

## MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2026 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs. Mattick, Manley, Simmons, Sinclair, Holme, Bowhay, Moore and Newman.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Pike and Terry. PCSO Natalie McIntosh

In the absence of chair or vice-chair, cllr Sinclair was selected as chair for the meeting. He then read an obituary to Cllr Morgan. The Parish Council after stood for a minute's silence in respect.

1. **Public participation:** Peter Rusbridger attended to criticise the Parish Council decision to approve the proposed housing development on Chilcompton Road – not in the spirit of CARO of which several cllrs are members of. Cllr Mattick claimed they were more likely to get 106 funds. Dave Travis and Hayley Blanning attended to observe. Sean Hanley attended to hear about the PC decision on the skate park, this was repeated to him from last month's minutes. Mr Hanley said there could be legal action if equipment was removed. Mr Hanley also asked for a copy of the 2026 ROSPA report. The report is not issued until a few weeks after the visit, once received the report will be discussed at the next PC meeting before being issued to the public. Clerk to write to Mr Hanley asking for details of members of the skatepark committee, and any constitution, minutes, signed agreements that exists for that committee.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.
3. **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.

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- 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 Manley suggested there should be a comparative element with other villages. It was agreed to go ahead and contact companies. Cllr Holme has reported he had identified 5-6 local companies that might give competitive tenders.
- 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:** The clerk reported he had started the process to get Cllr Sinclair included, once that was done he would get other cllrs on board.
4. **Committee reports: Old Rec –** Re electricity provision, clerk is paying a bill to British Gas for the next stage, cllr Mattick said an isolator needed to be added. Clerk to put ROSPA report on next month's agenda. Cllr Sinclair said litter had increased.
5. **Grasscutting/repair/potholes:** It was reported that The Street was being resurfaced. Clerk to contact the company who said they would clean up the war memorial.
6. **Election of vice-chair:** Since there seems to be no constitutional need and no one is stepping forward, it was agreed to leave the matter for the moment.
7. **New clerk:** It was reported that there had been 12 applicants and four were going to be interviewed next week.
8. **Magazine:** The clerk reported that the future still depended on new software and possibly a new printer, Cllr Holme said he might be able to help with the latter. Clerk to put Cllr Sinclair's obit for Rich Morgan in mag.
9. **Skate Park:** It was reported that two tenders had been gained for clearing the site. A decision would be made next month.

**10. Planning Applications:** 2026/1331 Certificate of lawfulness, natural swimming pool. Waterside, The Street. Notification only. 2026/1514 TPO. Crosslands, Wells Road. Notification only. 2025/1944. Appeal, erection of dwelling. The Street. Notification only.

**Subcommittee:** None.

#### 11. Accounts:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------|
| 883 – Somerset Council    | - bins emptying            | - | 202.80 |
| 884 – Playsafety Limited  | - ROSPA reports            | - | 247.20 |
| 885 – PKF Littlejphn LLP  | - external audit           | - | 504.00 |
| 886 - M. Rigby            | - reimbursements           | - | 15.00  |
| 887 – M.Rigby             | - salary                   | - | 621.50 |
| 888 – H.M.R.C.            | - tax                      | - | 155.40 |
| 889 – British Gas Trading | - electricity installation | - | 202.98 |

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| 890 – Chilcompton VHMC | - rent               | - 30.00   |
| 891 – Primrose         | - grasscutting       | - 594.00  |
| 892 – S.Davis Building | - building metre box | - 2256.00 |
| 893 – Chilcompton VHMC | - rent               | - 18.00   |

Total 4846.88

- 12. Correspondence:** Re T.Keyworth email about young children event in the Old Rec. PEG to reply saying PC supports the idea but they would have to take responsibility. Re R.Hooper email about rats. Clerk to reply saying if there is concern they should contact SC Environment. Re S. Parfitt email about path opposite the doctor's. Clerk to resend and discuss next time. Re bushes outside Emmaus, cllr Newman to investigate and report back next month.
- 13. Police report:** In written email: one arson and criminal damage, five theft, one violence against a person.
- 14. Any Other Business:** Cllr Bowhay said there had been a white van in a layby going towards Norton for three weeks. Also a black truck opposite the garage has also been deserted. Clerk to pass on information to PCSO McIntosh. Cllr Mattick suggested a female silhouette for Remembrance Day, one was chosen and he will purchase. Wreaths will also need to be purchased and clerk to book village hall. Clerk to put in magazine about looking for new cllrs.
- 15. Date of next meeting:** This was fixed for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Planning meeting Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- 16. Close:** The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm.

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