

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held in The Council Chamber, Milborne Port Town Hall:

Tuesday 7th June 2022 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mr Tim Carty (Chairman), Mr Tom Campbell (left at 8.45pm), Mrs Lyn Harrison, Mr Rob Lockety (Vice-chair), Mr Chris Phillips, Mr Robert Tizzard, Mr Richard Warren & Mr Ted Watts.

In Attendance:

Cllr. Sarah Dyke – South Somerset District Council (left 8:30pm)
Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer: Simon Pritchard
Deputy Parish Clerk: Nathalie Hetherington
Members of the Public: Four

❖ Public Comment Time:

- Query over whether wildflower seeds have been sown in the solar farm fields. Cllr. Carty gave some background and context. Cllr. Sarah Dyke requested that she be contacted via e-mail by the member of the public and she will follow this up.

❖ Reports from Somerset County Council:

- Liberal Democrat Councillor Bill Revans was confirmed as the Leader of the new Council and Cllr Liz Leyshon will take on the role of Deputy Leader; there are now 10 lead members and 10 associate members.
- Cllr. Sarah Dyke is the now lead member for environment and climate change.
- Cllrs. Dyke and Clark will be taking on casework and prioritising Highways issues – plans are to share responsibilities across the ward.
- Cycling and walking routes consultation planned.
- Travel information website has been launched.
- Planting of 150,000 trees pledged by new administration; 20,000 already planted to commemorate the jubilee.
- Child Safety Week 6-12th June 2022.

❖ Reports from South Somerset District Council:

- No Mow May – 4 sites in Milborne Port, some push-back from residents, education very important, request that MPPC promote these schemes.
- Project to support struggling families, funding available; will send information to the Clerk in relation to Milborne Port Foodshare.
- Abri – issues with mowing contracts, should be addressed imminently.
- Recycling/reusing initiative by Somerset Waste Partnership - Fixibus mobile van to repair electronic goods. The Clerk has already responded to say that MPPC would support its presence in the village, Cllr Dyke to follow up.

❖ Local Government Reorganisation in Somerset:

- Milborne Port in 'Wellbeing' pilot which was launched on 19th May and was well attended, Cllr. Carty included.

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❖ Reports from Somerset Constabulary:

There has been so response in recent months. Cllr. Harrison aims to establish a link.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
18	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr A Wagner.
19	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations to Participate:</u> In relation to Item 21, Cllr. Tizzard informed members that he has had business dealings in the past with Origin 3 & Burrington Estates and there is some residual interest in business with Burrington Estates. In relation to Item 28, Cllr. Tizzard's brother owns the adjoining field at the cemetery.
20	<u>Adoption of Full Council Minutes:</u> ▪ Tuesday 10th May 2022 The minutes of the Full Council meetings had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting. Some amendments required by Cllr. Lockey were discussed and will be emailed to the Clerk. It was proposed by the Chairman to adopt the minutes of Tuesday 10th May subject to the changes that Cllr. Lockey will forward to the Clerk, seconded by Cllr Lockey and resolved unanimously.
21	<u>Urgent Planning Applications:</u> Reference: 21/02767/FUL Application: Tuesday 14 th December 2021 Address: Land at Court Lane, Milborne Port Proposal: Residential Development of 22 dwellings with associated access and highways works, drainage and attenuation, public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Jonathan Orton from Origin 3 (the planning agents) and Max White from Burrington Estates attended. Some history and context were given by Jonathan Orton and he talked through two hand-outs and explained/described revisions to the application that had been responded to and resolved upon by the parish council in January 2022. He reported that the deadline for responses to SSDC has been extended to 30 th June 2022. Discussions centered around: ▪ Phosphates issue and its impact on timelines; picture unclear at this stage regarding credit and mitigation plans; the developers are not proposing any

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	<p>onsite mitigation on this site; Cllr. Dyke’s understanding of the phosphates issue is same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There being no planned pavement to Wick Road and SCC Highways’ lead on this. ▪ S106 contributions and what determines the level of S106 contributions, especially in relation to education (specifically pre-school) and in comparison with previous applications; whether the developers are open in theory to a dialogue with the SSDC Officer and MPPC re. S106, given time restraints and legal framework. ▪ Vehicle routes from A30 to the site; no comment yet from SCC Highways. ▪ Off-site versus off-site biodiversity mitigation and environmental offset. ▪ Heritage impact/report. ▪ Housing mix – need for more smaller houses/starter homes in Milborne Port and priority for local purchasers in relation to affordable housing. ▪ Security regarding pathways on site. <p>The applicant will consider the concerns of MPPC.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that an interim statement be made by the Parish Council for South Somerset District Council and await clarification and responses from the applicant; this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>Action: Cllr. Carty to produce a document of formal response to circulate to members before forwarding via the Office to SSDC by 30th June 2022.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p><i>The Chairman brought forward agenda item 24 to allow Cllr Campbell to take part in it before he had to leave the meeting.</i></p> <p><u>Location of Full Council Meetings:</u> Cllr. Tizzard proposed that the ‘status quo’ be maintained for the time being, seconded by Cllr. Harrison: 4 votes in favour, 4 against. Cllr Carty as Chairman used his second casting vote to vote in favour for the proposal. Thus, it was resolved 5 votes in favour, 4 against.</p> <p>Cllr Campbell left the meeting (8:45pm)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<p><i>This agenda item was also taken out of turn.</i></p> <p><u>Parish Emergency Plan:</u> It was acknowledged that an updating of the emergency plan would be a good project, but that it was not a priority given limited resource and the number of other items that Council staff were attending to Cllr. Carty proposed that the parish council does not seek to update the emergency plan unless a member or members of public wants to coordinate the work involved; this was seconded by Cllr. Harrison and resolved by 6 votes to 1 against. It was agreed that this opportunity be publicized in the Parish Magazine.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:</u></p>

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	<p>A. <u>Monthly Payments:</u> The May payments list had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting. Cllr. Carty proposed that the monthly payments were approved, seconded by Cllr. Lockley and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. <u>Full Council Accounts & Balances:</u> The information had been circulated ahead of the meeting and was received.</p> <p>C. <u>Grant Request – Spirit of Milborne Port</u> Cllr. Lockley proposed that the grant request for £1000 from Spirit of Milborne Port in support of village activities for the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations be made; this was seconded by Cllr. Harrison and resolved unanimously.</p>
23	<p><u>CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:</u> There were no candidates for co-option this month. Have started to receive enquires, will bring back this agenda item next month.</p>
26	<p><u>Local Council Award Scheme:</u> Cllr. Carty proposed that the Council go ahead and apply for the Foundation Award from the NALC Local Council Award Scheme at a cost of £80 and staff time; this was seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved by 6 votes with 1 abstention.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action - The Clerk</p>
27	<p><u>Review of Current Council Projects Including all S106 Projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr. Lockey reported that there will be a meeting about the Football Club changing facilities extension next week. ▪ Erection of new fencing at Gainsborough between the allotments and the playpark will be taking place soon. ▪ More information about the new equipment at the Springfield play area will be available after next week. ▪ Review on other projects deferred to the next Full Council meeting.
28	<p><u>Cemetery Fencing – Appoint Contractor:</u></p> <p>A. There was no need to suspend the council’s regulation to allow the council to appoint a contractor for the cemetery fencing because 3 quotations had been received.</p> <p>The tenders had been presented to members anonymously.</p> <p>B. Cllr. Lockey proposed the choice of Company 3, Option 1 at a cost of £11,983 + VAT this was seconded by Cllr. Carty and resolved by 5 votes to 2 against.</p> <p>NB: The contractor is Perrett Fencing</p>

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Verbal Reports:

a) Council Chairman's report

- Parking restrictions: the anticipated new double yellow lines have been painted by SCC; they have not been extended to the dropped curb in South Street which Cllr. Carty will follow up.
- The Chairman's attendance at a recent Zoom meeting about bus routes resulted in a sense that public transport is unlikely to improve in the near future.
- The recently fixed and refurbished railings on the High Street Railings look very good.
- **Allotments:** the gaps in the hedge on the southern edge have been blocked up as a temporary measure by Cllrs. Carty and Tizzard gap.
- **Allotments:** plan to deploy someone to scrape back the central track was discussed and received approval.
- **Allotments:** The notion of establishing some sort of allotment representative group was discussed but decided against as the Allotments Officer has established good channels of communication with tenants and visits the site regularly, so have plenty of opportunity to gauge their views.
- A resident of Newtown has succeeded in halting the fiberoptic work being done in the village by Gigaclear at Newtown as proper communication and traffic management procedures had not been followed.

b) Parish Clerk's report

- Nothing to report at this time.

c) Members' Reports from outside organisations

- Nothing to report at this time

d) Chairmen's Reports from the Parish Council Committees

- Nothing to report at this time.

End of formal meeting – 9:30pm

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