

MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on 12th September 2016 at 7.30pm**

		Parish Council Members Present: Cllr Des Wighton, Cllr Ross Buchanan, Cllr Ann Stewart, Cllr Simon Call, Cllr. Mike Wareham, Cllr Lyn Alvis, Cllr Gavin Douglas, Mr. Geoff Davis – Clerk.																																																								
1	674	To receive apologies for absence – None																																																								
2	675	Declarations of interest and dispensations – None.																																																								
3	676	Confidential Matters - None																																																								
4	677	Minutes of council meeting held on 11th July 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.																																																								
5	678	<p>Financial Matters Annual Return, Conclusion of Audit and External Auditors Report and recommendations - The Audit has now been concluded and the Annual Return sent back to the Council. The External Auditors have made further comments about our valuation of assets. They have told us that the Village Car Park and the Lock-Up should be valued at the nominal value of £1. They are happy with the insurance valuation given to other assets. They also made comments about procedural matters, simply to the effect that we should do things in a different sequence to be absolutely correct.</p>																																																								
	679	<p>RFO Report and Payments for Approval - The RFO Report was received and noted. Cllr Simon Call having checked and verified the accounts duly signed them together with clerk. Bank Balances as at 01.09.2016</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Current</td> <td>£6,393.03</td> <td>Bath Building Society</td> <td>£3,120.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Bath Building Society (Miss Davis)</td> <td>£12,597.37</td> </tr> </table> <p>Receipts since meeting on 11th July 2016.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>B&NES Council</td> <td>Agency Services July 2016</td> <td>£261.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>B&NES Council</td> <td>Agency Services August 2016</td> <td>£261.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>VAT Re-Claim 2015-16</td> <td>£110.15</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payments approved as standing payments or at meeting on 11th July 2016 which have now been made.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>17:50:53</td> <td>Mr. G. Davis</td> <td>Parish Clerk 26/6 - 30/7/2016</td> <td>214.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15:17:41</td> <td>Mr. L. Alvis</td> <td>Petrol Expenses</td> <td>6.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15:19:37</td> <td>Jeff Avis</td> <td>Car Park and Miss Davies Garden</td> <td>75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17:54:08</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Month 4 PAYE</td> <td>53.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SO-Aug</td> <td>Ian Croker</td> <td>Village Cleaning</td> <td>253.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD-CPRE</td> <td>CPRE</td> <td>Membership Renewal 2016-17</td> <td>36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:35:11</td> <td>Mr. G. Davis</td> <td>Parish Clerk 31/7 - 27/08/2016</td> <td>270.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:36:47</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Month 5 PAYE</td> <td>67.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SO-Sept</td> <td>Ian Croker</td> <td>Village Cleaning</td> <td>253.67</td> </tr> </table>	Current	£6,393.03	Bath Building Society	£3,120.06			Bath Building Society (Miss Davis)	£12,597.37	6	B&NES Council	Agency Services July 2016	£261.33	7	B&NES Council	Agency Services August 2016	£261.33	8	HMRC	VAT Re-Claim 2015-16	£110.15	17:50:53	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk 26/6 - 30/7/2016	214.32	15:17:41	Mr. L. Alvis	Petrol Expenses	6.00	15:19:37	Jeff Avis	Car Park and Miss Davies Garden	75.00	17:54:08	HMRC	Month 4 PAYE	53.40	SO-Aug	Ian Croker	Village Cleaning	253.67	DD-CPRE	CPRE	Membership Renewal 2016-17	36.00	10:35:11	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk 31/7 - 27/08/2016	270.06	10:36:47	HMRC	Month 5 PAYE	67.60	SO-Sept	Ian Croker	Village Cleaning	253.67
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6		Approvals requested for expenditure before next meeting. None																																																								
	680	<p>Parish Matters and Works Finger Post to Tucking Mill – B&NES Highways have removed the sign and it is with Kelston Forge for re-casting. The post will also be removed and re-furbished and it is anticipated that the hedge can be cut back whilst it is away.</p>																																																								
	681	<p>The Island – Ownership, Maintenance and future use. – The informal valuation places a figure of £20-40,000 upon it. To-date there has been no interest shown from anyone in the village. Cllr. Ann Stewart will produce a suitable notice in a final attempt to canvas any support for acquiring the land.</p>																																																								
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	683	Broadband Improvements for Monkton Combe – There was no further progress to report.																																																								
	684	<p>Neighbourhood Watch – The theft of a chainsaw from Cllr. Ross Buchanans barn was reported. Community Based Defibrillators – The unit has been installed on the Village Hall wall and is operational. Dee Clark from Monkton Combe school has agreed to monitor and maintain the unit as she also does this for the unit at the school. Next month the Community Heartbeat Trust will hold a 2 hour training seminar on its use. An article has been placed in the village newsletter drawing attention to the unit and thanking Ward Councillor Neil Butters for his support and contribution from his WCI fund.</p>																																																								

