

The Planning & Environment Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 21st November 2023, 7:00pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr R Lockey (Chairman) Mrs M Capon
 Mr T Carty Mr C Phillips
 Mr T Watts (from 7.07pm)

In Attendance:

Cllr Glenn Coombs
Cllr David Grant from (7.25pm)
The Clerk: Simon Pritchard
The Deputy Parish Clerk: Miss Nathalie Hetherington
2 members of the public (from 7.07pm)

Public Question and Comment Time:

Cllr. Carty reported that a resident had discussed with him the recent work on Sation Road at White House Farm; what is believed to have been a blocked culvert has not been cleared but a new culvert has been created; there is still a pond of water that has collected in the field on the east side of the road but it is unlikely to increase in size following this work.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
52	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Received from Cllr. T Campbell and Cllr. R Tizzard
53	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.
54	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> It was proposed by Cllr. Phillips to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2023; seconded by Cllr. Carty and resolved by 3 votes with 1 abstention.
55	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:</u> 1) Proposal: The erection of a single storey rear extension and a front porch Location: 11 Plover Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5DA Applicant: Mr and Mrs Harvey Application Type: Householder application

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	<p>Application Number: 23/02716/HOU Deadline: 20th November 2023 (extension agreed)</p> <p>Cllr. Lockey proposed that MPPC support the application; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved unanimously.</p> <p><i>(Cllr. Watts arrived in the meeting at this point.)</i></p> <p>2) Proposal: Construction of two storey rear extension and extension to existing outbuilding (revised application of 23/01758/HOU) Location: 218 High Street, Milborne Port, DT9 5AQ Applicant: Taylor Application Type: Householder application Application Number: 23/02735/HOU Deadline: 21st November 2023 (extension agreed)</p> <p>Cllr. Lockey proposed that MPPC support the application; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>It was agreed to add a comment to the effect that MPPC is aware that there is a potential enforcement issue related to the property and which the council would like to see this resolved as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Acton: Committee Officer to submit responses accordingly to Somerset Council.</p>
56	<p><u>Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update:</u> This was received with no comments.</p>
57	<p><u>Budget 2023/24: P&E Projects:</u> The recommended spending for this Committee for the next financial year was reviewed.</p> <p>Cllr. Lockey proposed that the Committee recommend the spending proposals; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved unanimously.</p>
58	<p><u>Court Lane/Wessex Water Planning Application</u> The information provided recently by Wessex Water in respect of their use of a temporary storage compound on Court Lane was discussed; it was reported that planning permission has been approved. A representative of Wessex Water had asked for feedback on the proposed road closures/parking restrictions/diversions. It was agreed to feedback to the effect that due care and consideration are asked for, especially as there have been several road closures and road works in the village over the last few years (and currently). The general feeling about the use of some of our smaller roads by what might be large vehicles is that particular care is needed; there have been accidents and near-misses in the past and residents/dog walkers/horse riders/cyclists are not used to large volumes of traffic –</p>

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especially of large vehicles. The Court Lane area is particularly sensitive because of the blind junction with Lower Kingsbury and because of the old bridge which is extremely tight. Regarding the 4th March closure, it will be worth contacting the site manager at the Redcliffe housing development currently under construction on Wheathill Lane/Station Road.

Acton: Committee Officer to submit responses accordingly to Wessex Water.

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Verbal Updates / Reports:

(a) Update on Previous Planning Applications:

The Wessex Water application for a temporary construction compound in land on Court Lane has been approved; the attic conversion application at 24 Old Tannery Way has been approved.

(b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications

- I. **Messrs Parker, Davis and White, Wheathill Lane:**
Nothing new to report since May.
- II. **Burrington, Court Lane:** Nothing new to report since October.
- III. **Other recent news/information:**

(c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites:

- I. Redcliffe – surface water and impact on surrounding area

Cllr Lockey shared the contents of an e-mail received today from the water work contractors, Northavon, stating that there has been no further surface water pumping since Somerset Highways instruction that pumping cease. There followed some discussion re. poor planning regarding the order in which the waste surface water pipe work to the field to the southeast of Wheathill Way was/is to be done.

Cllr. Carty reported on progress regarding the Community Hub; he has had some communication from David Kenyon of Somerset Council Planning Department who is looking into the issue with the legal team. Staffing issues have impacted upon the slowness of response to this issue. Cllr. Carty believes that SC needs to focus on being a good employer, as the reliance on contractors is not a sustainable model or good value for money. There was further discussion regarding the current level of service from Somerset Council Planning Department – South Team.

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

- SID is on Station Road the moment but is soon to be moved to near the junction of Old Bowen Way and Station Road.

Meeting Ended at 7.43pm

Signed:

Date: