

**Modbury Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 7th April 2026, 7.00 pm**

DRAFT MINUTES

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

No members of the public spoke

Reports from Devon County and Souths Hams District Councillors

To receive Devon County and District Councillors' Reports

Apologies received from Cllr Wainwright DCC and Cllr Taylor SHDC

Cllr Wainwright submitted her annual report which was circulated prior to the meeting and will be included in the papers for the meeting on the MPC website

2026 01 Apologies: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

None received. Cllr Trigger did not attend

2026 02 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.

- Cllr Turner declared an interest in agenda item 2026 05 [2] under Planning

2026 03 To confirm minutes of the last meeting – previously distributed

Proposed P Smith

Seconded C Field

Agreed. AT and BP did not vote – absent in March. Remaining councillors in favour.

Matters arising

ModWaG costings - deferred to April – **After correspondence from ModWaG and discussions with PS and AT, ModWaG confirm that minimal maintenance would be required after 2 years and would be undertaken by volunteers**

Insurance – renewal with Ecclesiastical via Clear. **Clerk confirmed payment.**

BP requested volunteer numbers covered under the policy be increased

DCC funding for maintenance equipment under RW scheme – scarifier. MPC bid unsuccessful for funding from 2025/26 HMCEF funding. Application to be considered under 2-26/27 HMCEF funding. **Item moved to maintenance agenda item going forward**

Update on lease between MPC and MRST. TP confirmed the new lease between MPC and MRST had been signed with MRST becoming the new tenant. **MRST management committee arranging insurance cover for public indemnity for the charity**

Transfer of funds from existing MARS bank account to new MRST bank account. This has been delayed due to a technical hitch with the bank. **Remain on agenda for next meeting**

2026 04 Finance

1. To approve payments as listed in Appendix 1 £5571.31. Clerk gave overview of outgoings including payments to Green Best and Fields in Trust – both related to MRST

Proposed T Price

Seconded P Smith

Agreed. All in favour

2. To note the reconciliation between Lloyds Bank and Rialtas. **Bank reconciled to Rialtas at month end**
3. Update on financial year end. Not all year-end figures available yet but anticipate an underspend against original budget overall

2026 05

Planning

1. 13 Oakwood Drive Modbury PL21 0RY

Householder application for attic conversion with new front and rear dormers

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0530/26/HHO>

AT gave a brief overview of the application and recommended the council support the application

Proposed T Price

Seconded B Price

Agreed. All in favour

2. 20 Brownston Street Modbury PL21 0RG

Listed Building Consent for the replacement of four existing single glazed sash windows with new vacuum double glazed sash windows.

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0588/26/LBC>

Cllr A Turner left the meeting for a short time at 7.20pm as she and her husband are the applicants for this item on the agenda.

BP explained the application was for listed building consent to replace sash windows and recommended the council support the application

Proposed P Smith

Seconded T Price

Agreed. All in favour

Cllr A Turner re-joined the meeting 7.23pm

3. Trinick House Broad Street Modbury PL21 0PU

Listed Building Consent for alterations & improvements to ground floor 'The Cottage' & first floor 'Flat 1' within Trinick House

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0691/26/LBC?cuuid=F7094A3A-B646-481E-9E82-7626BC7BF4A8>

Cllr A Turner gave a brief overview of the application which is a grade 2 listed building involving a change of layout and improved sound proofing subject to approval from the conservation officer. Cllr Price asked for it to be minuted that this property is a next door neighbour. Cllr Turner proposed the council should support

Proposed A Turner

Seconded T Price

Agreed. All in favour subject to approval from the conservation officer.

4. Palm Cross - Public meeting re Bloor Homes development. Feedback and future actions to be considered with feedback comments paper - previously circulated
Chair thanked AT for collating the notes which were made at the time and drafting into a single report. **Clerk to send report to SHDC Democracy Officer for distribution to all members of the Development Management committee, relevant council officers and Bloor Homes and also SWW**

Meeting suspended at 7.25pm for a short time to deal with an external disturbance adjacent to, but unrelated to, the council meeting. Meeting resumed at 7.30pm

Three options were discussed

- Commissioning a traffic safety survey
- Judicial Review
- Complaint to the Local Gov't Ombudsman

It was agreed that MPC should approach traffic safety specialists and get quotes for a survey which must include a site visit. The cost for such a survey could be up to £2,500.00

