

**Modbury Parish Council Annual meeting
Tuesday 2nd June 2026, at 7.00 pm
Parish Council Annual Meeting
Draft Minutes**

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

To receive brief annual reports from Modbury groups

Chair opened the meeting and invited representatives of those groups attending to give their annual report

Reports were heard from

Modbury Players
Modbury Tennis Club
Modbury Memorial Hall
Modbury Bridge Club
Modbury May Fair
Modbury Town Improvement
Modbury Christmas Lights
Modbury Recreation and Sports Trust
Modbury Caring
Modbury Welfare Fund
Modbury Community Orchard Group
Modbury Wildlife Action Group
Modbury Litter Pickers
Modbury History Society
Modbury Royal British Legion

The Chair thanked everybody for submitting their reports and for the time given to the various organisations for the benefit of the residents of Modbury. Cllr Wainwright DCC also offered her thanks and encouraged all the groups to explore any possible funding opportunities offered by either DCC and/or SHDC which may be available

Modbury Players also suggested a central Modbury diary would be helpful for the groups to coordinate events and avoid clashes

Member of the public complained about the poor state of white lines and grass verges/sight lines on A379 between Harraton Cross and Goutford Gate and the complete lack of action by DCC despite reporting it previously

Reports from Devon County and South Hams District Council representatives

Louise Wainwright DCC - delivered the new Pothole Handbook promoting the Road Warden scheme and thanked Cllr Cole for his help and support. Road warden scheme event being held in Loddiswell on 14th June. LW will sit on LGR scrutiny committee to ensure transparency in decision making under the new Neighbourhood Committee structure and continues to campaign on environmental issues

Agenda item 2026 47 [2] was moved allowing MPC to discuss the application for funding to purchase equipment which was turned down by DCC. The equipment would be used as part of the Road Warden scheme keeping gutters and gulleys clear. LW will take the matter up with the Road Warden board

Cllr Bernard Taylor SHDC – confirmed the Gov't decision on LGR is still scheduled for mid-July Suggested changes to the planning process will mean that Officers and Chair of planning will make the decisions rather than by committee as it is now

SHDC leisure centres now being run by new organisation as of 1st June

Cllr Taylor confirmed that parishes can continue to apply for support through grants under localities funding

Modbury Saturday market will have use of s/t car park behind The White Hart for 10 weeks during summer

2026 37 Apologies: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

Apology received from D Trigger – personal reasons

2026 38 Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

CLLrs B Price and T Price declared an interest in **Agenda 2026 46 Planning**

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.

2026 39 To approve Minutes of Meeting 5th May 2026 [previously distributed]

Proposed A Turner

Seconded T Price

Agreed. All in favour

2026 40 Matters arising

1. Community Asset transfer submission to SHDC – submitted. No reply as yet. **PS gave a brief outline of process and explained MPC wished to secure these assets in perpetuity from SHDC before the LGR changes happen**

2. Lloyds Bank Debit Card has been issued and received by MPC. **Clerk explained Debit card had been received and able to be used to settle invoices but would not be activated for contactless payments.**

2026 41 Finance

1. To note May payments as listed in Appendix 1 £8,793.46

Proposed T Price

Seconded A Turner

Agreed. All in favour

2. To note the Lloyds Bank reconciliation against Rialtas – agreed against end of month bank balance

3. To confirm Annual Governance and Accountability Return [AGAR] and vote ahead of submission to PFK Littlejohn by 30th June 2026. **Clerk explained difference £ 263.13 between Box 7 and 8 being the net difference between debtors and creditors at financial year end 2025/26**

AGAR submission forms

Proposed B Price

Seconded T Price

Agreed. All in favour

Dates for notification for public access to externally unaudited accounts start on 5th June 2026 for 30 working days with details to be added to the parish website

Proposed B Price

Seconded T Price

Agreed. All in favour

2026 42 Annual Report

1. MPC Annual report [previously circulated]

TP commented on 2 omissions in para 3.3 and para 5.3 which required amendment

TP suggested Para 3.3 should include 'which commenced on 1st April 2026'

TP suggested Para 5.3 should include 'the Parish Council had objected to the application because of concerns about access and road safety'

PS to update and recirculate. Voted for on that basis

Proposed P Smith

Seconded A Turner

Agreed. All in favour

2026 43 Bloor Homes/Palm Cross

1. MPC re SHDC/Tozers submission to Ombudsman published on MPC website – published on website following discussion with Tozers. BP gave a brief outline on where process is including an email reply from MPC to SHDC addressed to Drew Powell

PS commended BP and AT on their work to get the draft report finalised into the complaint letter to the Local Government Ombudsman

2. Traffic safety survey – update on arrangements with Aprica. Recent contractor activity on site - photographs being forwarded to Aprica. A site visit is scheduled for week commencing 8th June.

