

# The Planning Committee

## MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

The Town Hall

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 7:00pm**

### **Present:**

Councillors: Mr R Lockey (Chairperson from Item 4) Mrs M Capon  
Mr T Carty Mr C Phillips Mr J Price Mr T Watts

### **In Attendance:**

The Deputy Parish Clerk/Committee Officer: Miss Nathalie Hetherington

### **Public Question and Comment Time:**

There were no members of the public present. Cllr. Lockey reported that a resident of Bathwell Lane has concerns about inconsiderate parking there; it is a narrow road and sometimes there are cars parked on both sides of the road when there are events on at the church or Church House, making passage sometimes very difficult or impossible. It was agreed that the Committee Officer will seek advice from Somerset County Highways regarding how parking in Bathwell could be managed.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b>  Cllr. R Tizzard
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></b>  None
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Election of Planning Committee Chairperson for the Municipal Year:</u></b>  Cllr. Watts proposed that Cllr. Lockey be elected as Chairperson for the Planning Committee for the municipal year; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved by 5 votes with 1 abstention.
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Adoption of Minutes:</u></b>  It was proposed by Cllr. Watts to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024; seconded by Cllr. Capon and resolved by 5 votes with 1 abstention due to absence at that meeting.

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5	<p><b><u>Election of Planning Committee Vice- Chairperson for the Municipal Year:</u></b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Carty proposed that Cllr. Capon be elected as Vice-Chairperson for the Planning Committee for the municipal year; seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved by 5 votes with 1 abstention.</b></p>
6	<p><b><u>Review of the Committee’s Meeting: Time, Day and Frequency:</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed to retain the previous arrangements: the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm.</p>
7	<p><b><u>Planning Committee ‘aide-memoire’ appendix:</u></b></p> <p>There was some discussion about some of the suggested items on the list that will act as a reminder of environmental issues to bear in mind when considering and responding to planning applications.</p> <p><b>Cllr. Carty proposed that the appendix be accepted subject to some minor changes relating to eco-friendly heating systems and insulation; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved by 4 votes with 1 abstention and 1 against.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Committee Officer to amend the appendix to go with the new Environment, Climate &amp; Nature Policy.</b></p>
8	<p><b><u>Planning, Tree &amp; Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:</u></b></p> <p>1. Proposal: <b>Erection of a single-storey garage/storage side extension</b> Location: <b>55 Wheathill Way, Milborne Port, DT9 5EZ</b> Applicant: <b>Mr Martin Wills</b> Application Type: <b>Householder application</b> Application Number: <b>24/01003/HOU</b> Deadline: <b>28<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Lockey proposed that MPPC support this application, with a recommendation that an EV charging point be installed; seconded by Cllr. Phillips and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p>2. Proposal: <b>Two storey side extension and alterations (revised application of 23/03213/HOU)</b> Location: <b>6 The Meads, Milborne Port, DT9 5DS</b> Applicant: <b>Mr Grant Mitchell</b> Application Type: <b>Householder application</b> Application Number: <b>24/00990/HOU</b> Deadline: <b>29th May 2024</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Lockey proposed that MPPC support this application; seconded by Cllr. Price and resolved unanimously.</b></p>

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	<b>Action: Committee Officer to respond to Somerset Council Planning (South) accordingly.</b>
9	<b><u>Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update:</u></b>  This was received.
10	<b><u>Bike-racks in the Weighbridge area</u></b>  The possible installation of bike racks in the Weighbridge area was discussed; Somerset Council owns this land and permission would need to be sought. Members responded positively to the concept of having bike racks installed in this area.  <b>Action: Committee Officer to research the cost of applying for permission and of the bike racks themselves and report back to the Committee.</b>
11	<b><u>Verbal Updates / Reports:</u></b>  <b>(a) Update on Previous Planning Applications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Old Angel Inn conservatory replacement – approved.</li></ul> <b>(b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications:</b>  <b>I. Messrs Parker, Davis and White, Wheathill Lane:</b> None as the application has outline permission has now been approved.  <b>II. Other recent news/information:</b> None.  <b>(c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr. Carty reported that the Redcliffe developers have declined an invitation to meet to discuss their recent communication re. the Hub and of their intention to apply to change the plan for a commercial unit to domestic property/properties. Cllr. Carty will liaise with Cllrs. Grant and Tizzard regarding next steps.</li></ul> <b>(d) Update on Highways Issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr. Lockey has been experiencing some problems with the SID software but these appear now to be resolved so the SID will be installed again shortly.</li><li>• The Committee Officer shared an email from Somerset Highways regarding the recent request for a dropped curb on East Street near to the London Road Clinic: (1) a safety audit would be required and (b) a wider approach could be taken – an ‘active travel’ route where numerous locations for dropped curbs could be identified. It was agreed that Cllr. Capon report back to London Road Clinic and to return to the issue later in the year where a concrete proposal could be formulated to solicit data re. wheelchair and other access issues around the village. It was also agreed that this issue could inform the Community Plan survey and/or link with the LCWIP.</li></ul>

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	<p><b>(e) Committee Officer's report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The contractor who is refurbishing the Milborne Port sign would like to add some colour to it; it was agreed that he can go ahead with this.</li><li>• With Somerset Council carrying out less work on mowing and cutting, there are more residents reporting problems with foliage overgrowth; sometimes the Office can help residents to do this, but it is better if they can be encouraged to do so themselves using the Somerset Council website. It was agreed that mention of this facility will go into the Village Magazine for June.</li></ul>

**Meeting ended at 8.18 pm.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**