

The Planning & Environment Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting
at The Town Hall

Tuesday 17th October 2023, 7pm

Present:

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

In Attendance:

The Deputy Parish Clerk: Miss Nathalie Hetherington; Cllr. Mr G Coombs
2 members of the public

Public Question and Comment Time:

Cllr. Carty reported that a resident close to the Redcliffe sight is querying what contractors have described as a 'wildlife corridor' parallel to the Bazzleways that is not identified in the plans. What is the status of this piece of land? This issue will be raised with Somerset Council Planning and Cllr. Tizzard will check the Land Registry.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
44	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Received from Cllr. T Campbell and Cllr. R Lockey.
45	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None declared at this stage in the meeting (but it was subsequently found that Cllr. Coombs did have an interest with regard to the issue of the printing of bus timetables discussed at the end of the meeting).
46	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> It was proposed by Cllr. Carty to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2023; seconded by Cllr. Watts and resolved unanimously.
47	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:</u> 1) Proposal: Part-removal of internal wall on ground floor including chimney breasts and chimney above roof level; proposed single storey lean-to extension to lounge; replacement car port and timber extension to garage. Location: 104 Combe Hill, Milborne Port, DT9 5BG Applicant: Mr James Rushworth

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	<p>Application Type: Householder application Application Number: 23/02136/HOU Deadline: 19th October 2023 Cllr. Carty spoke about the history of this application in relation to previous concerns by Somerset Council in relation to bats.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that MPPC support the application; seconded by Cllr. Tizzard and resolved unanimously.</p> <p><i>2) not included on the agenda</i> Proposal: Replace existing 2 velux rooflights with new pitched roof, dormer windows, re-position an existing velux and install a new velux window to the rear elevation roof of the dwelling. Location: 62 South Street, Milborne Port, DT9 5DH Applicant: Mr and Mrs Street Application Type: Householder application Application Number: 23/02136/HOU Deadline: 7th November 2023</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that MPPC support the application; seconded by Cllr. Tizzard and resolved unanimously.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Acton: Committee Officer to submit responses accordingly to Somerset Council.</p>
<p>48</p>	<p><u>Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update:</u> This was received with no comments.</p>
<p>49</p>	<p><u>Review of s106 Priority Setting Document from November 2021:</u> This organic 'wish list' document was reviewed, amendments agreed and the following comments made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of a dog-walking area has become more active as an issue; • the developing needs relating to the Village Hall will become clearer during the process of MPPC taking on the oversight of its management; • expansion of pre-school provision at Beeches remains a priority; • Cllr. Capon requested some clarification re. Community Communication screens and suggested a link with a future Neighbourhood Watch scheme for which funding might be available. <p>Cllr. Watts suggested that the cemetery gates are kept closed in order to deter people who have been taking dogs there, despite signs that dogs are not allowed; this is a Management Committee issue but the Committee Officer will report back to the Clerk in the meantime.</p>
<p>50</p>	<p><u>Budget 2023/24: P&E Projects:</u> The Committee Officer has inspected the village sign opposite Ven House whose refurbishment has been identified as a possible project; its post is rotting and would need to</p>

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	<p>be replaced, and an ash tree is covering up the sign itself. No further suggestions were made in addition to those from last month's meeting. Cllr. Carty summarised some recent correspondence from Mike Rigby of Somerset Council regarding the Pinford Lane DMMO application and Somerset Council's interest in routes for Active Travel or any Local Walking & Cycling Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Action: Cllr. Tizzard will make some enquiries regarding the ash tree next to the sign.</p>
<p>51</p>	<p><u>Verbal Updates / Reports:</u></p> <p>(a) Update on Previous Planning Applications: None.</p> <p>(b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications</p> <p>I. Messrs Parker, Davis and White, Wheathill Lane: No further news.</p> <p>II. Burrington, Court Lane: Cllr. Carty reported that the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England have expressed concerns about the Court Lane hedgerow and banking (south side) in relation to the Court Lane and Wessex Water applications, but Somerset Council's tree officer, Phil Poulton, is on balance not overly concerned, so there will be no preservation order on it. Cllr. Capon added that permission will still be required to do any work on the hedge; Court Lane is an ancient holloway. There was some discussion about the relative advantages or disadvantages of removing trees and replanting in relation to development.</p> <p>Wessex Water have disputed some of the calculations made by Lead Local Flood Authorities.</p> <p>III. Other recent news/information: None</p> <p>(c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites: Cllr. Watts reported that the Redcliffe site contractors have rotovated, tidied and seeded the area where shop and hub are due to go.</p> <p>Update on Highways Issues (incl. speeding): There has been no news regarding the island crossing installation at Crackmore.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Ended at 8pm</p>

Cllr. Carty canvassed opinion about whether members approve of the funding (£126) by the Office of the printing of bus timetables (to be inserted into copies of the November Village Magazine) as part of the Bus It campaign to increase bus usage and reduce the risk of a reduction or loss of services on the Yeovil-Wincanton route. All were in agreement that this expenditure should be made. Cllr. Phillips suggested that the website *bustimes.org* be included in the information.

Cllr. Carty encouraged members to attend the online Gigaclear 'drop-in' which is apparently scheduled for on 6 November 7pm to 8pm, although it is not yet featured on their website.