MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on 11th March 2025 at 7.00pm

		Parish Council Members Present:, Cllr. Adelle Brenner, Cllr. Penny Tranter, Cllr Des Wighton, Mr. Geoff Davis – Clerk. **Others present**: Mark Womersley, Simon Woollen, Bridgett Woollen, Tania Orgill, Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley
1	**349**	**To receive apologies for absence –** Cllr Lyn Alvis, Cllr. James Bradby, Cllr. Mike Wareham – Cllr. Lyn Alvis and Cllr. James Bradby were unable to attend due to Medical reasons and their absence was duly approved.
2	**350**	**Declarations of interest and dispensations –** None.
3	**351**	**Confidential Matters -** None
4	**352**	**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2025** approved and signed by the Chairman
5		**Financial Matters**
	353	**RFO Report and Payments for Approval -** The RFO Report was received, noted and signed by the Clerk and Cllr. Des Wighton.
	354	**Bank Balances as at 01.03.2025** Current Metro Bank £989.86 Bath Building Society £20,002.84 Metro Bank Savings £3,105.72 Bath Building Society (Miss Davis) £12,332.45
	355	**Receipts since meeting on 14th January 2025** 15 B&NES Council CIL Mount Pleasant 1 of 3 £6,171.40 16 HMRC VAT Reclaim 2024 £192.39 17 Metro Bank Interest £3.26 18 Metro Bank Interest £2.02
	356	**Payments approved as standing payments or at meeting on 14th January 2025 which have now been made.** MCPCJan25 A Rowley Pay 30th December to 26th January 2025 298.80 MCPCJan25Clerk Mr G. Davis Pay 30th December to 26th January 2025 292.20 120PH002922852510 HMRC Month 10 Paye 73.20 MCPCFeb25 A Rowley Pay 27th January to 23rd February 2025 298.80 MCPCFeb25Clerk Mr G. Davis Pay 27th January to 23rd February 2025 292.40 120PH002922852511 HMRC Month 11 Paye 73.00 MC PC 251197 Village Hall Village Hall Hire 14-01-25 25.00
	357	**Payments for Approval at Meeting on 11th March 2025 -** None
6		**Parish Council Matters and Works**
	358	**Parish Councillor Vacancy –** Mark Womersley confirmed that he was willing and able to stand as a Parish Councillor. His election was proposed by Cllr. Des Wighton, Seconded by Cllr. Adelle Brenner, and carried unanimously.
	359	Mark Womersley and the Clerk signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
	360	The Clerk will provide an e-mail address and arrange training**.**
		Parish Council Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors.
	361	**Move to monktoncombe-pc.gov.uk domain and e-mail address changes –** The Clerk will ask Swan Management Services to re-issue the e-mail address and password for the new .gov.uk e-mail accounts. Councillors will request their assistance if they have any difficulty setting the new e-mail account as their main e-mail service.
	362	**New Laptop computer for the Clerk** – The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should replace the Council's Laptop computer before its Windows 10 operating system becomes obsolete. They approved a purchase of a modern computer at a cost of £399.
	363	**Car Park - Resurfacing -** The Chair has obtained quotes for re-surfacing the Car Park. However, none were affordable.
	364	**Village Playground –** Nothing further to report at this meeting.

