

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

held on July 13th 2026

[A] Apologies were received from Councillors Frear and Lane and PCSO Hill. Vice-Chairman Councillor Hill took the chair.

[B] Somerset Councillor Wren was welcomed to the meeting. There were no members of the public present

Item 1: There were no disclosures of interest by members on agenda items

Item 2: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

Item 3: Matters arising from the previous minutes

[a] Bench seat at Crossland Wood. Unfortunately, the wrong item was delivered and caused some additional work and inconvenience for Councillor Hasell.

Item 4: Police Liaison

[a] Thanks were expressed to PCSO Steve Hill for the police report, and it was noted that during June there had been no 101 or 999 calls or reports of anti-social behaviour to the police.

Item 5: Planning, Infrastructure and Development

[a] Plan-it Somerset. A timetable has been provided for each councillor with adoption of the Somerset Local Plan “scheduled” for March 2029

[b] The meeting with Gideon Amos MP on the fibre rollout will be attended by Councillor Olive

[c] Oldway Road application 44/25/0013. At present **despite notices in the press no appeal** has been lodged with regard to this development.

Item 6: Financial Issues

[a] Transaction E13 for a bench seat was approved and signed.

[b] Transaction E14. Reimbursement to the clerk for Microsoft account payment by personal direct debit was approved and signed. The M365 annual fee is deducted by Direct debit from the clerk’s personal account and he is then reimbursed. This is not ideal but despite discussing this with the bank they will not issue the parish council with a debit card, and Microsoft will not issue an invoice.

ACTION: Alternative provision will be discussed

[c] Transaction E15 for the First quarter invoice for dog waste bin emptying at £101.40 inc VAT was approved.

ACTION: The clerk to action the payment



Item 7: County, District and Unitary Authority Councillors

[a] Councillor Gwen was thanked for his undoubted knowledge and experience of the planning issues discussed both in this and previous meetings.

Item 8:

[a] Councillor Olive was thanked for the work carried out on updating the SID software and the analyses thereof. It was felt that the system is successful, with most in the 85th percentile, although inevitably there are some who ignore the warnings. When Speedwatch is operating this will perhaps help to reinforce the system. We await one item of equipment before starting.

[b] Councillor Olive is to attend a meeting on planning issues in late September.

[c] Councillor Worth mentioned the number of field fires recently and we urge all to take care in the present climate conditions.

Vice Chairman Councillor Hill was thanked for leading the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: September 14th at the Lang Room at 7.00pm

Please note that there is no meeting in August.