

**Modbury Parish Council June Meeting
Tuesday 5th August 2025, 7.00 pm**

DRAFT MINUTES

Public Forum: Members of the public and press are welcome to attend

Member of the public reported white lines on A379 at Grid reference 639/519W and 641/518E in poor condition and the considerations for re-siting the pedestrian crossing in Church St. BP stated these and other safety matters are addressed under agenda item 2025 109 and that self-reporting via the DCC website is available to everyone.

Reports from Devon County and Souths Hams District Councillors

Apologies received from Louise Wainwright DCC – no report

Bernard Taylor SHDC

Congratulated everyone involved with the new town mural in Poundwell Meadow
SHDC council tax receipts over 98%.

Fraud training being given to all SHDC personnel to prevent fraud, hacking & cyber-attacks.
SHDC actively reducing balance of stock/assets held in depots.

Potential to replace benches and bins from current stock while available. **BT to investigate replacement bins for Church Street.**

BC requested SHDC look at cutting trees at entrance of industrial estate on Plymouth Road before autumn

**2025 101 Apologies: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.
Richard Foss – apology received due to house move**

2025 102 Declarations of pecuniary and other interests
Register of interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests within 28 days if there have been any changes to their circumstances.
None received

2025 103 To confirm minutes of the last regular meeting – previously distributed
Proposed PS
Seconded SW
Approved – all in favour
1. Matters arising –
Orcheton. AT drafting letter – **completed and ongoing**

- Follow up email to LW re street lighting – **sent to LW**
- Rialtas - salary figure is an adjustment across year end – **March salary across year end.**
- Correct code applied to Community Events – **original entry reversed**
- Grant applications – **all paid**
- Outstanding parking receipts chased – **one outstanding query. Receipts over £4,000**
- Report to Louise Wainwright DCC - **dealt with under agenda item 2025 109**
- Platinum jubilee hall fund details – **fund information added to MPC website**
- Purchase of Fireproof cabinet – **to be considered at next FHR committee**

2025 104 Planning Committee
1. The minutes from the last meeting were received
AT commented that responses from SHDC to MPC enquiry concerning The Old Chapel not acceptable. **BT to follow up with case officer**
AT stated SHDC confirmed that until a planning decision is made submissions may be entered on the SHDC planning portal after a submission date has passed, which includes the current application made by Bloor Homes. A statement concerning this has been added to social media for general information. **Clerk added to MPC and FB sites**

2025 105 Maintenance Committee
1. The minutes from the last meeting were received

PS confirmed the meeting covered play areas and ongoing maintenance of parish assets
PS in process of obtaining quotes to replace fencing at MHPA

2025 106

To consider grant application

1. The meeting considered a grant application from St George's church for the Town Clock £434.25 – previously circulated to councillors
BT indicated it might be possible to obtain a grant for this amount from SHDC. **It was proposed to submit a grant application to SHDC for £434.25 and in the event of SHDC funding being unavailable MPC would support the original grant application.**

Proposed PS

Seconded TP

Approved – all in favour

Clerk to send details to BT SHDC - sent 6/8/25

2025 107

Finance

1. To approve payments as listed in Appendix 1 £11,744.84 previously circulated

Proposed PS

Seconded TP

Approved – all in favour

2. To note the reconciliation between Lloyds Bank and Rialtas – **Bank balance and internal control system agreed at month end**

3. To note NJC pay increase 3.20 per cent per annum back dated to 1st April 2025 - **noted**

2025 108

Strategic Delivery Plan 2025/26

It was proposed that MPC approve and adopt the draft SDP for the financial year 2025/2026

The plan sets out the work to be carried out this year, available finances and how these relate to the 5 year Strategic Plan. The SDP is used as a template at the end of the year to measure MPCs success rate.

