

**Modbury Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 4th August 2026, at 7.03pm**

**Parish Council Meeting
Draft minutes**

**Public Forum: Members of the public and press are welcome to attend
Chair welcomed members of the public and invited comments.
Members of public commented on the installation of poles at Long Park**

Several members of the public expressed dissatisfaction about the installation of poles by BTOpenReach in Long Park. The Clerk reported on a conversation with the SHDC case officer who had confirmed notice of intention from utilities companies don't normally have a site visit. Clerk highlighted that the installation of poles was not welcome particularly as this equipment could be installed below ground and that residents were dissatisfied with the current plans.

Another resident cited that in other parts of England and Wales notice of intentions by BTOpenreach have been challenged successfully. Chair BP stated as a historic town Modbury should preserve street scenes and limit additional street furniture wherever possible.

BT to follow up and provide feedback

Another member of the public complained that the resurfacing work by DCC close to Higher Eastleigh had been done badly.

Reports from Devon County and South Hams District Council representatives

Apologies from DCC Louise Wainwright

Report from Cllr B Taylor SHDC – BT said he was able to provide funding to replace 2 Grit Bins and a contribution towards self-watering plant holder troughs

New planning framework comes into effect as of 27th Sept and Dev Management Comm will cease to operate in its existing format. Most planning decisions will be taken by the Chair of DMC, Head of Planning and a relevant council officer

A Turner highlighted the parking machine in Poundwell long term car park was difficult as it only accepts cash or use of the app.

B Cole asked about asset transfers by SHDC – dealt with under Matters arising

Cllr D Trigger joined the meeting at 7.22pm and apologised for his late arrival

**2026 65 Apologies: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.
None**

2026 66 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.

A Turner declared an interest in agenda item 2026 72 Planning [8]

2026 67 To approve Minutes of Meeting 7th July 2026 [previously distributed]

Proposed D Trigger

Seconded C Field

S Wyatt and A Turner were absent at July council meeting and did not vote.

Remaining Cllrs Agreed. All in favour.

2026 68 Matters arising

- 1. Community Asset transfer submission to SHDC. No update awaiting reply from SHDC - BT to follow up and provide feedback**
- 2. Arborcure – email sent re invoices. PS sent chase up on invoices. Clerk has also emailed**
- 3. Aprica traffic survey sent to SHDC and added to MPC website. PS commended the report. Standing orders dropped - Member of the public pointed out that the planning portal now included comments on the traffic survey by SHDC. BP to write letter to SHDC**
- 4. RW Chapter 8 training completed – refresher course as holding a previous ticket**

2026 69 Finance

1. To note July payments as listed in Appendix 1 £5,705.6. **Clerk gave brief overview of expenditure including payments to Aprica Ltd traffic survey, training costs to DALC, Quarterly payment HMRC PAYE and clerk salary**
2. To note the Lloyds Bank reconciliation against Rialtas.
Bank account reconciled to Rialtas as at July month end

2026 70 Health and Safety

1. Play Areas – recent reports/issues. No specific maintenance issues. Champernowne and Memorial Park bins are both full and overflowing.

Both reported to SHDC. BT to follow up on the bin rota

2026 71 LGR Devolution

1. General update on published plans to create 4 new Devon unitary bodies. Cllrs agreed the Gov't decision was worst of all options leaving the middle and mainly rural Devon unitary authority with a very difficult task of delivering services effectively given the geography and size of the area of one authority.
2. To agree any actions by the council they deem appropriate in response to the above planned structure for Devon which had been highlighted on BBC Spotlight earlier in the day

[New councils for Devon - your questions answered - BBC News](#)

MPC to investigate what neighbouring parish councils are doing and explore the possibility of any joint initiatives

MPC to liaise with Louise Wainwright DCC on future developments

AT and PS to precis the Gov't proposal and publish it on MPC website for Modbury residents

MPC to publish an article in the Modbury Messenger to highlight the issues and challenges of 4 unitary bodies within Devon. PS and AT to liaise on draft.

2026 72 Planning

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

2. 10 The Priory Modbury PL21 0TL

TPO 948; T1: Beech – crown height reduction of 2.5m, fit cable brace at second set of main unions, risk of limb failure onto dwelling. TPO 578; T2: Beech – crown lift to 5m from ground level to provide vehicle clearance.

AT gave brief overview of application and supported the scheme of management of the tree.

Decision - Support application

3. OPP 20 Long Park Modbury PL21 0RP

Notice of intent to install electronic communication apparatus comprising three poles at 10 metres high (Ref: WH4R9W6W)

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/1958/26/COM>

AT referred to the comments made by the public at beginning of the meeting with reference to item 3

MPC to write to SHDC and BT Openreach about installing the equipment underground.

4. R/O 5 Poundwell Street Modbury PL21 0QJ

Notice of intent to install electronic communication apparatus comprising one wooden pole at 8 metres high (REF: WH4VC93S)

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/1952/26/COM>

**MPC to write to SHDC and BT Openreach to clarify exact location of pole in Poundwell St.
Further information required**

5. East Leigh Cottage Modbury PL21 0SH

Erection of a single storey rear extension

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/1846/26/PHH>

AT outlined the application briefly noting the comments from SWW and with insufficient details on the application MPC unable to support

Decision – object to application

6. Land near The Annexe Grove Park Modbury PL21 0SX [Aveton Gifford]

Notice of intent to install electronic communication apparatus comprising one x 9m light wooden pole (Ref no. WH5G203S)

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2025/26/COM>

No Comment

7. Land near Buckleys Harraton Modbury [Aveton Gifford]

Notice of intent to install electronic communication apparatus comprising one x 9m light wooden pole (Ref no. WH5G203S)

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No Comment

8. 20 Brownston Street Modbury PL21 0RG

T1: Liquid Amber - Reduce the tree in height by approximately 3.5 m and reduce the East, West and Southern sides of the crown by 1.5m laterally, to keep in proportion with the Northerly aspect of the crown. Reason for tree works: Trees have outgrown its site

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/1978/26/TCA>

Councillors agreed that AT could remain in the meeting but would take no part in the discussion or vote on the application. Application was considered and tree reduction discussed.

Decision - support application.

2026 73 Maintenance

1. P3 bush cutting/trimming – Approval from DCC re costs. Dates to be arranged with trainer – Cormac, likely to take place during September at QE II. All training costs for 6 volunteers will be funded by DCC. **Clerk liaising with PS for dates and availability of volunteers.**

2026 74 Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups:

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

AT gave a brief overview of the sustainability report and also confirmed the QE II has been booked by MPC to host a screening of *'The People's Emergency Briefing'* dealing with Climate Change – further details to follow once the venue details have been added to the website dedicated to this initiative. MPC will publicize details shortly on the MPC website and other social media.

AT and BP attended a meeting concerning the possible development of a wind turbine project in a neighbouring parish to understand possible options if such a project was proposed for Modbury

AT also confirmed that MPC would be interested to participate in an EcoHomes project at some future date if the possibility to do so arose

2026 75 To agree the Saturday Rota:

Tony Price	1 st August
Dave Trigger	8 th August
Ann Turner	15 th August
Chris Field	22 nd August
Bill Cole	29 th August
Phil Smith	5 th September
Barbara Price	12 th September
Sarah Wyatt	19 th September

2026 76 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st September 2026 @ 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

