CLERK'S REPORT – 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

Parish Council Matters – Agenda Item 6

Parish Councillor Responsibilities – To review listing on website and agree any changes.
The future provision of Parish Clerk Services – You may wish to discuss this as a Confidential Item at a later date. The Clerk is giving Notice of a change of a reduction of hours as a phased retirement from service. You may wish to consider if this is acceptable to the Council and what arrangements you would be satisfactory for the Parish going forward.
Move to monktoncombe-pc.gov.uk domain and e-mail address changes – To confirm that Councillors have all now moved to the new .gov.uk e-mail address.

Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors to report

- Car Park
- Village Playground - The Inspection indicated some minor repairs which are being done by the Chair. Some small items have been purchased to make these repairs.
- Neighbourhood Watch & Police Report – Avon and Somerset Police have sent you an Events and Security Update - January 2025 (Note to Local Authorities) in respect of Rememberance Day events.
- Lockup
- Miss Davies Garden
- Village Hall

Contribution to Church Wall for Noticeboard - In this case I think it would be wise to leave the Invoice for the Church to pay, and make a grant to the Church in respect of the repair.
You only set a Budget of £1,000 for 'Other Works' and £0 for 'Parish Works' against which you have already spent £320. So there is really only £680 in the 'kitty' for the Church.

Highways and Footpaths – Agenda Item 8

Footpath Maintenance - Contribution to Cotswold National Landscapes – South Stoke Parish Council made a donation of £100 to Cotswolds National Landscape Countryside Fund for future Warden initiated projects in respect of their Footpath clearance done by the Wardens. I have full Bank Details to do likewise for Monkton Combe.
I wrote to you all in respect of your budgets and available funds for Footpath Clearance and we can review that again if necessary.
However, I think a 'one-off' donation to the above fund of £300 would entirely appropriate, proportionate, and set the context as entirely ad-hoc, rather than any hint of any 'contractual' arrangement.

Reports – Agenda Item 9

Bath Preservation Trust - The next meeting of the Bath Rural Area Forum will be held on 15 October 2025 at the Museum of Bath Architecture (MoBA)

Dates for Future Meetings – Agenda Item 12

To confirm the agreed dates for the year:-
Monday 10th November 2025 – 7:00p.m. – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 12th January 2026 – 7:00p.m. – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 16th March 2026 – 7:00p.m. – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 13th April 2026 – 7:30p.m. – Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 11th May 2026 – 7:00p.m. – Annual Parish Council Meeting