

**Modbury Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 6th January 2026, 7.00 pm**

DRAFT MINUTES

**Public Forum: Members of the public and press are welcome to attend
Reports from Devon County and Souths Hams District Councillors**

No members of the public in attendance

To receive Devon County and District Councillors' Reports

DCC Louise Wainwright. LW talked about recent gas disruption and praised West & Wales utilities worked to get the problem fixed as soon as possible. Situation highlighted need for robust EP for councils, agencies and utility sector.

LW asked about a demonstration from Modbury road warden on pot-hole repairs for other parishes. **BC happy to oblige provided all wearing correct safety clothing.**

Modbury to join Road Warden WhatsApp group via Kingston pc.

LW reported on recent success of LGR meeting held at Salcombe in December.

Modbury to host next meeting at QE II pavilion 28th March 2026

PS asked LW to follow up on action points from Priorities List including 20mph, street lighting and PROW/P3. **LW confirmed a follow up on these points at County Hall 9th Jan 2026**

SHDC Bernard Taylor Apologies received due to a prior engagement
Brief report given by Ann Turner on his behalf – main points

SHDC raising car parking fees by 4%

Council tax increase by 3.74%

Site meeting for Palm Cross development taking place Monday 12th January if MPC wish to attend

2025 170 Apologies: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.
None

2025 171 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

2025 172 To confirm minutes of the last meeting – previously distributed
Proposed T Price
Seconded P Smith
Approved. All in favour
Matters arising –
1. River Erme – email sent to LW. **Clerk sent email. Awaiting feedback**
2. CCTV OPCC grant application – unsuccessful. **Announcement/results available on OPCC website**

2025 173 Planning To consider the following application:
1. Land At Sx 675 511 Modbury
Part retrospective application involving retaining a sloping earth bank from perimeter of approved agricultural storage shed (planning ref 0166/25/PAA), installation of solar panels to roof and siting of rainwater tank.
<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2594/25/FUL>

To consider response from MPC – previously circulated. Submit to SHDC if approved
AT gave overview of application and explanation for objections to application
Proposed A Turner
Seconded P Smith
Approved. All in favour
Clerk to submit MPC response on SHDC planning portal before 9th January

2. To note the draft minutes from planning meeting held 17th December – previously circulated
Noted

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Finance

1. To approve Budget recommendation 2026/27 - previously circulated
Proposed to increase Precept by 4.94% equal to
Band D £77.29
Per household £3.64p
Proposed D Trigger
Seconded B Cole

Approved. All in favour

2. To approve payments as listed in Appendix 1
£7,879.95 - **brief explanation from Clerk**
Proposed P Smith
Seconded T Price

Approved. All in favour

3. To note the reconciliation between Lloyds Bank and Rialtas.

Reconciled with no differences

4. Insurance – tender process for 2026/27.

Renewal process via tender to Ecclesiastical, NFU, Aviva, Zurich – all provide parish council insurance. BP outlined process and coverage to include Bonfire Night

Proposed P Smith

Seconded S Wyatt

Approved. All in favour

Clerk and B Price to agree timetable for submission

5. Note minutes from Fin & HR meeting 16th December 2025 – previously circulated
Palm Cross parking charges unchanged 2026/27

Noted

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Health & Safety

1. Play areas

PS met with SHDC localities officers before Christmas to discuss reports on the play areas, particularly the Earthwrights equipment at Champernowne. Requested definitive standard from SHDC. MPC to talk to Earthwrights once in receipt of this information

Awaiting feedback from SHDC

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Devolution

1. To monitor developments regarding Gov't LGR plans - local and national
Details of SHDC online event 21st January circulated earlier.

BP encouraged all to register and attend

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Maintenance

1. To note minutes of last meeting 9th December – previously circulated
PS to investigate viability of a scarifying machine. Newton &
Noss pc own one which might be available for hire - no decision as yet.
PS confirmed article in the Modbury messenger about street cleaning

Member of the public on the EP working group to give advice on sources of funding towards EP programme

Recent poor weather has resulted in greater use of salt and grit bins. Salt bin in Poundwell short term park is being obscured by Chinese restaurant bin. **Clerk to send polite request to business to move bin away from the salt bin**

2. To consider MODWAG proposal – previously circulated

BP gave brief overview but stated it was unclear what MPC was being asked about ongoing maintenance costs after Life on the Edge steps away from initial involvement.

PS expressed concern about the unattractive nature of previous attempts at creating wildflower features and agreed that this proposal had a greater chance of delivering something which the town could be proud of. However, given the high visual impact of the Palm Cross site he would recommend that the area adjacent to the cut-through path from Barracks Rd to the Palm Cross allotments be substituted for the patch adjacent to the pop-up play park. The advantage of this choice would be that the latter site was less visually imposing and was anyway originally intended for a wild flower feature which had not been adequately prepared by Bloor Homes before the completion of the estate. **AT to go back to MODWAG to seek clarification on these points.**

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South West Water

1. Scheme of work Church St and Galpin St - Jan & Feb 2026

Update from SWW – no works scheduled before September 2026

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Sustainability

1. Sustainable South Hams – 17th January 2026 QEII pavilion

AT gave brief overview and arrangements for the Energy fair

Clerk to resend information to relevant parties. AT to distribute posters and banners

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Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups:

To receive updates (if any) from Committees, sub-committees, working Groups not dealt with earlier.

Request for community support helplines/links to be added to MPC website

Clerk to action

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To agree the Saturday Rota:

Phil Smith 3rd Jan

Sarah Wyatt 10th Jan

Chris Field 17th Jan

Tony Price 24th Jan

Dave Trigger 31st Jan

Ann Turner 7th Feb

Bill Cole 14th Feb

Barbara Price 21st Feb

Phil Smith 28th Feb

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Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd February 2026 @ 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.48pm