Approved and signed Monday 14th November 2016 Chairman

	685	Phone Box Church Lane Junction – The Parish Council agreed to Adopt the Phone Box and the clerk was instructed to proceed with this.
	686	Incidents at Tucking Mill & the Viaduct – It was reported that the footpaths at Tucking Mill are planned to be diverted to facilitate the fencing of the fishing lake by Wessex Water. The Parish Council are happy with the proposed changes. The clerk reported that repairs to the viaduct fencing had been agreed with Sustrans. The clerk was asked to chase progress on these works, and to raise the matter of making a joint proposal on the removal or sealing of the wildlife corridors on either side.
7		<p>Planning Applications Received –</p> <p>687 16/03989/FUL - Westbury View, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HN - Erection of single storey front and side extension with first floor balcony (Resubmission) - NO OBJECTION</p> <p>688 16/07734/FUL – Land at Disused Former Great Western Railway Embankment Midford Lane Limpley Stoke Wilts - Proposed single storey, highly energy efficient dwelling within a small section of the disused railway embankment. Monkton Combe Parish Council agreed to OBJECT to this planning application by 6 votes to 1 on the following grounds:- The development is located within the Greenbelt and Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and we do not accept the arguments put forward by the applicant which seek to outweigh the harm done by such a development. Indeed the design is not considered as outstanding since any 'Green Credentials' are compromised by the shielded North facing site. The arguments of pre-existing dwellings and the development of an existing structure cannot be accepted as the site has long since returned to nature, and to designate it otherwise would set a dangerous precedent for numerous miles of railway embankment and canal bed which run through our Parish and across the country. We accordingly ask that Wiltshire Planning Authority REFUSE this application. If the applicant is then minded to appeal the decision the matter can then be decided by the Planning Inspectorate or Judicial Review, thereby allowing a full examination of these most serious planning issues pertaining to this application.</p> <p>PLANNING DECISIONS by B&NES & WILTSHIRE</p> <p>689 16/02702/FUL - Monkton Combe School, Church Lane, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HG - Conversion of un-used outdoor swimming pool into flat grass land through infilling with inert aggregate. PERMITTED</p> <p>16/01145/FUL - Plot Between Croft House And 1, The Croft, Monkton Combe, Bath - Erection of <i>single</i> dwelling and car parking for 2 vehicles following demolition of existing garages - PERMITTED</p> <p>Decisions Pending - None PLANNING APPEALS - None ENFORCEMENT UPDATE -_No Enforcement Actions pending. Other Planning Matters to Report - NONE</p>
8	690	Highways and Footpaths – It was reported that the shrubbery at the junction of Shaft Road and Church Lane has been a problem but has now been cut back. Cllr Simon Call will request further cutting if this is not sufficient.
9	691	Reports - VPA, Bath Preservation Trust & any other Meetings – It was reported that the VPA is still focussing upon the Park and Ride site. It is also supporting the Avon Valley Action Group website which opposes the A36/A46 link. It was reported that the next Bath preservation Trust meeting is on 20 th September.
10		Correspondence Received - None
11	692 693 694	<p>Other matters to report</p> <p>692 Signs for Village Car Park – Cllr Des Wighton reported that these have been ordered.</p> <p>693 Village Hall Committee – Andy Hutchison is welcomed as a new member representing Monkton Combe School.</p> <p>694 Church Harvest Lunch – This will take place on October 2nd in the Village Hall and everyone is welcome.</p>
12	695	<p>Date Of Next Meetings - The following dates for future meetings were agreed:- Parish Council Meetings: Monday - November 14th, January 16th 2017, March 13th Annual Parish Meeting: April 24th 2017 Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 15th 2017</p> <p>The meeting Closed at 21:50</p>