Aprica thanked MPC for recent photographs of traffic at Palm Cross estate ahead of the site visit

2026 44 Health and Safety

1. Play Areas – recent reports

PS reported that monthly reports highlighted some minor maintenance required which is being dealt with by contractor

PS also reported he had injured himself in the course of examining some fallen trees in Runaway Lane, which has been recorded in the accident book

2026 45 LGR Devolution

1. General update/feedback – no further update.

Timetable for a decision was referred to by Cllr Taylor in his earlier report

2026 46 Planning

1. To receive the minutes from the last committee meeting [previously circulated]

Cllrs B Price and T Price withdrew from the discussion

Cllr P Smith to assume Chair of the meeting for this agenda item

Minutes to be voted on after 2026 46 1 and 2 had been discussed by council

AT gave a brief outline of both applications

To consider the following items

1. White Hart Hotel Church Street Modbury PL21 0QW

Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs, addition of ten floodlights, four Lantern lights and redecoration of lettering to gables in a gold colour.

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/1182/26/LBC>

2. White Hart Hotel Church Street Modbury PL21 0QW

Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/1181/26/ADV>

Proposal is because of concern for road safety and excessive lighting in Poundwell Street the parish council objects to this application

Proposed A Turner

Seconded S Wyatt

Agreed. Cllrs B Price and T Price did not vote with the remaining Cllrs voting in favour

PS then handed the meeting back to BP

2026 47 Maintenance

1. To receive the minutes from the last committee meeting – noted

2. Funding request to HMCEF for scarifier - unsuccessful

This agenda item was discussed before Cllr Wainwright left the meeting

2026 48 MRST

1. Update on funding – CCTV funding has been received from OPCC

Funding received from SHDC Emergency Climate fund towards solar panels and heat source pump at QE II. **Both items recorded as EMR**

2026 49 Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups:

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

Sustainability

AT reported that she and BP attended Climate Emergency film and discussion hosted by Uni of Bath at Ivybridge. AT to explore showing same for Modbury at Mem Hall to include interested groups including school and youth groups such as scouts and guides

AT met with WATER and agreed to notify about any planning issues which may impact their work

AT also reported that disappointingly EA do not appear to have a record of previous correspondence between MPC and themselves regarding the issues of flooding at Orcheton

AT to investigate the possibility of sourcing funding to pay for an independent consultation to examine the issues at Orcheton

Rally for Nature on 5th June with details available on the Sustainable South Hams website

Devon Energy Collective – looking for potential sites for installing wind turbines and solar panels.

AT has registered Modbury as a possible site for consideration

Heritage

TP reported parish register and genealogy records have been scanned and uploaded on to parish website. Ambition to have access to these records via Heritage website

EMR funding £1000 still available for Heritage notice boards for the town
 Phone Box next to Poundwell car park – still work in progress re refurbishment and locking solutions

P3 – footpaths

PS reported that the newly formed team of volunteers held an initial work party day on 28th May
 Next date is scheduled for 11th June

A new volunteer has recently been recruited and there are now 9 P3 volunteers

PS reported the footpath at Trehele has now been cleared by the farmer

Footpath 4 – Runaway Lane blocked by fallen tree which was reported to DCC by PS

PS subsequently escalated the report as requiring immediate attention

PS also attempted to contact the DCC PROW about this issue. Landowner also contacted by PS and will be dealing with this by end of the week. PS also reported he had fallen and injured himself whilst examining the limbs of the tree. This has been recorded in the MPC accident book.

Clerk to contact DCC P3 contact in the absence of reply via the PROW team and discuss H & S issue also whether this should be a road closure issue under Chapter 8

2026 50 To agree the Saturday Rota:

Barbara Price	6th June
Chris Field	13th June
Phil Smith	20th June
Tony Price	27 th June
Bill Cole	4 th July
Ann Turner	11 th July
Dave Trigger	18 th July
Sarah Wyatt	25 th July
Tony Price	1 st August
Barbara Price	8 th August
Phil Smith	15 th August
Chris Field	22 nd August
Bill Cole	29 th August

2026 52 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th July 2026 @ 7pm