

# The Planning Committee

## MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

The Town Hall

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 7:00pm**

### **Present:**

Councillors: Mr R Lockey                      Mrs M Capon                      Mr T Carty  
                  Mr C Phillips                      Mr J Price                         Mr R Tizzard (from 7.03pm)  
                  Mr T Watts

### **In Attendance:**

The Deputy Parish Clerk/Committee Officer: Miss Nathalie Hetherington

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

Cllr. Watts expressed ongoing concern about the overgrown state of the hedge on Wheathill Lane that belongs to Redcliffe. The Committee Officer had been in touch with Redcliffe about this issue several months ago and was informed that there was a query over ownership; the email response will be forwarded to members and the Committee Officer will contact Mel Wyatt again and express concerns about the safety risk posed to motorists and pedestrians by the overgrowth.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
12	<b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b>  None.
13	<b><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></b>  None.
14	<b><u>Adoption of Minutes:</u></b>  It was proposed by Cllr. Lockey to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024; seconded by Cllr. Price and resolved unanimously.
15	<b><u>Planning, Tree &amp; Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:</u></b>  1. Proposal: <b>Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to one tree within a Conservation Area.</b> Location: <b>Cross House, North Street, Milborne Port, DT9 5ET</b> Applicant: <b>Mrs Lindsay von Simson</b> Application Type: <b>Tree in conservation area</b> Application Number: <b>24/01360/TCA</b>

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Committee Officer: Nathalie Hetherington

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	<p><b>The notification was received with no comment.</b></p>
16	<p><b><u>Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update:</u></b></p> <p>This was unavailable due to a technical issue but will be forwarded to members when available.</p>
17	<p><b><u>Pedestrian and motorist safety concerns at Redcliffe site:</u></b></p> <p>The information and photographs provided by a resident concerned about the adherence of Redcliffe to the approved plans for exit footpaths and the resulting dangers to pedestrians at the junction of Angel Way and Station Road were discussed; this resident has been communicating with Mel Wyatt, the quantity surveyor at Redcliffe and has shared their correspondence. Cllr. Carty had provided a detailed summary of the history of the planning for this particular area of the site (dating back to 2018) and the complex discussions/arguments around traffic management/parking and safety in this area. Cllr. Carty offered to meet the resident to talk through this history and resulting issues. It was also suggested that Redcliffe be approached about clearing some of the undergrowth from under the horse chestnut tree in order to improve visibility; failing this, MPPC could employ someone to do this.</p> <p><b>Action: Committee Officer to liaise with the resident in question re. a possible meeting with Cllr. Carty and to contact Mel Wyatt from Redcliffe on the issue of the planned pathways not having been completed according to the plans and report back.</b></p>
18	<p><b><u>Large red dustbin(s) on pavement in front of Guildhall:</u></b></p> <p>The issue of these dustbins and the negative impact on the amenity and local environment in the vicinity of the Guildhall was discussed. Somerset Council's response was shared: the problem is not a safety issue. It was agreed that initial contact with the owners would be made via the Office via letter, to share concerns, to acknowledge importance of service provided to village and to offer help/support in finding an alternative location.</p> <p><b>Action: Committee Officer to write to the owners of the bins.</b></p>
19	<p><b><u>Feedback from Somerset County Highways regarding recent enquiries</u></b></p> <p>The recent feedback from Andy Barron of Somerset Highways had been shared and was discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The issue previously discussed by this Committee regarding the parking bay on the High Street in front of Pullen's Butchers was discussed again, plus the solution offered by Andy Barron of Somerset County Highways.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr. Watts proposed that Somerset County Highways be requested to carry out the lengthening and division of the parking bay with its associated road marking and signage requirements at a cost of approximately £500.</b></p>

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**Action: Committee Officer to liaise with Somerset County Highways and to confirm that £500 figure includes signage.**

- The issue of access problems caused by parking on both sides of Bathwell Lane was discussed. Andy Barron had suggested extending the double yellow lines on the western side and putting them in on the eastern side, up to Church House. It was agreed that the problem tends to arise in particular when there are events at the church or at Church House. It was felt that some parking should be allowed on the western side as there is a shortage of parking in that area, as in other parts of the village. Cllr. Watts mooted the idea of contacting the Diocese of Bath & Wells re. the possibility of creating parking in the field on glebe land on the western side. The need to liaise with the Parochial Church Council was covered as the issue of parking might already be something discussed at their meetings and MPPC needs to ascertain what if any ideas/plans are being discussed.

**Cllr. Locky proposed that, following consultation with the Parochial Church Council, Somerset Council be asked to paint double yellow lines on the east side of Bathwell Lane as far as Church House; seconded by Cllr. Carty and resolved by 4 votes to 3.**

**Cllr. Tizzard proposed that the Diocese of Bath & Wells be approached regarding the parking area, consulting also with the Parochial Church Council; seconded by Cllr. Watts and resolved by 5 votes with 1 abstention and 1 against.**

**Actions: Committee Officer to liaise accordingly.**

## Verbal Updates / Reports:

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### **(a) Update on Previous Planning Applications:**

- 104 Combe Hill – extension & internal work approved with conditions
- Telemast at Combe Hill – permitted
- 2 Baunton's Close – extension approved
- 55 Wheathill Way – extension approved
- 6 The Meads – extension approved
- Old Angel Inn – conservatory replacement approved

**(b) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites:** Cllr. Carty has still not received a response to his invitation to Tom O'Connor of Redcliffe for a meeting to discuss the building of The Hub. Cllr. Tizzard will now try to make contact and attempt to elicit a response.

### **(c) Update on Highways Issues:**

- **Notification from Somerset Council Locality Officer (previously circulated)** This was discussed; our LCN contact for the Highways and traffic subgroup (queries and concerns not reportable on the Somerset Council website) is Robin Cave at Templecombe Parish Council. There was some concern that a different parish council might be representing MPPC. It was agreed that the Committee Officer will contact Robin Cave to find out more about what the purpose of this subgroup is and report back.

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**(d) Committee Officer's report:**

- Research has been carried out into options for the installation of a bike rack in the Town Hall area; members discussed location choices and styles in advance of a member of staff from Somerset Council Highways visiting the site to advise and quote for the work. A simple hoop style was the preference, located to the west of the Town Hall, in the area directly behind the office extension.

**Meeting ended at 8.55 pm.**

Unadopted

**Signed:**

**Date:**