Cllr Cole felt Callidus should be involved having done work for MPC previously. The other contact - Mr Ian Taylor of Aprica – was provided by a DALC recommended traffic management consultancy firm. Budget for this piece of work was agreed at £2,500. It was further agreed that work should commence without further reference to Full Council assuming the work stayed within the budget

Proposed B Price

Seconded A Turner

Agreed. All in favour

Judicial Review- Having consulted both DALC and Tozers, it was agreed that we would not currently progress this option

Local Gov't Ombudsman – BP proposed that AT, PS and she draft a report on behalf of the council and, once approved, submit it to the LGO

Proposed B Price

Seconded T Price

Agreed. All in favour

BP confirmed LW had written to the local MP and asked her to hold a surgery for MPC and other concerned parishes about the impact of Gov't policy on Neighbourhood plans. Awaiting an answer from the MP via LW on this. MPC would be pleased to host this event. **Clerk to contact LW and confirm same**

2026 06 Modbury Sports and Recreation Trust

1. Fields in Trust – fee paid re lease amendments. TP confirmed that the agreement with Fields in Trust was being progressed to reflect the lease changes from MPC to MRST

2. Confirmation of payment for QEII field maintenance. **First tranche of field maintenance £1,076.44 paid with balance held in EMR.**

2026 07 Health & Safety

1. Play areas – overview. PS confirmed Earthwrights had taken remedial action to make the play equipment safer at Champernowne. MPC maintenance contractor has been requested to remove any non-natural timber and other material from the MHPA following a complaint from the public which has been dealt with

2. Road warden [RW] scheme. PS reported that MPC had received a complaint from DCC Highways officer about RW activity on the A379 at junc. close to the entrance to Stolford farm. Cllr Field visited the site to ensure signage was placed off the main road. PS subsequently took picture of repairs. **Clerk to meet with PS, RW and volunteer team next week at parish office to discuss H & S protocols**

2026 08 Devolution

1. To monitor developments regarding Gov't LGR plans - local and national Including Neighbourhood Area committees

1. MPC response to all LGR proposals – previously circulated. South Hams Society paper was also distributed to all council members. **Clerk to add MPC response paper to MPC website**

2. Neighbourhood Area Committee meeting at QE II pavilion @ 28th March – feedback

Hosted by MPC 5 other parishes attended. There are still lots of unknowns and unanswered questions about how the NAC will operate. LW is working to ensure parish councils have a voice in this process.

3. Council Asset Transfer – paper previously circulated

BP gave a brief overview of SHDC policy towards sale of assets. MPC agreed to submit a proposal for land currently held by SHDC namely Millennium meadow, Fullers Ope, Galpin Street community orchard and the strip of land adjacent to the school in Barracks Road. It was further agreed to include the car parks and toilets even though indications are that these two would not be successful.

Proposed B Price

Seconded B Cole

Agreed. All in favour

2026 09

Maintenance

1. Pot holes – update. PS reported that BC and the volunteer team have filled 188 pot holes under the RW scheme during the course of the year. PS and the members of the council congratulated BC especially as it has such a positive impact on the condition of the road network surrounding Modbury. BP suggested an article in the Modbury Messenger to highlight the work done by BC and his team and thanked them on behalf of the council. **PS agreed to submit article to MM**

2. P3 scheme – update on financial progress and way forward with DCC. PS confirmed that there are now 7 volunteers, new and old ready to commence P3 duties once all payments from DCC have been received and confirmation that cost of training of 4 new volunteers will be borne by DCC. PS confirmed he will act as P3 coordinator. **Clerk confirmed the outstanding payments have been chased and assured they are being processed.**

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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.

SW confirmed that Dementia Friendly Modbury were busy exploring signage around the town to improve the profile of being a dementia friendly town. South Brent have done similar and are being considered as a possible template.

Youth engagement drive is still ongoing with further developments in the pipeline

AT to contact LW about possible funding for the refurbishment of the phone box

AT also mentioned that SHDC are still considering action about The Old Chapel and suggested any reports from members of the public expressing concern should be directed to SHDC rather than MPC

AT also attended the recent community awards at Follaton House and was pleased to report that the Modbury lunch club, Nigel Thoms and Colin Whybrow had all been recognised in various categories. **AT to add a short article in the MM**

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To agree the Saturday Rota:

Bill Cole 4th April

Tony Price 11th April

Barbara Price 18th April

Phil Smith 25th April

Chris Field 2nd May

Bill Cole 9th May

Ann Turner 16th May

Dave Trigger 23rd May

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Part 2 – Public excluded HR matters

2026 13 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th May 2026 @ 7pm

Meeting closed 8.45pm