

**Modbury Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 1st September 2026, at 7.00 pm**

Draft minutes

Cllrs in attendance

B Price, P Smith, T Price, D Trigger, A Turner, B Cole

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

Representatives of Network Plus gave an overview of exploration of trial holes which will take place over approximately 4 weeks to inform the design for SWW upgrading storm pipes and future works programme. Chair informed the meeting the Network Plus representatives will be the point of contact with attendance at November council meeting and also informal drop in sessions locally whilst the work is being carried out

Reports from Devon County and South Hams District Council representatives

DCC – apology received from L Wainwright

SHDC – Bernard Taylor confirmed the interim warding arrangements have been published with elections being held in 2027 based on existing boundary lines.

New planning rules come into force - 17th September

AT raised the issue of Himalayan Balsam on Kennel Lane. AT to send pics to BT with request for action from SHDC

PS raised the issue of consultation with SHDC and SW Devon on new JLP framework with no guarantee any new body would be bound by it. BT suggested this matter could be raised at the meeting on 24th September

BT confirmed the bins at Memorial Park and Champernowne had been emptied

2026 77 Apologies: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

S Wyatt – vacation

C Field – prior commitment

2026 78 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

2026 79 To approve Minutes of Meeting 7th August 2026 [previously distributed]

Proposed T Price

Seconded A Turner

Agreed. All in favour

2026 80 Matters arising

1. Community Asset transfer submission to SHDC. No update awaiting reply from SHDC. **BT to chase and obtain a time line**

2. Arborcure – email sent re invoices. **Clerk confirmed 4 invoices received and paid**

3. RW Chapter 8 training completed. **Scheme will be operational once RW car is repaired**

4. Openreach – Cllr Turner met Openreach clerk of works. Openreach have been invited to attend Oct council meeting. **Awaiting confirmation**

5. Bins at Memorial Park and Champernowne – BT to investigate. **See above – actioned.**

6. Publish article in Modbury Messenger and MPC website – Devon Unitary authorities. **Sept MM and MPC website**

7. Palm Cross traffic survey - BP letter to SHDC [previously circulated] for council approval

Proposed A Turner

Seconded D Trigger

Agreed. All in favour

2026 81 Finance

1. To note July payments as listed in Appendix 1 £7,966.73

2. To note the Lloyds Bank reconciliation against Rialtas
3. To consider and approve a Grant application from £450 Modbury Messenger
TP explained the requirements for Modbury Messenger and reason for the application
The funding request is for the completion of their website
Proposed T Price
Seconded P Smith
Agreed. All in favour

2026 82 SWW Scheme of works

1. Letter to Modbury residents
 2. Works programme autumn/winter 2026/27
- BP noted the public discussion at the start of the meeting had covered this agenda item

2026 83 Health and Safety

1. Play Areas – recent reports/issues
- Nothing of consequence beyond routine maintenance by parish contractor. **Clerk to enquire if contractor is qualified to provide to safety report in lieu of reports provided by SHDC**

2026 84 LGR Devolution

1. General update on published plans to create 4 new Devon unitary bodies
- Nothing new to report to date.
Subsequent to the meeting a review of Devon Unitary Authorities decision has been announced by Central Government

2026 85 Grass cutting contract

1. Proposal from MPC Maintenance Committee meeting held 25th August 2026

Following a thorough discussion the Maintenance committee felt that as a result of the proposed changes to the political landscape planned under the Local Government Reorganisation, the introduction of the new Devon unitary authorities, a pending parish council application to SHDC to acquire a number of community assets and the forthcoming parish council elections next year, it was decided that it would be prudent to renew the grass cutting contract for 3 years to replace the current contract which is in its final year of 5 years.

PS briefly outlined the rationale for the decision [above] from the Maintenance committee and requested the council vote on the proposal
Proposed P Smith
Seconded T Price
Agreed. All in favour

2026 86 Planning

1. To note the minutes from the last committee meeting [previously circulated] – contained within minutes of previous full council meeting.

AT gave a brief outline of the listed applications and proposed support for both applications

2. 30 Church Street Modbury PL21 0QR
T1: Apple - Reduce entire canopy by 2 m leaving the tree standing at 3m aiming to start a cyclical prune, T2: Olive - Reduce by 1.5m leaving the tree standing at 5m aiming to rebalance the tree & T3: Holly - Fell to near ground level to enable the plants beneath to thrive
<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2309/26/TCA>

Proposed A Turner
Seconded B Price
Agreed. All in favour

3. 2 Scoldens Close Modbury PL21 0SN
T1: Field Maple - Crown reduction of 2.5m in height and 1.5m laterally all around is requested.
<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Disclaimer?returnUrl=%2FPlanning%2FDisplay%2F2412%2F26%2FTCA>

Proposed A Turner

Seconded B Price
Agreed. All in favour

2026 87 Maintenance

1. P3 brush cutting/trimming training – Approval from DCC re costs. Dates 3rd October
 Clerk gave brief outline of details for training day. **Clerk to forward letter from trainer to PS**
PS added P3 the communication and relationship with DCC was now working well

In light of predicted weather patterns for the UK this autumn and winter PS will update the EP template into a new draft document with the next steps being a stakeholder meeting followed by bringing it to the council for ratification. AT suggested the EP should be mentioned at the discussion after the People's Emergency Briefing film show and include the Fire Service as a stakeholder
 PS requested that BT schedule a street cleaner/sweeper before falling autumn leaves and heavy rainfall overwhelm the rain gulleys
 BC confirmed RW scheme set to resume pot-hole repairs in September including assessment of Back Street for repairs

2026 88 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**

Finance and HR Committee – discussion to amend AGAR submission to external auditors was discussed. Agreed. Extra-ordinary meeting agreed for 10th September 2026 at 4pm. **Clerk to publish agenda**

Community Engagement – **SW not present. No questions raised**

AT requested volunteers for the Climate Emergency film and discussion being hosted by MPC at QE II pavilion 15th September 2026 at 19.30 hrs. **TP to check IT and projector equipment**

Anti-social behaviour – MPC have talked to the police about how and where to report ASB. Without reports &/or evidence police are unable to take action on ASB. Police pleased to hear about the CCTV working well at QE II. **Information will be circulated via the Modbury Messenger and the MPC website**

2026 89 To agree the Saturday Rota:

P Smith	5th September
B Price	12th September
S Wyatt	19th September
A Turner	26th September
D Trigger	3rd October
C Field	10th October
T Price	17th October
B Cole	24th October

2026 90 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th October 2026 @ 7pm

Meeting closed at 20.35hrs