

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 4th June 2024 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Tim Carty (Chairman)
Margaret Capon Robert Lockey (from 19:37)
Glenn Coombs David Grant
Chris Phillips John Price
Robert Tizzard Ted Watts

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk: Simon Pritchard
Deputy Parish Council: Nathalie Hetherington
No members of the public attended.

❖ **Reports from Somerset Council:**

The monthly report had been circulated.

❖ **Public Statements and Comments:**

- Cllr. Tizzard reported a resident's concern about the unsatisfactory grass-cutting at the Cemetery; the Clerk was already aware and had visited the day before and will contact contractors; also the weeds need spraying but contractors are waiting for dry weather and no wind.
- Cllr. Carty reported that a local resident has expressed concern about the imbalance of male and female councillors on a council; Cllr. Carty has met the resident and explained the reasons behind the resignations of 2 female councillors in the last year.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
23	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr. Lockey – hoping to attend later (attended from 19:37) Cllr. Clark (Somerset Council) – family commitments.
24	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations to Participate:</u> A: Declarations of Interests from Members: None B: Applications submitted to the Proper Officer for a dispensation to participate: None.

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<p>25</p>	<p><u>Adoption of Full Council Minutes:</u></p> <p>1) Tuesday 7th May 2024 The minutes had been circulated to members before the meeting. Cllr. Price proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting of Tuesday 7th May; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved unanimously.</p> <p><i>As the minutes of the Full Council of the 28th of May had only just been tabled, agenda item 26 was taken first to give members a chance to read them.</i></p>
<p>26</p>	<p><u>Delivery of the Community Hub by Redcliffe Homes:</u></p> <p>Cllr. Carty repeated the news that Mr O'Connor of Redcliffe has declined the offer of a meeting. Cllr. Tizzard suggested that it might be time to express an interest in the possibility of the Parish Council taking on the management of the Market Square when the Community Hub is built, which could be seen as a potential mutual benefit, or even taking on the business land as well.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr. Carty will contact Mr O'Connor again and Cllr. Tizzard is happy to follow up if necessary. It was noted that ultimately it would be for Somerset Council to take the matter further, as the S106 contract is between SC and Redcliffe.</p>
<p>25</p>	<p><u>Adoption of Full Council Minutes:</u></p> <p>2) Tuesday 28th May 2024 The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 28th May were tabled by the Clerk. Cllr. Carty proposed that the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting of Tuesday 28th May be adopted; seconded by Cllr. Capon and resolved unanimously.</p>
<p>27</p>	<p><u>Guiding Principles for Environment, Climate and Nature Policy:</u> This document was re-presented following some revision by the working group. Cllr. Carty proposed that the Guiding Principles document be adopted; seconded by Cllr. Capon and resolved by 7 votes for, 1 against.</p>
<p>28</p>	<p><u>East Street Car Park – Wall Repair:</u> Cllr. Price described the damage to the area of the wall in question, what might have caused it, and explained the quotations provided by various contractors approached. Cllr. Price proposed that Tender 5/Mark Dewberry be chosen for the work at the cost of up to £1,950 with provision of up to £500 for additional stone; seconded by Cllr. Carty and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr. Price will check with Mark Dewberry that he has made adequate provision for the cost of any extra stone required. Cllr. Tizzard offered remove any rubble/stone not required. Cllr. Carty thanked Cllr. Price for his work with this project.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr. Price to liaise with Mark Dewberry.</p>

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	<p><i>Cllr. Lockey arrived at this point in the meeting; 19.37.</i></p>
29	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Monthly Payments:</u> Payment numbers 41 to 63 for June 2024 had been circulated totaling £8,331.27 and are attached to the minutes as well as being on the Council's website. Cllr. Carty proposed that the payments for June be approved; seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. <u>Full Council Accounts & Bank Reconciliation:</u> These were received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reserve Account £328,961.34• Current Account £30,069.59
30	<p><u>Activities Planner: Priorities</u></p> <p>The project for the instalment of the electronic tennis court gate had been postponed as Somerset Council had not paid over the S106 money to cover cost incurred to date thus raising the fear that they would not pay over the money and the parish council would be liable for all costs to date.</p> <p>However, after almost two months the money was transferred not just for the costs to date, but for whole the project.</p> <p>Upon checking the details of the S106 agreement the details of what the money is being provided for the agreement simply says 'tennis facilities' the agreement doesn't not state that that an electronic gate has to be installed. It has been made quite clear to Somerset Council that such a gate is unwanted and unwelcome. Clarification has now been sought from Somerset Council who have capitulated and withdrew the requirement for the electronic gate. There is now a small underspend on the project; the funds will be used for the painting of the corner struts.</p> <p>No adjustments were made to the priority rating of the current Full Council projects.</p>
31	<p><u>Verbal Reports:</u></p> <p>a) Council Chairman's report: At the meeting with the Playing Fields Committee today it was agreed that a notice is needed at the tennis courts to say that whilst use of the courts is free of charge, the Tennis Club have priority at the times published.</p> <p>b) Parish Clerk's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ License for Springfield. The renewal invoice has been received in the Office for £70 for the license to sell alcohol and play amplified music on behalf of SoMP and the Party in the Port. It was suggested to pay the invoice and keep the license live, even though there will be no Party in the Port this Summer, as this will avoid the need to apply for a new license in the future.▪ Electronic Tennis Court Gates: This item was discussed under Item 30.

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c) Members' Reports from outside organisations:

- Cllr. Carty reported that the Community Plan Steering Group met on Monday 3rd June; Alison Flynn and Nathalie Hetherington have been really helpful. Information needs to be gathered on what the community would like to see surveyed in the Autumn; this will be done this month via an online or paper survey; feedback will be collated and fed back to the Community Council for Somerset. Various village groups will be approached for responses by members of the Steering Group.
- Village Hall AGM Monday 17th June at 7pm; all members are encouraged to attend.

End of formal meeting at 19.55