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		Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.
	365	**Lockup Repairs** – Nothing further heard regarding the Application to Amend the Designation Listing.
	366	**Miss Davis Garden** – Nothing to report
	367	**Village Hall –** Only to report that the Curtains need replacement, and these might be a suitable item for use of CIL.
	368	**Church Drung Wall,** the Chair has notified Curo that this wall needs the top stonework resetting, and they have scheduled the works. Also that there are some stones dislodged from the wall in other locations.
	369	**Wheelwrights Public House** – It was reported that it will re-open as a Pub at the end of the month. The Clerk circulated all the papers concerning the registration of the Packhorse Public House as a Community Asset.
	370	**Combe Down Allotments** – No further report.
7		**Planning**
		Applications Received - None
	371	**Decisions Pending**
		25/00194/COND - Mount Pleasant Quarry, Mount Pleasant, Monkton Combe, Bath - Discharge of conditions 12 Contaminated Land - Investigation and Risk Assessment (Pre-commencement), 13 (Contaminated Land - Remediation Scheme (Pre-commencement)) and 18 (Rainwater Harvesting (Pre-occupation)) of application 24/01952/VAR (Variation of conditions 7 (External & Internal Lighting) and 28 (Plans List) of application 22/04505/FUL (Erection of four dwellings and associated access, landscaping works and ancillary development following demolition of existing buildings, retention of two buildings as bat roosts)).
	372	**PLANNING DECISIONS by B&NES & WILTSHIRE**
		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. **Permitted**
		PLANNING APPEALS - None
		ENFORCEMENT UPDATE - None
	373	**Other Planning Matters to Report**
		Local Plan Reset Document and Call for Sites - Noted
		Consultation on Draft Co-living Position Statement - Noted
		Local Plan Consultation Event 13, 15 or 16 May – Noted as deferred to these dates under Purdah for WECA Mayoral election.
8		**Highways and Footpaths.**
	374	**Missing Footpaths - Mount Pleasant and Shaft Road –** It was recognised that there was insufficient CIL funding for this project. However, funding may be possible under the WECA Local Active Travel Plan.
	375	**A36 Closure – Impacts on Tucking Mill Lane and elsewhere.** The residents present at the meeting reported that following the partial re-opening of the A36, traffic along Tucking Mill lane was building up again and problems are being experienced now that all the passing places have bollards to prevent further vehicles falling off the road. This is particularly the case on Recycling days. A number of possible remedies were suggested, • Making it One way • Low traffic Neighbourhood • Chicanes and speed restrictions • Letting it become a by-way • Signage saying unsuitable for motor vehicles • Effort by the community to repair and reinstate a couple of the safer passing bays The Clerk will forward this Minute to B&NES Highways and Cllr. Fiona Gourley agreed to take these ideas to B&NES Highways when she next meets with them to discuss the lane.
	376	**Shaft Road - Tarmac drive extension protruding into road –** As per approved drawings, there will be changes in the carriageway as well as the access. It will be a smooth transition once they completed the work as the approved drawing show to increase the road level further the access so there shouldn't be any sudden drop. There will be no cost to the council as the developer is doing the work. B&NES have received the response from the developer on legal agreements and they plan to do the work in due course. They are being chased to get a planned start date and a construction management plan.

8		**Highways and Footpaths.** Continued.
	377	**Footpath BA16/12 Brassknocker Hill to Dundas –** Works have been carried out to resolve the problems due to the flooding.
	378	**Temporary Closure of Public Footpaths BA16/2 & BA22/18, Tucking Mill Reservoir** – We have received a notice of this closure from 19/05/2025 for six months. It was pointed out that a much shorter diversion exists via the Two Tunnels Cycle path, using the Deer gate installed just before the tunnel.
	379	**Brassknocker Hill –** Correspondence has been received from a resident raising concerns about the Highways safety on this road. Cllr. Adelle Brenner has responded requesting that they record incidents and create a file of evidence which the Parish Council can then use to press for appropriate mitigation.
		Reports
9	**380**	**PARISH LIAISON MEETING –** The next meeting is 19th March 2025, at the Keynsham Recycling Centre.
	381	**Bath Preservation Trust** – The Bath Rural Area Forum takes place on 18.03.25 (2pm-4pm)
	382	**School** – There has been no meeting recently. The issue of parking along Church lane will be raised at the next one, as access for emergency vehicle is being compromised at times.
10		**Correspondence Received**
	383	**Meet Your Ward Councillors,** this event took place on Saturday 1 March at the King William in Tunley 10.30-12.30pm
	384	**Ward Councillors Empowerment Fund** – Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley draws the attention of Parish Councils to the availability of this funding.
	385	**Licensing Consultation – Licensing Act 2003 -** The Clerk has responded to the Consultation suggesting the Policy should be revised to include Parish Councils as a Consultee to a Licensing Application. Also to highlight the issuing of a Temporary Event Notice that contradicts any Planning or Licensing restrictions already in place.
11		**Other matters to report**
	386	Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley reported that the bus route D2X will not be reinstated to run along the A36 when that road fully re-opens. Instead extra services are being provided for the D2 and D2X through Midford on the B3110.
	387	**West of England Combined Authority Mayoral Elections** – take place on 1st May 2025 and there is the normal period of 'purdah' immediately prior to this.
12		**Date of Next Meetings**
	388	The Following Dates were confirmed, all at 7:00 p.m. other than the Annual Parish Meeting Monday 28th April 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting (previously 15th April)
	389	The Clerk will draft the Annual Report and circulate to Councillors prior to his absence commencing 21st March until 25th April.
	390	Tuesday 27th May 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting (Audit and Annual Return). (Previously 13th May).
		The meeting Closed at 21:33

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