MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on 10th March 2026 at 7.00pm

		Parish Council Members Present: Cllr Adelle Brenner, Cllr. Penny Tranter, Cllr. Oli Treasure, Cllr. Mike Wareham, Cllr Des Wighton, Cllr. Mark Womersley, Mr. Geoff Davis – Clerk. **Others present**: Ward Cllr. Matt McCabe
1.	**570**	**To receive apologies for absence –** None
2.	**571**	**Declarations of interest and dispensations –** Cllr. Oli Treasure declared his interest in Agenda Item 8. 26/00561/TCA - The Old Farmhouse
3.	**572**	**Confidential Matters –** None
4.	**573**	**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th January 2026** approved and signed by the Chair.
5.		**Financial Matters**
	574	**RFO Report and Payments for Approval -** The RFO Report was received, noted and signed by the Clerk and Cllr. Des Wighton.
	575	**Bank Balances as at 01.11.2025**

Current Metro Bank £1,649.14 Bath Building Society £27,502.84
Metro Bank Savings £3,140.84 Bath Building Society (Miss Davis) £12,332.45

576 **Receipts since meeting on 6th January 2026**

13	31/12/2025	MetroBank	Interest Dec 2025	2.26
14	20/01/2026	B&NES 25WCEF065	WCEF Grant for Playground Slide	350.00
15	04/02/2026	HMRC VAT	VAT ReClaim for 2025	321.90
16	31/01/2026	MetroBank	Interest Jan 2025	2.26
17	11/02/2026	B&NES Council	CIL 22/03708/FUL 3 Tucking Mill Cottages	1308.53
18	28/02/2026	MetroBank	Interest Feb 2025	2.05

577 **Payments approved as standing payments or at meeting on 6th Janaury 2026 which have now been made.**

MCPCJan26ER	22/01/26	Elise Rowley	Pay 29th Dec to 25th Jan 2026	308.40
MCPCJan26GD	22/01/26	Mr. G. Davis	Pay 29th Dec to 25th Jan 2026	360.24
BankChgJan	28/01/26	MetroBank	Account Maintenance Fee Jan 26	3.00
120PH002922852610	02/02/26	HMRC	Month 10 Paye	94.99
MCPCFeb26ER	19/02/26	Elise Rowley	Pay 26th Jan to 22nd Feb 2026	308.40
MCPCFeb26GD	19/02/26	Mr. G. Davis	Pay 26th Jan to 22nd Feb 2026	360.04
PP-14710517	18/02/26	The Planning Portal	Application Fee - Interpretation Board	84.00
BankChgFeb	28/02/26	MetroBank	Account Maintenance Fee Feb 26	3.00
120PH002922852611	02/03/26	HMRC	Month 11 Paye	95.19
DD-ICO	16/03/26	Information Commissioner	Data Registration Renewal 2026-27	47.00

578 **Payments for Approval at Meeting on 10th March 2026 - None**

579 **Community Infrastructure Report and proposed projects.**
A further £1308.53 of CIL has been received in respect of 22/03708/FUL 3 Tucking Mill Cottages. This gives a total of £12,181.76 received thus far with another £4,521 expected next financial year when the Mount Pleasant Quarry development completes. There is thus a total of £16,703 of CIL funds to spend in the next three years. The various projects on which the CIL might be spent are discussed later in these minutes.

6.		**Parish Council Matters and Works**
	580	**Chair for year 2026-27** – Des Wighton indicated that he would like to retire from his position as Chair, having held it for 10 years now. No other Councillors were willing to take on the role for the forthcoming year 2026-27. Des agreed to continue for a further year.
		Parish Councillor Responsibilities – It was agreed to simplify responsibilities to the headline items only.
	581	The following draft allocations were discussed and agreed, and will be finalised at the next meeting.

James Bradby	Church liaison, Village Hall liaison
Adelle Brenner	School Liaison, Police Liaison, Somerset Coal Canal Society Liaison
Penny Tranter	Footpaths and Bridleways, Bath Preservation Trust Representative,
Oli Treasure	Village Playground and Garden
Mark Womersley	Roads and Highways, Bath Preservation Trust
Mike Wareham – Vice Chair	Bus Shelter, Village Bus Services, B&NES Parishes liaison
Des Wighton - Chair	Planning policy and consultation, Village Hall liaison, Village Hall Car Park Village Lock-up, Mill Lane Phone Box, School Liaison
Geoff Davis – Clerk	Responsible Financial Officer, Parish Notice Boards and Communication

