

CLERK'S REPORT – 14th January 2025

Financial Matters – Agenda Item 5

Budget for 2025/26 and Parish Precept must be set at this meeting and separate meeting papers have been sent out.

Parish Matters and Works – Agenda Item 6

Parish Council 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.

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 @monktoncombecp.org addresses) in the coming weeks.

Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors to report

- **Car Park - Abandoned Vehicle** - Report
- **Village Playground** – Any Report
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - we have received an Events and Security Update - January 2025 (Note to Local Authorities) from Avon & Somerset Police.
- **Lockup** – We have received an Invitation to Comment on the Application to Amend the Designation Listing.
- **Miss Davies Garden**
- **Village Hall**
- **Public footpath** (to the west of 1 South View), the Chair has notified Curo that this wall needs the top stonework resetting.

Wheelwrights Public House – Any further report.

Highways and Footpaths – Agenda Item 8

A36 Closure – Impacts on Tucking Mill Lane and elsewhere. Residents of Tucking Mill Lane report severe congestion, aggressive driving, confrontation and accidents. This matter having been pursued vigorously by the Chair, the Clerk, and Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley, without much action from National Highways other than increased signage.

Shaft Road - Tarmac drive extension protruding into road – Any report on progress from last meeting. There is none physically.

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.

Reports – Agenda Item 9

School – Any Report following up on the report that the condition of the Ash Trees along the Clank and parallel footpath appears to pose a possible risk to Public Safety due to Ash Die back.

Correspondence Received – Agenda Item 10

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.

Other Matters to Report – Agenda Item 11

New development at Mount Pleasant

Any further report on Mount Pleasant Residents construction traffic concerns

Dates for Future Meetings – Agenda Item 12

To confirm dates for the coming year all at 7:00 p.m. other than the Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 18th March 2025

Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 13th May 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting (Audit and Annual Return).