

**Modbury Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 8th October 2024, 7.00 pm
The Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field**

MINUTES

Present Cllr Barbara Price (BP) (Chair), Bill Cole (BC), Richard Foss (RF), Tony Price (TP), Dave Trigger (DT), Ann Turner (AT), Sarah Wyatt (SW) and Cllr Bernard Taylor (BT) (SHDC)

5 Members of the public were in attendance

Public Forum:

A member of the public asked why overgrown trees along the footpath from Burns Lane to Tuckers Brook had not been dealt with despite it having been reported last autumn. **The clerk explained that a significant sum of money had been invested in tree management in the last 2 financial years and that these trees had not been highlighted in the survey but would be reviewed again.**

Report from Devon County Council

Cllr Gilbert had sent apologies and the following report:

DEVOLUTION

The secretary of State has now signed off on this and it will come into being April 2025.

It is named: CCA Combined County Authority. It will NOT affect in any way Parish and Town Councils.

Report from Souths Hams District Councillor

Highlighted the Community Volunteer Awards that will be relaunched in the next few weeks. There are 4 categories; Under 18, Seniors, Groups, Green Initiative. MPC are encouraged to nominate individuals or groups.

2024 84 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Smith (Holiday)

2024 85 There were no declarations of interest

2024 86 Minutes of the Meeting 3rd and 17th September 2024

The Council considered the draft Minutes (distributed earlier).

Proposed by TP, seconded by RF and all in favour that the minutes of 3rd September be approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by BP, seconded by AT and all in favour that the minutes of 17th September be approved as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising:

Grass verges on the A379 at the industrial estate – **Cllr Smith is still liaising with SHDC to bring this cut into the MPC cutting schedule.**

Additional street lighting along Chatwell Lane – **clerk has chased this twice and will chase again**

2024 87 Finance

1. Proposed by RF, seconded by SW and all in favour of approving the payments as listed in Appendix 1

2. The reconciliations were noted

3. The quotation from Parish Online to host email accounts was considered and it was agreed to hold this over to the New Year and monitor customer support from Parish Online through their hosting of MPC website.

Current fee is £591 ex vat per year

Parish Online equivalent mail system for £324 ex vat per year. That will give 30GB mailboxes, 100GB of shared cloud storage, Online file editing, and a Chat and Video calling system.

4. It was agreed to advertise the clerk vacancy with Devon Jobs on a platinum package for 28 days at £500.

2024 88 Planning

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

Standing orders were dropped for a member of the public to clarify a point regarding the Cotlass and Prigdon Native Woodland Creation Scheme

Standing Orders Resumed

2. The decisions made by SHDC were noted:

a) 1551/24/HHO 3 Wakehams Close, Modbury. Householder application for creation of off street parking

Decision: Conditional Approval

b) 2204/24/CLE Bearscombe, Modbury, PL21 0TU Decision: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of barn as a dwelling within Use class C3

Decision: Refusal

c) 1778/24/FUL Mr Matthew Taylor Land At SX 673 511, Modbury Provision of agricultural access track including widening site access, creation of turning area & additional hedge bank planting (Retrospective)

Decision: Conditional approval

2024 89 Policy

1. Proposed by BP, seconded by DT and all in favour of delegating the appointment of a clerk to the FHR Committee.

2024 90 Maintenance Update

Issues with rotting timber on a piece of play equipment and the fence in the Memorial Hall Play Area were noted – **Maintenance Committee to deal with**

2024 91 Allotments

1. Feedback from meeting regarding parking at The Palm Cross allotments

- It has been agreed to start a new contract from 1st April 2025 which will include 2 parking spaces, a revised agreement on the water supply and revised charges

2. MPC are very pleased that the private purchase of the allotments is progressing and there is no danger the community will lose them

2024 92 Community Engagement Update

The [notes](#) from the last working group meeting are available on the website

2024 93 Sustainability update:

1. Flooding at Orcheton – AT summarised the very long drawn out process that has led to a recent site meeting with our local MP, landowner and residents. It is proving difficult to engage The Environment Agency in the process but the feeling is that there was a little progress at that meeting. DCC have erected some barriers to prevent vehicles sinking in the roadside mud and BC has added to these - AT thanked BC. **AT will continue to pursue this.**

2. AT and BP have attended a meeting hosted by Octopus Energy at Bigbury regarding the possibilities of erecting a wind turbine just outside Aveton Gifford. There are many issues to overcome but a potential benefit could be the creation of a community energy group.

Standing Orders were dropped for BT to contribute to the discussion on wind turbines reminding Council that the installation of wind turbines in an AONB is problematic.

3. AT is to pay a visit to the Ivybridge Sewerage Treatment Works and will be attending the Sustainable South Hams meeting later this month.

2024 94 Modbury Association of Recreation and Sports

It was noted that the firework display would take place on 5th November weather permitting.

2024 95 There were no updates from other Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups**2024 96 Council actions since the last meeting not already reported.**

a) Vandalism in the car park – Council has reported this to the SHDC Locality Team who will be monitoring the situation and bringing it to the attention of partner organisations through the Safer Community Partnership.

2024 97 The Saturday Rota was agreed:

12 th Oct	Tony Price
19 th Oct	Bill Cole
26 th Oct	Richard Foss
2 nd Nov	Barbara Price
9 th Nov	Phil Smith
16 th Nov	Dave Trigger

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th November (2nd Tuesday in the month)