MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on 14th January 2025 at 7.00pm

		Parish Council Members Present:, Cllr Lyn Alvis, Cllr. Adelle Brenner, Cllr. Charles Carr, Cllr. Penny Tranter, Cllr. Mike Wareham, Cllr Des Wighton, Mr. Geoff Davis – Clerk. **Others present**: Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley
1	**311**	**To receive apologies for absence –** Cllr. James Bradby
2	**312**	**Declarations of interest and dispensations –** None.
3	**313**	**Confidential Matters -** None
4	**314**	**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th November 2024** approved and signed by the Chairman
5		**Financial Matters**
	315	**RFO Report and Payments for Approval -** The RFO Report was received, noted and signed by the Clerk and Cllr. Adelle Brenner.
	316	**Bank Balances as at 08.01.2025** Current Metro Bank £4,387.87 Bath Building Society £9,792.84 Metro Bank Savings £5,100.44 Bath Building Society (Miss Davis) £12,332.45
	317	**Receipts since meeting on 19th November 2024** 11 Metro Bank Interest £3.98 12 Metro Bank Interest £3.73 13 Bath Building Society Interest - Miss Davies Account £297.46 14 Bath Building Society Interest - MCPC Account £236.20
	318	**Payments approved as standing payments or at meeting on 19th November 2024 which have now been made.** MC PC 241177 Village Hall Village Hall Hire 19-11-24 25.00 IN24-994 WJP-Software .gov.uk Domain 6.00 MCPCDec24 A Rowley Pay 25th November to 29th November 2024 398.50 MCPCDec24Clerk Mr G. Davis Pay 29th November to 29th November 2024 365.35 120PH002922852509 HMRC Month 9 Paye 91.40
	319	**Payments for Approval at Meeting on 19th November 2024 -** None
	320	**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Receipts** – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received £6,171 in respect of CIL for the Mount Pleasant Quarry development, and that further receipts of £4,702 (October 2025) and £4,521 (April 2026) are expected totalling £15,394. The Parish Council resolved to exclude these receipts from the normal accounts and budget, and to hold these funds as a ring-fenced reserve for the exclusive use of Community Infrastructure projects for the betterment of the Parish.
	321	The Chair will place an item in the Village Newsletter informing residents of these funds and to request suggestions for projects on which the CIL Funds might be appropriately spent.
	322	**Budget for 2025/26 and Parish Precept** The Clerk presented a budget, which excluded the CIL funds. The Parish Council resolved to accept this budget. This budget has a Precept figure of £13,661, and the Parish Council further resolved to set the Precept at this figure of £13,661. This is an increase of £768 on the 2024/25 Precept, however as the Tax Base (the average number of Households in the Parish) has risen from 179.55(2024/25) to 190.24(2025/26), the Household Contribution remains unchanged at £71.81. This yields a balance of income over expenditure of £1,078 which reflects some carrying forward of the unspent budget on Parish and Other Works in 2024/25.
6		**Parish Council Matters and Works**
	323	**Parish Councillor Vacancy –** The vacancy arising from the resignation of Charles Carr has been duly advertised with no election being called by ten electors. The Council is therefore free to co-opt a new member at this, or any subsequent meeting. The Chair will also place an item in the forthcoming Village Newsletter advertising this post.

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		Parish Council Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors.
	324	**Move to monktoncombe-pc.gov.uk domain and e-mail address changes –** The Parish Council website has now moved to the monktoncombe-pc.gov.uk domain. The e-mails of the Officer and Councillors will transfer to @monktoncombe-pc.gov.uk addresses (from the present @monktoncombepc.org addresses) in the coming weeks.
	325	**Car Park - Abandoned Vehicle -** The Chair reported that the vehicle has been removed by the owners.
	326	**Village Playground –** It was reported that moss had returned to the playground surface, which will require treatment in the Spring if it does not die back of its own accord.
	327	**Neighbourhood Watch –** The Parish Council received an Events and Security Update - January 2025 (Note to Local Authorities) from Avon & Somerset Police. This has been duly noted.
	328	**Lockup Repairs** – We have received an Invitation to Comment on the Application to Amend the Designation Listing. Noted and no comment to make.
	329	**Miss Davis Garden** – Jeff Avis has completed the Winter clearance and tidying works. An larger than usual amount has been Invoiced and the Clerk is asked to query this with the Contractor.
	330	**Village Hall –** The Burns Supper is arranged for January 25th and is fully booked. A Jane Austen week-end is being considered for October. It was reported that the Curtains need replacement, and these might be a suitable item for use of CIL.
	331	**Public footpath (to the west of 1 South View),** the Chair has notified Curo that this wall needs the top stonework resetting, and they have scheduled the works.
	332	**Wheelwrights Public House** – It was reported that the Lease has been taken over and that the new owner is to re-open in March 2025.
	333	Cllr. Penny Tranter raised the possibility of registering the Wheelwrights Public House as a Community Asset. The Clerk was asked to forward the application documentation for the South Stoke Packhorse Public House (successful) application, so it is better understood what is involved in such a process.
7		**Planning**
		Applications Received - None
	334	**Decisions Pending**
		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.
	335	**PLANNING DECISIONS by B&NES & WILTSHIRE**
		24/04096/CONSLT - Combe Grove, Brassknocker Hill, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HS - Consultation request re Woodland Management Plan for Combe Grove Estate - **No Comment**
		PLANNING APPEALS - None
		ENFORCEMENT UPDATE - None
		Other Planning Matters to Report
	336	**Revised Local Development Scheme (LDS to update the Local Plan preparation schedule) Published.**
	337	**The Somersetshire Coal Canal – B&NES Parish Council Briefing**
8		**Highways and Footpaths.**
	338	**A36 Closure – Impacts on Tucking Mill Lane and elsewhere.** This matter continues to be pursued vigorously by the Chair, the Clerk, and Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley. B&NES Officer Paul Garrod is to raise this again with National Highways, and a possible road closure and related signage considered
	339	**Shaft Road - Tarmac drive extension protruding into road –** Still no progress to report, and the Council and Ward Councillor will continue to press this matter.
	340	**Combe Down Allotments** – A Report on the current situation regarding closure. B&NES Newsroom Update have published a statement on their website. But basically there is no progress as the owner has not engaged at all with any attempt to discuss this matter.
9		**Reports**
	341	**PARISH LIAISON MEETING –** The next meeting is 19th March 2025.
	342	**Bath Preservation Trust** – There have been no meetings recently and it is thought that communication is now through Newsletters.
	343	**School** – It was reported that the School is aware of the condition of the Ash Trees along the Clank and parallel footpath, having had a full survey done.
10		**Correspondence Received**
	344	**The Somersetshire Coal Canal Restoration Policy** - B&NES gave a briefing to Parish Councils on proposals for changes in the new Local Plan, and Consultation responses.

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11		**Other matters to report**
	345	**New development at Mount Pleasant –** No further report of any matters.
	346	Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley reported that they are hosting a 'Meet Your Councillor' event on 1st and 8th February 2025.
	347	Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley also reported that B&NES Highways would be issuing an e-mail requesting Parish Councils to nominate roads that are in need of re-surfacing. Also, that further funding will be available for 20 m.p.h. zones, and Speedwatch schemes.
12	**348**	**Date of Next Meetings** The Following Dates were confirmed, all at 7:00 p.m. other than the Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 11th March 2025 (Provisional depending on availability of a Clerk). Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 13th May 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting (Audit and Annual Return).
		The meeting Closed at 21:10

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