

The Planning & Environment Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

Held in the Community Room, The Town Hall.

Tuesday 15th August 2023, 7:00pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr R Lockey (Chairman)
Mrs M Capon
Mr C Phillips
Mr T Watts
Mr T Carty
Mr R Tizzard

In Attendance:

Parish Councillor: Mr D Grant
Parish Councillor: Mrs L Harrison
The Parish Clerk: Mr S Pritchard
12 Members of the Public

Public consultation started late at 19:08 due to the previous meeting overrunning.

Public Question and Comment Time:

❖ **Alder Tree on Bathwell Lane / Pud Brock:**

A resident reported that a notice has been put on the tree by Somerset Council's Bridges Department saying that they intend to fell the tree. The Alder tree is perfectly healthy and would like to see it managed not felled. The roots are in the wall so if the tree was killed it would cause a lot of disablement to the bank of the river and the footpath. Someone was seen up the tree today looking for nests and machinery has arrived onsite.

The Parish Clerk agreed to contact the Somerset Tree Officer to find out why there hasn't been the normal consultation to date and to seek his views.

❖ **HGV's and Low Bridge on Station Road:**

Two residents had attended the meeting to report damage to their driveway on Station Road due to an HGV turning around on it as it couldn't get under the low bridge. This has happened before, don't feel there is adequate signage warning of a low bridge down at the end of North Street on the A30 junction and there should be some signage on the A30 itself. Also, could satnav companies be approached to record the bridge as being a low one so that HGV are not directed this way.

The Parish Clerk agreed to contact the local Somerset Highways engineer to request a survey of signage is carried out, looking at any improvements that could be made and to explore how information can be feed into sat nav database(s).

❖ **Springfield Playing Fields:**

A resident had attended to ask two questions;

- The new play equipment at Springfield is lovely and is being well used, but is the council going to fence it in the same as the existing play equipment?

Response: Yes, the fencing is on order and works should start around September 10th

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- The playing fields are very well used for all sports, when is something going to be done about the dogs that use them as a toilet? In West Cocker dogs have been banned from the playing fields and a lot of signage put up, this has worked well.
Response: there is a public right-of-way down the side of the playing field, so it just isn't possible to ban dogs. Aware that it is a growing problem, and someone was recently bitten. Improved signage may help. Noted that the offence is not picking up after your dog, but this is for Somerset Council's Dog Warden to enforce, and Somerset Council only have one person covering the whole of Somerset.
Noted that the dog bins are well used, and the majority of dog owners are responsible.

❖ **Saturday Market:**

What is happening with this as the fruit and veg seller is now operating from the Village Hall rather than the Weighbridge.

Response: Not sure as the Parish Council doesn't manage the market, understand it's an informal arrangement.

Cllr Tizzard agreed to check what the provision is meant to be on the new Redcliff market square, as this is where the market had been envisaged to eventually go.

❖ **Turning out of East Street onto A30:**

Cllr Harrison reported that this is a dreadful junction as you cannot see what is coming from the right. It would benefit from a mirror on the opposite side of the road.

The Parish Clerk reported that he had already approached Somerset Council Highways Dep about installing the same only to be informed it was against their policy. It was inferred that any mirrors that you do see are private ones. Cllr Harrison will explore the possibility of having a private one.

19:47 – Cllr Harrison left the meeting.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
28	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Received from Cllr. T Campbell, Cllr. A Wagner & Miss N Hetherington (Committee Officer)
29	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cllr. Lockey informed the meeting that he is the Chairman of the Football Club with reference to planning application 23/01739/FUL- Cllr. Tizzard stated that he knows the homeowner of 23/01674/HOU & 23/01675/LBC- Cllr. Carty noted that the whole council shares the same interest with application: 23/01739/FUL as the applicant is the Parish Council.
30	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> It was proposed by Cllr. Phillips to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2023 was seconded by Cllr. Capon and resolved unanimously.

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Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council:

Application Number: 23/01674/HOU

Proposal: Internal and external alterations, including single storey side extension and subdivision of property to from annex.

Location: Cannon Court, Bathwell Lane, Milborne Port, DT9 5AN

Application Number: 23/01675/LBC

Proposal: Internal and external alterations, including single storey side extension and subdivision of property to from annex.

Location: Cannon Court, Bathwell Lane, Milborne Port, DT9 5AN

It was proposed by Cllr Lockey to support applications 23/01674/HOU & 23/01675/LBC, seconded by Cllr Phillips and resolved – 5 in favor, 1 abstention.

