

The Planning & Environment Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting
Tuesday 21st March 2023, 7pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Councillors: Mr T Campbell, Mrs M Capon, Mr T Carty, Mr R Lockey (Vice-Chairman); Mr C Phillips; Mr R Tizzard; Mr T Watts.

In attendance:

Miss N Hetherington – Deputy Parish Clerk/Committee Officer
2 members of the public

Public Question and Comment Time:

- One member of the public shared ongoing concerns about the dangers of exiting her driveway onto London Road from Little Ven. The Committee Officer relayed some communications received from the PCSO regarding speeding in the area and the setting up of a Community Speedwatch scheme; a response is awaited from a query re. the installation of a mirror and a review of traffic calming measures from SCC. It was agreed that the Committee Officer will provide the SCC contact details. The member of the public commented on the work done to the potholes in the area.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
61	Apologies for Absence: Cllr. A Wagner
62	Declarations of Interest: None.
63	Adoption of Minutes: Cllr. Watts' proposal to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 21 st February was seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously.
64	Planning, Tree and Licensing Applications made to South Somerset District Council: Application No: 22/00180/OUT Proposal: Outlie planning application for up to 58 dwellings, sustainable drainage infrastructure, new open space including allotment, s parking area for neighboring cemetery, landscaping and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved except access. Location: Land adjoining Wheathill Lane, Milborne Port. Deadline for response: 21st March 2023 (extension given to 23rd March)

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	<p>The following response was proposed by Cllr. Carty, seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously:</p> <p>(1) MPPC supports the amended road layout application in principle, noting that it is an improvement to the existing arrangements, especially with the improved width of the pavement.</p> <p>(2) Councillors would be interested in understanding how the developer would plan to prevent persons parking upon the improved pavement. In the event that, in practice, the improved pedestrian footpath is obstructed by parked vehicles, then the improvements are made redundant, and the road becomes materially more dangerous to pedestrian residents. This is a route which will be used for access to the nearby Milborne Port Primary School. MPPC would refer to discussions and meetings with Somerset Highways planning in which it has been observed that on pavement parking is an ongoing issue around Milborne Port in general.</p> <p>(3) MPPC's preference would be to see the highway widened further by migrating the hedge on the north side of Wheathill Lane (marked in green on the schematic at the southern edge of the area currently used by Milborne Port Primary School as a wilding area, owned by Somerset County Council) by a few metres to the north. We understand that it is technically possible to relocate a hedge in such a manner without causing significant damage. This would satisfy the environmental and ecological concerns by retaining the hedge, whilst providing a significantly improved road width, enough to accommodate the improved footway, and leaving plenty of room for residents to park on-road on the south side as is currently the case, whilst also allowing the safe flow of traffic, including emergency vehicles. It would require support from Somerset Council in allowing the use of the relevant small strip as road rather than wilding area, though costs would presumably be borne by the developer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Committee Officer to forward response to SSDC.</p>
<p>65</p>	<p>Action List Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ref. the SID, Cllr. Lockey will give the Committee Officer the website and item details for the spare battery order. He will be moving the SID soon and then will return it to Station Road but facing south so that data regarding speed on leaving the village can be gathered. • The entrance to the Bovis development on Gainsborough has just been completed. It was agreed that the Committee Secretary will contact SSDC for information on the road adoption process and regarding the associated crossing on Gainsborough. • The final document has been signed by Cllr. Carty for SCC permissions for the work to install the 2 benches at Plover Road/Gainsborough and at The Meads; the Committee Officer will now liaise with SSDC re. installation.
<p>66</p>	<p>Re-labelling of multi-use route earmarked funding</p> <p>The latest budget spending to date was received with no comments and Cllr. Carty proposed to move the multi-use route earmarked funding to the general reserves to be earmarked for future youth projects; this was seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously.</p>

Other Verbal Updates

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- (a) Update on Previous Planning Applications: The application re. the land adjacent to Lynwood in Brook Street to demolish a section of wall (retrospective) to create a vehicle access point and partial reconstruction/alteration of the stone boundary wall has been responded to by SSDC with *Decline to Determine* on the grounds that there is an enforcement order related to this site still in place and that there have been successful prosecutions in relation to the breach of planning control.
- (b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications
- I. Burrington, Court Lane: Cllr. Carty reported that Natural England want more information and might need to object; the Flood Authority are requesting clarification on 3 matters; that Somerset Wildlife Trust are requesting an update on environmental mitigation; County Ecology require an updated ecological survey.
 - II. Other recent news/information: none to report.
- (c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites: The traffic lights at Coldharbour appear to be redundant now; it was agreed that the Committee Officer will contact Highways.
- (d) Update on Highways Issues (incl. speeding): See Item 65. It was agreed that the Committee Officer would contact Somerset Highways/Cllr. Dyke/Cllr. Clark to thank the council for filling the potholes on Station Road near White House Farm to communicate our wish for the earliest attendance to the blocked drain at the same site that continues to cause flooding and a danger to motorists. The poor state of the road between the garage and Crackmore Rocks will also be raised with Highways.

It was noted at the end of the meeting that some residents are sharing concerns with councillors over the deteriorating condition of the outside of The Old Queen's Head pub on the corner of London Road and East Street. This has been reported by the Office to SSDC's Planning Department in relation to planning control in connection to listed buildings. For information, the Committee Officer will provide members with the link to the website where reports can be made.

Cllr. Carty noted that the councillors appointed to handle planning in our area of the new Somerset Council are not known to Milborne Port and expressed some concern over this lack of local representation.

Meeting ended at 8.05 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 18th April 2023