Cllr. Lock and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>B. <u>Full Council Accounts &amp; Balances:</u></b> The information had been circulated head of the meeting and were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 28/02/2022 – Reserve Account - £165,753.32</li> <li>▪ 28/02/2022 – Current Account - £1,500.00</li> </ul> <p><b>C. <u>End of Year Out-turn &amp; Review of Earmarked Reserves:</u></b> Members considered the General Reserve level and the earmarking of further reserves. <b>Cllr. Lockey proposed that £5000 be earmarked for the maintenance of the Cemetery Chapel building currently used by the History and Heritage Group, seconded by Cllr. Harrison and resolved by 4 votes with one abstention.</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Carty proposed that £5,000 be earmarked for fitting out the sports pavilion extension when completed, seconded by Cllr. Harrison and resolved unanimously.</b></p>
5	<p><b><u>Purchase of (former) Phone Box - Gainsborough:</u></b> The owner has offered to sell the phone box to the Parish Council for £400. The Clerk and Cllr. Harrison explained what they understood of the history behind and leading to the defibrillator organization Heartstart's offer. Maintenance issues were discussed, previous offers and the future involvement of volunteers. <b>Cllr. Lockey proposed to decline the offer at this time, seconded by Cllr. Watts and resolved unanimously.</b></p>

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	<p>Cllr. Carty asked that feedback feed to the vendor and suggest liaison with the Commonalty and Spirit of Milborne Port to see whether a different solution can be found; the new council would be prepared to revisit this issue later in the year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – The Clerk</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b><u>Land/Assets Transfer Request to SCC or SSDC:</u></b>            Cllr. Carty reported that one of the items that the most recent LGRAB (Local Government Reorganisation Advisory Board) meeting focused on was Devolution of Services and Assets, notably upon potential devolution of service delivery from District and County down to Towns. If assets were also included, there might be an opportunity for the Parish to take on land assets that are currently owned at a District or County level. 5 parcels of land in Milborne Port owned by SCC/SSDC were identified and discussed as land that these authorities could transfer to MPPC.  <b>Cllr. Carty proposed that ownership of this land be confirmed, findings reported at the next meeting of the new Full Council and with members’ approval, interest be registered with the LGR team; this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Watts and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Cllr. Carty to work with the Office to clarify the ownership of these parcels of land.</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b><u>Review of Current Full Council Projects including S106 Projects:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cllr. Carty summarized the current main focuses of the Council’s work: fence and bicycle rack at Gainsborough.</li> <li>▪ A useful meeting was held with Terena Isaacs (SSDC) on 30.03.22 regarding S106; funding for number of projects confirmed with interested parties due to meet soon.</li> <li>▪ Queen Thorne are completing the rugby pitch conversion this week.</li> <li>▪ Cllr. Carty encouraged members to read the S106 e-mail thread with Cameron Miller from SSDC, especially in relation to the Redcliffe development.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>Grant Request – Milborne Port History and Heritage Group:</u></b>            Cllr. Harrison explained the background to MPHHS’s request for a grant of £300 towards the printing of a ‘Welcome to Milborne Port’ leaflet. It was agreed that these leaflets be made available in venues beyond the village, e.g. the Tourist Information Centre in Yeovil &amp; ‘Visit Somerset’ website, libraries in other towns. Cllr. Lockey advised contacting Wincanton Print for a quotation.  <b>Cllr. Carty proposed that the council grant up to £300 and that cost of printing is paid directly by the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved by 4 votes with one abstention.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Cllr. Harrison to liaise with the Clerk.</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>Playday – Climbing Wall:</u></b>            Members had asked to know what the grant which had already been agreed would be used for. The Clerk has been working with Officers at SSDC and have found a mobile climbing wall which comes with its own staff and public liability insurance. The grant will fund this and MPPC will be invoiced directly.</p>

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## Verbal Reports:

### **a) Council Chairman's report**

- The Chairman has been attending and reporting back on various Local Government Reorganization briefings and updates.
- Tom Roberts of the ReBorne Church has updated the Chairman on the successful planning application.
- The Chairman is currently chasing Adam Garland of SCC Highways for a Zoom meeting to discuss the Court Lane and Wheathill Lane planning applications.
- The SID has been set up at a point before the bend coming into the village on Station Road; speed data is being gathered.
- The Chairman will be attending a Gigaclear broadband briefing 6.4.22.

### **b) Parish Clerk's report**

At the newbuild at Springfield, the builder has removed part of the wall in front of main entrance to the new house facing the reaction ground which, whilst not belonging to the parish Council, is a Parish Council boundary.

**Action: Cllr Carty will liaise with the Clerk to write to the builder to ask about his plans for reinstating a wall or fence here; if there are no plans, then the PC will look to erect a fence in the manner of its choosing.**

### **c) Members' Reports from outside organisations**

Cllr. Carty has forwarded some MTIG information to the Climate Action Group. Dykes did great job on cutting the grass on the football pitch before the Cup Final, as requested.

**Action: The Clerk will feed back to Dykes.**

### **d) Chairmen's Reports from the Parish Council Committees**

No reports

**End of formal meeting – 8:28pm**

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