

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10 JUNE 2026 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs. Pike, Bowhay, Moore, Manley, Simmons and Newman. SCCllr Sam Phripp.

Apologies: Cllrs Mattick, Sinclair, Terry, Holme & Morgan. PCSO Natalie McIntosh

1. Public participation: None.

2. Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.

3. CClr Sam Phripp: Reported that he had met with Alan Hartley and was chasing a meeting about Lynch Hill, also the pavement was not good there. He had done a tour of the village and reported potholes. He had reported the flags, which were scheduled to be removed but possibly after the world cup. He would be at the Village Day. Cllr Pike mentioned vegetation on pavement to Mid Nor rugby club. Longstanding issues on the minutes were pointed out to him: co-op one way system, 106 school money, bollards on Bowden Hill green.

4. Ongoing & Matters Arising:

- a) **Traffic Safety at Lynch Hill:** The full pavement all the way to the Old Down is unlikely to happen. There is now a gateway sign, phase 1. Pavement now up to the Mulberry. Phase 2. The PC agreed that this was an ongoing matter whilst waiting for phase 3. Questions still remain about a post-pavement meeting with Highways. Clerk has written again to Highways saying that the PC want a face-to-face meeting and SC can choose the date. Cllr Pike explained to SCCllr Phripp about how this has been going on for 2 years.
- b) **Allotments:** Clerk reported that he had written to the charitable trust. Cllrs would need to have a look at access. Cllr Bowhay reported that they might have to look at something else – maybe buy some land. If the PC was thinking of allotments on S&D land, they would need ten pitches of 21x6metres.
- c) **Co-op road:** It had been reported that the Co-op are on board with the idea of making it one way around the shop. Clerk has written to SCC Transport. Ongoing. Clerk reported that the Co-op were still behind the idea and he had written again to SC. Clerk has chased highways. Ongoing
- d) **106 money:** Money is still due for the school from Pickford Fields and Brimscombe Meadow. £122,000 and £49,000. Clerk has contacted the SCCllrs about this
- e) **Bowden Hill green:** Clerk has written to SC asking for strong bollards to protect the area. Clerk reported he had written again. Clerk has chased highways. Ongoing.
- f) **Heritage asset list:** Cllr Sinclair reported that the parishioner's asset list was now on the website. However, he has also found another village list put together by a Somerset Heritage group. The ideal would be to merge the two and indicate location with 'what three words'. This is going to be a long task. Cllr Manley to contact resident who offered help.
- g) **Cllrs in calligraphy:** Cllr Mattick said he would take away the existing document to show Hannah Smith, if she was up for it clerk would provide date details.
- h) **Traffic feasibility study:** It was agreed that there was now some urgency as potential 106 funds request. Quotes were needed. Cllr Holme had produced a 3 page report on what was needed for the study, on what was expected of the prospective companies. Cllr

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Manley suggested there should be a comparative element with other villages. It was agreed to go ahead and contact companies. Cllr Holme reported he had identified 5-6 local companies that might give competitive tenders. Clerk to ask Cllr Holme if there was news.

- i) **Sports bin:** Ongoing, cllrs Mattick/Bowhay and Dave Travis dealing, will be by the main entrance.
 - j) **Plaque on bench:** Ongoing. Cllr Sinclair dealing.
 - k) **Broken post on The Street:** Cllr Mattick talking to Mathew Emery.
 - l) **Signatories:** Cllr Pike to inform the clerk if Cllr Sinclair is a new signatory, after that clerk to organise other cllrs to be signatories. Clerk also reported that there is a way they could do BACS in the future if wanted, with the new clerk.
5. **Committee reports: Old Rec** – Re electricity provision, everything in place Cllr Moore looking at providers but Octopus can only do residential. Cllr Simmons said she would clean railings and area around the swings before the Village Day. **PEG** – Cllr Manley reported that they were on budget for Village Day/Get Together. Clerk to book VH for PEG. Cllr Newman asked about second person to book VH, clerk to ask Lynne.
6. **Grasscutting/repair/potholes:** Re Robbins email about school path being cleared in time for school run this weekend, clerk to contact Primrose and see if it can be done in time. Clerk to also ask Primrose to cut back the Pitchings and the embankment on Somer Lea. Clerk reported that the handyperson was unwell.
7. **New clerk:** It was agreed to delegate the authority of choosing a new clerk to a sub com. This will consist of cllrs Pike, Manley, Simmons and Holme. Clerk to ask SALC for job description and suggested starting salary. Budget set at £250. Clerk reminded the PC that it may be a different issue but the future of the magazine also needed to be addressed.

8. Planning Applications: 2026/1010 Extension over garage. 12 Pickford Fields.

Recommend approval.

Subcommittee: None.

9. Accounts:

854 – BWP Creative	- website	- 18.00
855 – Gallagher	- insurance	- 1027.74
856 – PCC Chilcompton	- graveyard	- 420.00
857 - M. Rigby	- reimbursements	- 23.64
858 – M.Rigby	- salary	- 541.50
859 – H.M.R.C.	- tax	- 135.40
860 – SPFA	- membership	- 15.00
861 – Marquee Hire Company	- event tent	- 2651.17
862 – Primrose	- grasscutting	- 972.00
863 - Youth Connect SW	- event costs	- 273.60
864 – Beanddo	- event costs	- 515.81
865 – Helen Bown	- event costs	- 66.97

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866 – Sue Manley	- event costs	-	229.26
867 – Rob Allen Cabs	- event costs	-	250.00

Total 7140.09

10. Correspondence: Re Sinclair email about replacing memorial tree, clerk to reply saying go ahead.

Re D.Smith email about skatepark, clerk to reply saying considering and consulting. Re emails about flags, clerk to reply saying due to be removed after world cup. Re Sports email about skatepark/bins/removing email, clerk to say bin will be near the front, what are their views on skatepark and clerk to reply affirmatively about removing vehicle. Re VH email about AED, clerk to reply saying replace it and send bill to the PC.

11. Police report: In written email: one non-recordable, two thefts, one violence against a person.

12. Any Other Business: Cllr Manley presented her excellent new heritage walks around the village leaflet. Copies will be available as a PDF on the website or for £1 on sale at the village day or other events. Cllr Simmons observed the cycle signs on the Pitchings were in a bad way. Cllr Simmons observed there was a post box at the side of the co-op – heritage value? Cllr Simmons observed that the village sign coming along Chilcompton Road was unimpressive. Clerk to contact highways.

13. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 8th July 2026. Planning meeting Wednesday 24th June.

14. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm.