**MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**
**Held in the Village Hall on 19th November 2024 at 7.00pm**

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| | | **Parish Council Members Present:**, Cllr Lyn Alvis, Cllr. James Bradby, Cllr. Adelle Brenner, Cllr. Charles Carr, Cllr. Penny Tranter, Cllr. Mike Wareham, Cllr Des Wighton, Mr. Geoff Davis – Clerk.<br>**Others present**: Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley, Residents of Tucking Mill & Midford:- Ian Croker, Roger Croker, Clare Fox, Danielle Osborne, Judith Parfitt, Philip Raby, Michael Shepherd, Anne Stewart |
| **1** | **276** | **To receive apologies for absence –** None |
| **2** | **277** | **Declarations of interest and dispensations –** None. |
| **3** | **278** | **Confidential Matters -** None |
| **4** | **279** | **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th September 2024** approved and signed by the Chairman |
| **5** | | **Financial Matters** |
| | **280** | **RFO Report and Payments for Approval -** The RFO Report was received, noted and signed by the Clerk and Cllr. Des Wighton. |
| | **281** | **Bank Balances as at 19.11.2024**<br>Current Metro Bank £6122.07 Bath Building Society £9,556.64<br>Metro Bank Savings £5,092.73 Bath Building Society (Miss Davis) £12,034.99 |
| | **282** | **Receipts since meeting on 17th September 2024**<br>8 Metro Bank Interest £4.63<br>9 B&NES Council Precept October Payment £6,446.50<br>10 Metro Bank Interest £4.11 |
| | **283** | **Payments approved as standing payments or at meeting on 17th September 2024 which have now been made.**<br>120PH002922852505 HMRC Month 5 Paye 69.60<br>MCPCSept24 A Rowley Pay 26th August to 29th September 2024 354.60<br>MCPCSept24Clerk Mr G. Davis Pay 26th August to 29th September 2024 347.70<br>MonktonCombe M E Jennings Clearing Footpaths 327.00<br>120PH002922852506 HMRC Month 6 Paye 87.00<br>3570 MCPC Swan Mngtmnt Svces Annual Domain & Website Service Charge 60.00<br>MC PC 241164 Village Hall Village Hall Hire 25.00<br>MCPC 5370 Jeff Avis Gdn Svces Car park & Miss Davis GDN Oct 2024 144.00<br>MCPCOct24 A Rowley Pay 30th September to 27th October 2024 283.68<br>MCPCOct24Clerk Mr G. Davis Pay 30th September to 27th October 2024 278.16<br>120PH002922852507 HMRC Month 7 Paye 69.60<br>Gloves Elise Rowley Hillier - Gardening Gloves 8.99<br>MCPCNov24 A Rowley Pay 28th October to 24th November 2024 363.06<br>MCPCNov24Clerk Mr G. Davis Pay 28th October to 24th November 2024 398.30<br>120PH002922852508 HMRC Month 8 Paye 99.40 |
| | **284** | **Payments for Approval at Meeting on 19th November 2024 -** None |
| | **285** | **The Parish Council Resolved to Approve NJC Pay award for 2024-25.** Hourly Pay Rate increase Clerk: £12.42 to £13.05, Sweeper: £11.82 to £12.45 and backpay to 01/04/2024 & 01/07/2024 of £132.30 and £64.26 respectively. |
| **6** | | **Parish Council Matters and Works** |
| | **286** | **Parish Sweeper –** Elise Rowley has now completed her Three Month Probationary period very satisfactorily and is proving to be an excellent employee. The Parish Council instruct the Clerk to write to her to confirm her satisfactory completion of this Probationary Period, and that her contract is now confirmed as permanent employment. The Clerk was also asked to calendar an annual review, starting in a year from now. |

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| | | **Parish Council Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors.** |
| | **287** | **Car Park -** Possible provision of Charging Points – As the Parish Council has heard no more from the potential supplier, it is assumed that the proposal is not feasible and that the Supplier has lost interest. |
| | **288** | **Car park – Abandoned Vehicle** – The Chair has given the owners until Christmas to dispose of the vehicle. If still present in the New Year the Parish Council will arrange its collection for scrap. |
| | | **Village Playground –** Nothing to Report. |
| | | **Neighbourhood Watch –** Nothing to Report. |
| | **289** | **Lockup Repairs** – Notification of Application to Amend a Designation Listing. The Parish Council has been notified that the Lockup will revert to Listed Building Status only, and no longer an Ancient Monument. |
| | | **Miss Davis Garden** – Nothing to report. |
| | | **Village Hall –** Nothing to report |
| | **290** | **Parish Council Noticeboard – A36 Petrol station** – This Board will be discontinued and no longer referred to at meetings. |
| | **291** | **Portrait of H.M. The King** – This is now hung next to the main doors. |
| | **292** | **Wheelwrights Public House** – It was reported that the Lease has been taken over and that the new owner is hoping to open on a partial basis in December, and fully in February 2025. |
| | **293** | **Switching to a .GOV.UK Domain for Internet Services (Website and e-mail)** – The Cabinet Office has made available a grant of £100 to encourage and enable Parish Councils to switch to this more professional and secure domain. The Clerk was instructed to proceed with the transfer and the grant. |
| **7** | | **Planning** |
| | | **<u>Applications Received</u>** |
| | **294** | **24/03906/FUL - Linleys, Summer Lane, Combe Down, Bath BA2 7EU** - Erection of two-storey octagonal extension and new single-storey boot room extension (Amendment to 16/00900/FUL). **No Comment** |
| | **295** | **<u>Decisions Pending</u>** |
| | | **24/04096/CONSLT - Combe Grove, Brassknocker Hill, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HS -** Consultation request re Woodland Management Plan for Combe Grove Estate |
| | | **24/01413/FUL - Little Dale, Mill Lane, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HD -** Renovation of the existing home. Demolition of original one-storey building consisting of garage, storage, storage room and outdoor restroom and replace with a two-storey addition. N**o further comment on recent revisions.** |
| | **296** | **<u>PLANNING DECISIONS by B&NES & WILTSHIRE</u>** |
| | | **24/04043/CONSLT - Rally Field, Lower Stoke, Monkton Combe, Bath** - Creation of temporary Holiday site **- No Objection** |
| | | **24/02749/COND - Mount Pleasant Quarry, Mount Pleasant, Monkton Combe, Bath -** Discharge of condition(s) 4 (Bat Mitigation and Compensation Scheme), 8 (Hard and Soft Landscape), 10 (Arboricultural Method Statement), 12 (Ground Investigation and Contamination Assessment), 13 (Remediation Strategy), 22 (Bike Storage), 23 (Construction Management Plan), 25 (External Walling Materials) for application 24/01952/VAR (Erection of four dwellings and associated access, landscaping works and ancillary development following demolition of existing buildings, retention of two buildings as bat roosts.) **- Split decision/check certificate or file** |
| | | **<u>PLANNING APPEALS</u>** - None |
| | | **<u>ENFORCEMENT UPDATE</u> -** None |
| | | **<u>Other Planning Matters to Report</u>** |
| | **297** | **Recording and Slides: Parish & Town Council Briefing on the Local Plan Reset –** 7th November |
| **8** | | **Highways and Footpaths.** |
| | **298** | **A36 Closure – Impacts on Tucking Mill Lane and elsewhere.** The eight residents attending, see *Others Present* above, each described an awful catalogue of events, insults, abuse, foul language, threats of violence, frightening incidents, they experience on a daily basis. There are frequent accidents, some requiring emergency services, whose vehicles have significant difficulty in reaching the scene. The most recent on Tuesday 12th November, which made the road impassable. The count of vehicles taken on any typical morning 07:40 to 09:10, is between 300 and 350.<br>The residents highlighted their great concerns in respect of the liabilities that arise from the continued use of this road as the alternative throughfare to the A36 trunk road, for which it is manifestly unfit for purpose.<br>The road is no longer a usable or safe route for pedestrians, cyclists, or horses, and the Two Tunnels cycle route is effectively unavailable along this section. |

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| | **299** | In response to this the following resolution was passed unanimously:-<br>***Monkton Combe Parish Council Inform the respective Highways Authorities of the very high risk of Injury or Death consequent on the continued use of Tucking Mill Lane as an alternative through fare to the closed A36.*** *And that all liability and costs of any and all consequent action for damages and compensation fall squarely on those respective responsible Highways Authorities. WE, Monkton Combe Parish Council can accept no further duty, responsibility, or liability in this respect, having thoroughly exhausted every avenue available to us to warn those Authorities of the impending risk and dangers.*<br>The Clerk was asked to write again to Paul Garrod with this meeting report and minute, and to request significant measures, such as a temporary emergency road closure to break the cycle of events before a really serious incident occurs.<br>The Clerk was also asked to write to the Police and request the presence of a Police Officer and Vehicle at Tucking Mill on some mornings 07:40 to 09:10, in order to change the behaviour and attitude of motorists at this peak time. |
| | **300** | **Brassknocker Hill Speed Limits and Weight Restrictions** – It is not possible to progress for the time being. |
| | **301** | **Shaft Road - Tarmac drive extension protruding into road –** It is reported that the design for the revised access has been approved, but as yet not implemented. |
| | **302** | **Combe Down Allotments** – It was reported that the Allotment holders have been given formal notice to leave by B&NES Council. |
| **9** | | **Reports** |
| | **303** | **PARISH LIAISON MEETING –** The next meeting is 19th March 2025.<br>**Bath Preservation Trust** – There have been no meetings recently. |
| | **304** | **School** – Minutes of the recent meeting will be circulated by the Chair. |
| | **305** | The Chair will draw the School's attention to the poor condition, due to Ash Die back, of the trees along the Clank. |
| **10** | | **Correspondence Received** |
| | **306** | **The Somersetshire Coal Canal Restoration Policy** - Noted |
| **11** | | **Other matters to report** |
| | **307** | **New development at Mount Pleasant**<br>It is reported that the Street Name proposed is Pipistrelle Close.<br>In response to Mount pleasant Residents construction traffic concerns, they have been made aware of the detailed measures in the Construction Management Plan. |
| | **308** | **The poor condition due to flooding of Footpath BA16/12 (Brassknocker Hill to Dundas) –** The Clerk reported the further deterioration of this path. B&NES PROW are aware so no further chasing is thought necessary. |
| | **309** | **Resignation of Councillor Charles Carr** – Councillor Charles Carr, having moved to an address in central Bath, resigned from the Parish Council. |
| **12** | **310** | **Date of Next Meetings**<br>The Following Dates were confirmed, all at 7:00 p.m. other than the Annual Parish Meeting<br>Tuesday 14th January 2025 – Budget & Precept meeting (Precept deadline is 1st February 2025).<br>Tuesday 18th March 2025<br>Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting<br>Tuesday 13th May 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting (Audit and Annual Return). |
| | | **The meeting Closed at 21:20** |

Approved and signed Tuesday 14th January 2025 ..... Chairman