

**Modbury Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 6th August 2024, 7.00 pm**

Present Cllr Barbara Price (BP) (Chair), Bill Cole (BC), Richard Foss (RF), Tony Price (TP), Phil Smith (PS), Dave Trigger (DT), Ann Turner (AT), Sarah Wyatt (SW).

Also present: Cllrs Rufus Gilbert (RG) (DCC) and Bernard Taylor (BT) (SHDC) from 7.45pm

4 members of the public were in attendance and 4 representatives from SWW attended.

Public Forum:

1. SWW detailed the additional work required on Poundwell Street in September:

- During the work earlier in the year the problems with the pipes behind the Exeter Inn were found to be worse than the survey had shown and so temporary repairs were done in order to achieve the deadline
- The permanent work has been deliberately scheduled for the autumn to avoid the summer season
- Church Street will not close – there will be traffic lights
- It is hoped closure of Poundwell Street will be for 1 night only and overnight from 7pm
- There will be no official diversion for this short period
- Traffic order is for 5 days and they hope to complete in 3 but adverse weather will impact the length of works
- It will be the same team working as earlier in the year
- For updates go to the dedicated [page on their website](#)

Update since the meeting – the work will now start on 16th September

2. A member of public raised concerns regarding a planning application on land At SX 673 511, Modbury due out for consultation– the application will be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting and their recommendation brought to the September full council meeting.

Report from Devon County Councillor (RG)

- There is further money available from the locality grant
- Local devolution is on track
- DCC is on target to achieve a 70% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030
- GP collective action (email distributed previously)
- Bus timetable changes (email distributed previously)
- PS outlined a recent serious near miss on the pedestrian crossing and re-iterated the urgency of the promised work to repaint the lines – **RG will chase**
- A member of the public highlighted a recent observed example of a traffic warden issuing 3 parking tickets in Modbury but ignoring cars parked outside Co-Op – RG underlined that dates and times are needed in order to report the incident.
- BC raised flooding at Orcheton – DCC have installed edge and hedge markers. AT confirmed a meeting is arranged with the Riparian Owner to progress matters.
- BC raised road slips on Sheephams Road – DCC will not be taking any action. **Clerk to write to landowner**

Report from Souths Hams District Councillor (BT)

- Reminded Council of the Good Citizen's Award in March 2025 requesting nominations from MPC (further details to follow)
- will be attending Orcheton meeting
- PS requested if SHDC would fund work on the trees on the Barracks Road banks if MPC arranged it – **BT to speak to the SHDC tree warden**
- PS queried the lack of maintenance of the verges on the A379 at the industrial estate - **BT to pursue.**
- PS noted the lack of response to his email regarding Millenium Meadow benches requesting replacements from SHDC – **BT to chase**
- clarified some matters regarding the proposed planning application for land At SX 673 511, Modbury

MINUTES

2024 51 **There were no apologies for absence.**

2024 52 **There were no declarations of interest**

2024 53 **Minutes of Meeting 4th June 2024**

Proposed by AT, seconded by PS and all in favour of approving the minutes of the meeting

Matters arising:

Flooding at Orcheton – meeting arranged with the Riparian Owner

Youth consultation – BP fed back on recent training attended – see Community [Engagement Working Group Notes](#)

2024 54 **Policy**

1. [Strategy Delivery Plan](#)

Proposed by BP, seconded by AT and all in favour of adopting

2. **Proposed by BP, seconded by AT and all in favour of adopting the [new Financial Regulations](#) (with amendments to give consistency in the name of the Finance and Human Resources (FHR) committee and insertion of the missing date of December for the draft budget)**

- agreed that this document would be considered by the FHR committee to ensure Council is complying with all the regulations

2024 55 **Finance**

1. The [minutes](#) from the last FHR Committee Meeting were received

2. **Proposed by TP, seconded by PS and all in favour of approving the payments as listed in the [Appendix](#)**

3. The [reconciliation](#) was noted

4. **Proposed by TP, seconded by DT and all in favour of adopting the [revised budget](#)**

5. The quotation for a new noticeboard on the Post Office wall - £568 plus VAT was considered and it was agreed to defer this pending further information regarding fixture.

6. **Request from South Hams Community Action for a financial pledge to support the proposed community transport consultation**

BP and DT (as Trustees) did not participate in the vote

It was agreed to support in principal but no money could be pledged until further information was received.

7. **Proposed by DT, seconded by RF and all in favour of the renewal of the Play Area inspections agreement with SHDC - £235 plus VAT per play area.**

2024 56 **Planning**

1. The [minutes](#) from the last committee meeting were received

2. The decision made by SHDC was noted:

a) 1515/24/TCA 19 Church Street Modbury T1: Hazel - crown height reduction by 2.5m & lateral reduction on all sides by 2.5m in height & T2: Willow - crown height reduction by 2.5m & lateral reduction on all sides by 2.5m in height

Decision: No Objection Raised

2024 57 Maintenance Update

1. The [minutes](#) from the last committee meeting were received

2024 58 Allotments

1. Public Works Loan (PWL) for the potential purchase of land

There is no further opportunity to apply for the levelling up grant funding to purchase the land currently holding the allotments and BP summarised the Public Works Loan procedure:

- there is a strict procedure to adhere to which includes a robust consultation with parishioners prior to submitting the application
- A rough estimate of the implications of an example loan of £80,000 would be repayments of £6,600 per annum over 20 years - being an increase of approx. £11 per council band D property per annum (this is before any other increase which might need to be applied to balance the council budget but could be off-set with an increase in the rental charges to the allotment holders)
- A PWL might also be an option to cover the cost of works to improve pedestrian safety in the town and this would need to be considered in the equation
- As a decision would need to be made before setting the budget in December and agreeing the precept demand in January there is a tight time-scale

Agreed that BP will bring a detailed proposal to the September meeting

2024 59 Community Engagement

1. [Feedback](#) from the last working group meeting was received
2. [Feedback](#) from the South Hams Arts Festival briefing session was received

2024 60 Sustainability

1. It was agreed to support the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bike and e-scooters) and their disposal – [see website](#)
2. The recent Nature Festival organised by Mod WAG was successful and the group thank MPC for their support.

2024 61 Modbury Association of Recreation and Sports update:

1. BP gave feedback from the last meeting
2. MARS is currently undergoing an internal audit
3. Work progresses with the legal work to create the Modbury Recreation Trust and the Trust governance document and Terms of Reference for the management committee will come to the September meeting for approval

2024 62 Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups: To receive updates (If any) from Committees, sub-committees, working Groups not dealt with earlier.

- South Hams Arts Festival dealt with earlier

2024 63 All Council actions since the last meeting have been covered

2024 64 To agree the Saturday Rota:

10 th August	Sarah Wyatt	17 th August	Tony Price
24 th August	Dave Trigger	31 st August	Richard Foss
7 th September	Bill Cole		

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd September. (Noted that the October meeting is on Tuesday 8th October.)

Meeting closed at 9.31pm