PS read the following paragraph for inclusion to the draft document

Although it does not appear in the Council's Strategic Plan, it has become apparent during the last winter that a major reworking of the Emergency Plan had become necessary and the Council has set up an Emergency Planning Working Group to carry this work forward. It will now incorporate any statutory requirements which become necessary following the implementation of Martyn's Law (the outcome of the inquiry into the Manchester Arena terrorist bombing of 2017)

This change was for consideration and approval within the context of the updated SDP which now includes the Emergency planning working group with BP [Chair], PS and SW

It was proposed that the SDP incorporating this additional change is adopted

Proposed PS the revised version

Seconded AT

Approved – all in favour

2025 109

MPC report to Louise Wainwright

PS provided a verbal explanation of the report previously circulated outlining the extent of work undertaken to complete the MPC priority action list which covers the condition of road surfaces [graded] within the parish, road safety issues including the Callidus report, maintenance including work undertaken by the Road Warden, PROW and P3 all of which is catalogued on parish online.

It was proposed that this report and supporting documentary evidence be sent to LW as requested to assist her in obtaining support from DCC for MPC

Proposed BC

Seconded AT

**Approved – all in favour
Clerk posted report to LW 8/8/25**

BP thanked PS for his hard work delivering the MPC priority list for LW [DCC] and the SDP

2025 110 Biodiversity – carried forward from July meeting

Item C/F from July. AT apologised the draft had not been circulated prior to the meeting
AT explained that this item will look at changes to planning regulations where there is potential for harmful impact on wildlife with potential lighter guidance. Wildlife groups are concerned that this offers developers a less onerous approach than the current guidelines/framework.
AT to complete and circulate for next meeting.

2025 111 Devolution

Meetings hosted by SHDC to be held in the coming weeks covering this subject as it evolves
Ivybridge Market, Ivybridge - Thursday 21 August
Modbury Memorial Hall, Modbury - Monday 22 September
Attendance can be booked via the link below
<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation-engagement-events>

2025 112 South West Water and Modbury

SWW have confirmed that until the culvert below the Exeter Inn has been fixed by DCC Highways its plans are on hold.
BP to contact SWW for a statement which can be published by MPC

2025 113 Parish Office opening hours

From the 1st August the Parish office will be open on a Tuesday and Wednesday - **noted**
TP to update notice on the parish office window for new days

2025 114 Community Engagement

1. SW provided a verbal report on the last meeting.
Plans for the phone box renovation continue to be developed.
Traders are working with the Modbury Information Centre to improve use of the Website
Heritage group work – parish records available to be digitally recorded
There is an active group of volunteers ensuring plants in the town are maintain in hot weather
New town mural was opened on the 2nd August - **TV coverage by BBC Spotlight**
Aim to raise approx. £2000 to cover the costs through various fund raising initiatives
Volunteer ‘thank you’ event scheduled for 2026 subject to funding
Community larder still under discussion

2. Christmas parking

2 free days have been offered by SHDC. MPC to consider supporting a 3rd day
SW to discuss with traders best/preferred dates
Clerk to contact SHDC to obtain cost for providing a 3rd Saturday of free parking - £195
BT confirmed that S/T car park behind White Hart potentially free for the Saturday Market to use next year courtesy of SHDC

2025 115 Sustainability Group

1. AW provided a verbal report from last meeting
Group BP AT SW looked at current TOR
Discussed plans to invite guest speakers on wild life projects
MPC needs to be proactive encouraging green initiatives
AT – assist Modbury traders to become ‘greener’ – **suggested MPC audit green initiatives by local traders**
Energy – AT and BP recently met Octopus Energy – **OE accepted invitation to October council meeting**
BP and AT to attend energy exhibition in October
Sustainable South Hams – MPC bid to host an event in the autumn. MPC to invite smaller parishes to participate **SSUSH bid to host event - submitted by Clerk**

AT attended SWW teams meeting – SWW organising Community Road shows
AT site meeting at Orcheton with LW [DCC] and follow up with EA
AT to look at regional and national objectives for green initiatives

2025 116 **Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups:**
To receive updates (If any) from Committees, sub-committees, working Groups not dealt with earlier.

PS explained SW had resigned from the Maintenance committee and thanked for her for her time on the committee and would welcome any volunteers to replace her

2025 117 **To agree the Saturday Rota:**

Tony Price 9th Aug
Richard Foss 16th Aug
Bill Cole 23rd Aug
Sarah Wyatt 30th Aug
Tony Price 6th Sept
Dave Trigger 13th Sept
Dave Trigger 20th Sept
Chris Field 27th Sept

2025 118 **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd September 2025 @ 7pm**

Meeting closed at 8.40pm