

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held in The Council Chamber, Milborne Port Town Hall:
Tuesday 1st March 2022 @ 7:00pm

Present:

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

In Attendance:

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

❖ Public Comment Time:

- A member of the public raised the issue of accessibility for residents with mobility problems/disability to the Council Chamber where meetings are held; it is not always possible to notify MPPC of the intention to attend in enough time for a change of venue to be arranged. Cllr. Carty explained that options for an alternative venue are being explored.
- A member of the public raised the issue of the availability of the WI room to other local organisations. Cllr. Carty explained that it is rented by the WI therefore it is at their discretion re. use by other groups. Cllr. Harrison (President of the WI) agreed to make it clearer to residents that the WI can be approached by those interested in using the facility.
- A member of the public enquired after the installation of a dog poo bin at the corner of Wheathill Way and East Street. This had been looked into last year but there had been a hold on any new rubbish or dog bins due to staffing problems associated with the pandemic. Cllr. Dyke requested that the correspondence be forwarded to her so that she can look into it.
- Cllr. Wagner reported overgrown brambles near the entrance to Bullen's Field on the path behind Old Tannery Way; the Clerk will ask the Ranger look at this.

❖ Reports from Somerset County Council & South Somerset District Council:

- Cllr. Dyke (SSDC) reported that SSDC's precept will increase by 2.8%, an increase of £5 per household for a D band property. Main projects include CCTV & electrical charging points for vehicles, work on Yeovil crematorium and skateparks. SSDC is working hard at maintaining services during the current local government organisation and cost of living crisis. The Annual Action Plan was unanimously approved with 5 priorities: environment, post Covid-19 economic recovery, health, improving places and the local government reorganisation roll-out. Details are on the SSDC website. Cllr. Carty added that he has attended a briefing on the reorganisation; Milborne Port will probably be in a network with Wincanton, Castle Cary and Bruton with a focus on well-being. Notes from the briefing can be made available to members of the public on request.

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- May 2022 elections – successful candidates will be called County Councillors for the first year then Unitary Councillors from May 2023.
- The new Somerset Council website has details of key meetings coming up in March.
- There are 2 current Planning breach enforcement formal actions proceeding – Gauntlett Cottage on the A30 and an address in Brook Street.
- Cllr. Dyke has ascertained that Somerset County Council need to address problems with riverbank at Pud Brook.

No report from SCC as Cllr. Wallace not present.

❖ **Reports from Somerset Constabulary:**

- Written report received. Relatively modest levels of crime in Milborne Port – 6 offences against a person reported in January. No 'stand out' problem.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
1	<p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr. R Tizzard (holiday). Cllr. D Barsby (work commitments).</p>
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations to Participate:</u> Cllr. Harrison noted that her involvement with the WI in connection with Item 9b.</p>
3	<p><u>Adoption of Full Council Minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuesday 1st February <p>The minutes of the Full Council meetings had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting. Cllr. Carty proposed that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Cllr. Campbell. Resolved by 6 votes in favour, 1 against</p> <p>Cllr. Watts requested that it be minuted that he had not received a copy of the minutes.</p>
4	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:</u></p> <p><u>A. Monthly Payments:</u> The March payments list had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Lockey proposed that the monthly payments were approved, seconded by Cllr. Lock and resolved unanimously.</p>

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	<p>B. Full Council Accounts & Balances:</p> <p>The information had been circulated head of the meeting. Members agreed that they would have liked to see the forecast report as well. The Clerk explained that this had not been included this time as there is unlikely to be much, if any, spending in the last month of the financial year. Members requested a prediction column on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Planning Application Submitted to South Somerset District Council:</u></p> <p>Application No: 22/00180/OUT What is proposed: Outline planning application for up to 60 dwellings, sustainable drainage infrastructure, new open space allotments, parking area for neighbouring cemetery, landscaping and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved except access. Where it is proposed: Land adjoining Wheathill Lane, Milborne Port Deadline for response: 7th March 2022</p> <p>Cllr. Carty summarized MPPC's involvement so far with Chester Harcourt, the agent of the owners/developers in regard to, amongst other things, the illustrative layout S106 monies/community needs, impact on infrastructure, employment, 'commuter housing'. Concerns already expressed by council members focus in particular on the level of danger and congestion posed by traffic and increased use of Wheathill Lane.</p> <p>A member of the public expressed concerns over increased traffic in East Street and Wheathill Way and at proposed entrance on Wheathill Lane; possible impact of increased traffic on Wheathill Lane with school's use of their wildlife field.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty noted that this site is an SSDC preferred option; SCC Highways has not been concerned about the impact of increased traffic in relation to previous applications in the area; 5-year housing supply figures suggest that this level of development is not needed; the impact of the phosphates issue will inevitably slow down the progress of the application.</p> <p>Nigel Jones, the Chesters Harcourt agent, spoke about the developers' desire to adhere strictly to commitments made as this stage to the village; much of what was asked for by MPPC has been provided in the application at this stage; technically, there are no Highways issues. Chesters Harcourt are happy to continue in discussion about the detail of the application.</p> <p>Members also expressed concerns over crash data, low number of proposed allotments, 60 houses as opposed to the 45 in the HEELA, off-setting of environmental impact, mix of affordable houses for young families and larger more expensive houses.</p> <p>Cllr. Lockey proposed that the council Object to the application, seconded by Cllr. Campbell. Resolved; 4 in favour, 2 against, with one abstention.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty will prepare a detailed response to accompany the 'object' response.</p>

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6	<u>Elections Promotion Budget:</u> The Clerk outlined his proposals for the promotion of the May elections; Cllr. Harrison offered to help with the design of the materials. Cllr. Carty's proposal to allocate £1200 was seconded by Cllr. Lockey. Resolved 6 in favour, 1 against.
7	<u>Review of Current Council Projects including S106:</u> Cllr. Carty summarized the main focuses of the Council's work: bicycle rack at Gainsborough; extension of the sports pavilion to create more changing facilities; refurbishment of tennis court; replacement of storage facilities at Springfield. Cllr. Dyke reminded members of the SSDC grants available.
8	<u>Creation of Local Tradesperson List:</u> It was agreed that this was not required.
9	<u>Verbal Reports:</u> a) Council Chairman's report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllrs. Lockey and Carty will be liaising with Cllr. Lock regarding getting the SID back into use. b) Parish Clerk's report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Carty's proposal to agree to the WI planting of a commemorative tree for the Queen's Jubilee on land at Springfield was seconded by Cllr. Campbell and resolved by 6 votes with one abstention.• The Clerk reported on the election timetable published by SSDC; applications for nominations must be submitted and validated between 21st March and 5th April. There are plans to open the MPPC office on more occasions in order to facilitate greater engagement with potential candidates. c) Members' Reports from outside organisations Nothing to report. d) Chairmen's Reports from the Parish Council Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and Environment Committee: Cllr. Campbell is making progress with the sports pavilion extension project by working closely with draughtsman Paul Heath.• In response to a question from a member of public, Cllr. Carty outlined the plan for the multi-use access trail to Sherborne preparation: 4 walks in different seasons, taking of photographs, finding out about land ownership, etc.

End of formal meeting – 9.00pm

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