7.		**Parish Council Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors.**
	582	**Car Park –** It was agreed not to investigate the issues with Title further. The Chair agreed to draft an executive summary of the all the various Title Deeds.
	583	**Village Playground –** The Chair has been unable to secure any proposal for a slide that did not involve removing other playpark items, nor were the proposals at a proportionate cost. It was agreed to not progress this further, and instead investigate the feasibility of creating a new Playpark on the paddock behind the Village Hall. It was further agreed to discuss this idea of a new Playpark, funded from CIL and grants, with residents at the Annual Parish Council meeting.
		Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.
		Lockup Repairs – Nothing to report.
		Miss Davis Garden – Nothing to report
		Village Hall – Nothing to report
	584	**Church Wall Noticeboard** – The design and content of the Monkton Combe Interpretation Panels (funded by Cotswolds National Landscape) has been agreed. The Clerk has submitted the Advertising Consent application, but been informed that a Listed Building Consent application is also required. This LBC application requires further information, and this is in hand. Re-quotes will be sought from Amanda Steer, the artist, and NMD Design who will make the panel. The Clerk was instructed to raise all the necessary orders when these quotes are received.
8.		**Planning**
		<u>Applications Received</u>
	585	**26/00561/TCA - The Old Farmhouse, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7H -** Leylandii - remove hedge. 4/5 x Poplars - remove 1 x Rowan - fell. (Amended proposal following clarification). **No Comment to make.**
	586	**26/00653/AR - St Michael's Church, St Michael's Court, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7EZ -** Display of Interpretation Board and replacement Village Noticeboard **– Parish Council's Application**
	587	**<u>Decisions Pending</u>**
		25/04293/FUL - Monks Hill, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HL - Erection of a timber carport and garden room.
	588	**<u>Planning Decisions by B&NES & Wiltshire</u>**
		25/03452/CLPU - Westbury View, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HN - Proposed siting of a 'Caravan' within the curtilage of dwellinghouse to be used as ancillary accommodation incidental to existing main dwellinghouse (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Development). **LAWFUL**
		<u>PLANNING APPEALS</u> - None
		<u>ENFORCEMENT UPDATE</u> - None
		<u>Other Planning Matters to Report</u>
	589	**B&NES New Local Plan - Somerset Shire Coal Canal Policy Options –** The Parish Council has responded to this Option saying it supports any Objection from the affected Parishes. The proposal from Combe Hay Parish Council for an Alliance of Parishes and Landowners to Object to the principal of re-opening the Canal as a Waterway was considered inappropriate at this point, and it was considered that we should wait until the outcome of the B&NES Scrutiny Committee when it considers all New Local Plan Options for inclusion in the plan.
	590	**Bath and North East Somerset Planning Obligations SPD Interim Update –** Confirmation that the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Interim Update was adopted by Bath and North East Somerset Council on 24th February 2026. **Noted**
9.		**Highways and Footpaths.**
	591	**Tucking Mill Lane -** Bollards and Passing Places – It was noted that several of these remain damaged, and we await repairs by B&NES Highways. It was however, accepted that this will remain a continuing problem given the restricted spaces.
	592	**Temporary Closure of Public Footpaths BA16/2 & BA22/18, Tucking Mill Reservoir and Diversion Via BA16/1** – The Clerk has reminded B&NES PROW and Wessex Water of the urgent need to repair the diversion route.
	593	**Missing Footpaths - Mount Pleasant and Shaft Road – H**aving been Identified a potential CIL project for a Virtual Pavement, it was agreed to discuss this with residents at the Annual Parish Council meeting.
	594	**Church Lane Parking issues** – **H**aving been Identified a potential CIL project for a Virtual Pavement, it was agreed to discuss this with residents at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

10.	**595**	**Reports** **PARISH LIAISON MEETING –** Next Meeting – Weds. 18 March 2026 – at the Recycling Hub, Keynsham. The Vice Chair and Clerk will attend. **Bath Preservation Trust** – Nothing to Report **School** – Nothing to Report.
11.	**596** **597**	**Correspondence Received** **Save Bradford on Avon Fire Station** – Request for Parish and Residents support and to join campaign to Lobby Wiltshire Fire and Rescue to retain this Fire Station in their review of rural Fire Station provision. The Parish Council has placed this in the Village Newsletter, but as we are Avon & Somerset, it was not thought appropriate to respond to the consultation. Ward Cllr. Matt McCabe confirmed that the Ward Cllrs. Had responded on behalf of B&NES Council. **Sulis Club - Request for your Support - Asset of Community Value** – The Parish Council supports the application. As a letter of support to the B&NES Officer is not part of the decision process it was thought inappropriate to send one. It was also noted that it is very unlikely that the Sulis Club Option for development would be included in the New Local Plan as the site is entirely within the World Heritage Site boundary.
12.		**Other matters to report - None**
13.	**598**	**Date of Next Meetings -** The agreed dates for the year were confirmed:- Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7:30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 19th May 2026 – Annual Parish Council Meeting - Audit and Annual Return.
		The meeting Closed at 21:20

Approved and signed Tuesday 19th May 2026 ..... Chairman