Application Number: 23/01739/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single-storey extensions to an existing changing room building to accommodate additional changing rooms, a function room and a fitness room.

Location: Milborne Port Village Hall, Springfield Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5RE

Applicant: Milborne Port Parish Council

The application is for the addition of a female changing room and a referee's room, also a small gym. The facilities will be available for any organization to hire.

It was proposed by Cllr Carty to support the application 23/01739/FUL, seconded by Cllr Watts and resolved – 5 in favor, 1 abstention.

Application Number: 23/01472/FUL

Proposal – Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 1 tree and fell No. 3 trees within a conservation area.

Location: 218 High Street, Milborne Port, DT9 5AQ

Application Type: Tree in conservation area

Noted by the Committee

Application Number: 23/01894/TCA

Proposal – Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 3 trees within a conservation area.

Location: The Coach House, London Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5DP

Application Type: Trees in conservation area

Noted by the Committee

Application Number: 23/01758/HOU

Proposal – Construction of two storey rear extension and extension to existing outbuilding.

Location: 218 High Street, Milborne Port, DT9 5AQ

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	<p>Cllr Lockey reported that he has site visited and couldn't see any problems. Cannot see any objections online from neighbours.</p> <p>Agreed that the plans should include electric charging points, this to be flagged with Somerset Council.</p>
32	<p><u>Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update:</u></p> <p>Report wasn't available, the Parish Clerk promised to circulate via email the next day.</p>
33	<p><u>Activities Planner:</u></p> <p>The Activities Planner was tabled. Cllr Tizzard noted that he had undertaken the task assigned to him and that this should be removed from the list.</p>
34	<p><u>Community Funded 20mph Speed Limits:</u></p> <p>Information had already been received about Somerset Council's invitation to town and parish councils to fund 20mph speed limit areas at a cost of in the region of £15,000. Cllr. Wagner had further investigated and had sent members a report re the process. Cllr Carty stated that it feels like a stealth tax as this is a Somerset Council Highways matter, but the Parsih Council is being asked to pay £15,000.</p> <p>A member of the public expressed concern about the speed of cars along North Street. Cllr Capon couldn't see why you would need to go faster that 20mph on any road in the Village and felt that 20 mph should be the normal.</p> <p>Cllr Carty noted that most accidents are coursed by people going over the current limits and or being intoxicated.</p> <p>It was agreed to spend the next year continuing to gather data and not express an interest to Somerset Council this year, review again next year.</p>
35	<p><u>Verbal Updates / Reports:</u></p> <p>(a) Update on Previous Planning Applications:</p> <p>The Community Hub / Redcliffe:</p> <p>Redcliffe homes have stated that they do not believe that they are required to build the community hub that was promised as part of the plans for the Wheathill Lane development. A confidential document has been submitted to Somerset Council Legal Department by the Parish Council seeking calcification on certain matters.</p> <p>Somerset Council's Planning Department has suggested that the Parish Council commission its own legal advice. Somerset Councillor for Milborne Port, Cllr Clark is reportedly disappointed with this response and has said that the matter should now be escalated to the Portfolio Holder.</p> <p>Contact has been made by the Parish Council with a specialist law firm and a meeting is being held in London on Friday, Cllrs Carty & Grant attending.</p> <p>Not aware that Somerset Council have made any contact with Redcliff Homes.</p>

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Cllr Tizzard noted that Somerset Council Officers need to understand that it is the will of all elected councillors (Parish & Somerset Councillors) that they are to ensure that Redcliffe Homes deliver on the anticipated Community Hub.

Wheathill Lane Drainage / Redcliff:

The Parish Clerk reported that residents of Wheathill Lane had been in contact with the Office to ask about the drainage in the road.

It was suggested that they are directed to the Redcliff project manager.

Wheathill Lane Signage / Redcliff:

The Parish Clerk reported that a member of the public had contact the Office to report that Wheathill Lane no longer has a road name sign at the end of it.

(b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications

I. Messrs Parker, Davis and White, Wheathill Lane:

No further news

II. Burrington, Court Lane:

The pumping of water up hill is apparently not a concern to Wessex Watter.

III. Other recent news/information:

None

(c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites:

None

(d) Update on Highways Issues (incl. speeding):

No updates

Meeting Ended at 21:05

Signed:

Date: