

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs. Pike, Mattick, Manley, Simmons, Sinclair, Bowhay, and Moore.

Also Present: M Rigby, Clerk; A Rixon, shadow Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs Newman, Holme and Terry.

Public participation: Peter Rusbridger attended to observe.

Claris Brown attended for the item on historic pathways. She said she would report back to the Mendip Ramblers for more information. The PC expressed concern about losing any kind of footpaths.

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

2. 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 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

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local companies that might give competitive tenders. Cllrs expressed concern on the urgency of this matter.

- 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 had reported he had started the process to get Cllr Sinclair included, once that was done he would get other cllrs on board.

3. **Committee reports: Old Rec** – it was reported that the door to the electricity had been interfered with. It was suggested that a warning sign was needed on the door. The Clerk reported that the electricity would be connected on the 22nd September 2026. **IT-** The Council approved A Rixon's recommendations for equipment for her role taking over from M Rigby as Clerk in due course. She will set up a Voip remote telephone service that will have a monthly charge. She will use her own laptop and printer and be reimbursed for ink. She will also investigate a PO Box for the Council instead of using her home address. She noted she would be moving to online banking.
4. **Grasscutting/repair/potholes:** The Parish Council approved of the work that has been undertaken on The Street. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the company who said they would clean up the war memorial, Clerk to contact them again and if no success find another company.
5. **New clerk:** It was noted that A Rixon has started employment and will be taking over the role of Clerk in due course.
6. **Remembrance Day:** This will go ahead as planned on 8/11/26 but without tea at the Village Hall, which will be continued next year. Clerk to book hall for November 2027. Cllr Mattick reported that he had bought a female silhouette. Cllr Pike reported he had organised wreaths. The dressings of graves will go ahead.
7. **ROSPA Report:** This was noted. Clerk to write to Sean Hanley to say ROSPA Report is now available on the website.
8. **Skate Park:** The PC agreed to suspend Standing Orders, with one abstention. It was agreed to support the Penny's tender to remove the skatepark. Clerk to contact Thatcher & Hallam about legal position before proceeding with acceptance of the quote.
9. **Planning Applications:** 2026/1663 Extensions. Pantiles, Parsonage lane. Recommend approval. 2021/2927 Mobile accommodation units. Appeal. Noted.

Subcommittee: 2026/1540 1A Wells road. Erection. Approved but concern about access. Clerk to write to Receivers about land adjacent to the Old Rec.

10. Accounts:

894 – Information commissioner's office	- data protection	-	52.00
895 – Primrose	- grasscutting	-	786.00
896 - SALC	- training	-	60.00
897 – M.Rigby	- salary	-	743.90
898 - M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	44.48
899 – H.M.R.C.	- tax	-	186.00

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900 – A Rixon

- salary

- 663.60

Total

2587.98

11. Correspondence:

Re: Schwartz email about flags, SC Cllr Phripp dealing. Clerk to reply Re: T Woods email about education service. Clerk to send to Cllrs again. Re: oak saplings email from Sports. PC noted sadly. Clerk to reply. Re: M Pickford email about Youth Club. Clerk to reply saying the PC does not think it was them. Re: J Crouch email about skate park path: Clerk to reply it is closed temporarily. Re: J Parry email: Clerk to reply.

12. Any Other Business: Cllr Mattick spoke with Isaac Gregory about a tree with tape on it on Pines Close. He said he would have a look. Cllr Sinclair spoke about the litter pick needing a new organiser. Clerk to put in magazine. Cllr Manley to put on website.

13. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 14th October 2026. Planning meeting Wednesday 23rd September.

14. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.44pm.

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