

MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall – On 21st March 2022 at 7.30pm**

		<p>Parish Council Members Present: Cllr Lyn Alvis, Cllr. James Bradby, Cllr. Adelle Brenner, Cllr Des Wighton, Mr. Geoff Davis – Clerk. Remotely in person: Cllr. Andreea Imecs, Cllr. Mike Wareham</p> <p>Others Present: Mr. Charles Carr</p>																																																																	
1	720	<p>To receive apologies for absence – The Online attendance by Cllr. Andreea Imecs and Cllr. Mike Wareham was approved by the Council.</p>																																																																	
2	721	<p>Declarations of interest and dispensations – None.</p>																																																																	
3	722	<p>Confidential Matters – None</p>																																																																	
4	723	<p>Councillor Vacancy: The Vacancy having been advertised for the allotted period with no call for an election, the Parish Council is now free to Co-Opt a new member. Charles Carr attended the meeting and is considering standing for co-option as a Councillor at the next meeting.</p>																																																																	
5	724	<p>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held 17th January 2022. Approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>																																																																	
6		<p>Financial Matters</p>																																																																	
	725	<p>RFO Report and Payments for Approval – The RFO Report was received, noted and signed by the clerk and Cllr. Andreea Imecs.</p>																																																																	
	726	<p>Bank Balances as at 01.03.2022</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">Current</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">£4,441.31</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Bath Building Society</td> <td style="width: 5%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">£9,327.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Bath Building Society (Miss Davis)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12,046.87</td> </tr> </table>	Current	£4,441.31	Bath Building Society		£9,327.52			Bath Building Society (Miss Davis)		£12,046.87																																																							
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	729	<p>Payments for Approval at Meeting on 21st March 2022 The Parish Council approved the NJC Pay Award for 2021-22 and associated Back Pay from 1st April 2021. For the Clerk, an increase in the hourly rate from £10.24 to £10.42, with a back payment of £59.22. For the Parish Sweeper it will represent a Back payment of £66.30, with the hourly rate increasing from £9.65 to £9.82.</p>																																																																	
	730	<p>Bank Account It was reported that the new Accounts with Metro Bank are now operational. The process of moving the Parish Council banking from HSBC to Metro Bank will start and take about six months.</p>																																																																	
7		<p>Parish Matters and Works</p>																																																																	
	731	<p>Coronavirus Situation – It was agreed that unless the situation for the village deteriorated, this item would no longer appear in the agenda.</p>																																																																	
	732	<p>Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors. Village Playground – It was reported that the Swing Shackles have been replaced, the moss on the playground surface remains a problem in the winter, and the railings would benefit from re-painting.</p>																																																																	
	733	<p>Neighbourhood Watch – The only comment was regarding the lack of progress with the TRO for double yellow lines.</p>																																																																	
	734	<p>Lockup Repairs and Maintenance – No progress to report as the Contractor is waiting for better weather to start. It is likely that it will not be completed until next financial year.</p>																																																																	

	<p>735 Bus Shelter – Further estimates will be required given the likely cost. Cllr. Mike Wareham will progress these.</p> <p>736 Miss Davis Garden – Ideally a new bench is needed and the Parish Council will seek sponsors for this, which could be a Jubilee Bench.</p>
8	<p>Planning <u>Applications Received</u></p> <p>737 22/00362/FUL - Monkton Combe School, Church Lane, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HG - Removal of external window and widen structural opening to fit new external door – The Parish Council has No Comment to make.</p> <p>738 22/00771/FUL - Mulberry Cottage , Mill Lane, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HD - Provision of a reconfigured decking area, partially covered with a new pergola canopy structure, and removal of hedges in association with the remodelling of the rear garden layout. - The Parish Council has No Comment to make.</p> <p>739 <u>PLANNING DECISIONS by B&NES & WILTSHIRE</u> 21/05279/FUL - Monkton Combe Junior School, Church Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 7ET Erection of timber shelters and associated landscaping works. PERMITTED 21/05148/FUL - 8 The Viaduct, Brassknocker Hill, Monkton Combe, Bath, BA2 7JD - Erection of side and rear extension. PERMITTED</p> <p>740 <u>Decisions Pending</u> 21/05484/FUL - Clubhouse Oldfield Rugby Football Club, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HP - Erection and siting of fibre exchange telecommunications infrastructure to provide a full fibre (gigabit) to the premises service. 21/04425/FUL - Monkton Combe Junior School, Church Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 7ET - Installation of 14 external lighting bollards along the path from North Road across Glen Field to the existing public right of way. 21/04816/FUL - 3 Tucking Mill Cottages, Tucking Mill Lane, Monkton Combe, Bath, BA2 7DB - Conversion of 3 and 4 Tucking Mill Cottages into 1no. dwelling, erection of extensions to front and rear, erection of detached garage. – There has been a resubmission of plans which entirely remove the garage. This change addresses most of the issues the Parish Council had with this application. <u>PLANNING APPEALS</u> - None <u>ENFORCEMENT UPDATE</u></p> <p>741 21/00428/NONCOM - Tabora Shaft Road Monkton Combe Bath - Non-compliance with condition 7 of 20/00501/FUL - Within 6 months of the commencement of the development the existing porch and garage shall be demolished.- The Garage has now been demolished.</p> <p>742 19/00243/UNDEV - Parcel 3131 Tucking Mill Lane Midford Bath - Creation of hardstanding area and Retrospective Planning Application 19/03358/FUL has been Refused. A further retrospective application was submitted:- 20/04025/FUL and this has now been Withdrawn. We continue to await the next step in this long running case.</p> <p>743 <u>Other Planning Matters to Report</u> B&NES Local Plan Partial Update Consultation has closed and now proceeding to the Examination in Public which will take place Spring 2022.</p>
9	<p>Highways and Footpaths. –</p> <p>744 Traffic Issues on Tucking Mill Lane and other Lanes – The Chair has written to B&NES Highways, and will follow this up with the Officers and via FixMyStreet.</p> <p>745 Handrail on the steep part of the path from half way up Shaft Road to Church Lane – Cllr. James Bradby highlighted this as a safety issue and indicated that it requires about 5m of handrail. The Chair will investigate and progress this matter.</p> <p>746 A36 Limpley Stoke - Southbound footpath embankment failure - March 2022 update – The Chair will ask National Highways if there is any risk that the road will subside.</p> <p>747 Trollopes Hill – No further progress to report, but it is hoped the TRO will be implemented soon.</p>
10	<p>Reports</p> <p>748 PARISH LIAISON MEETING – The Clerk will attend the next meeting on 23 March 2022.</p> <p>749 Bathavon Area Forum next meeting Wednesday 22nd June 2022.</p> <p>750 VPA – The Parish Council has received a draft Constitution which effectively makes the organisation dormant with no collection of further subscriptions. In the light of this the Parish Council will now propose that the Bank Reserves held by the VPA are returned to the Parishes in order that they do not become lost in a 'hidden Bank Account'.</p> <p>751 Bath Preservation Trust – The Chairman has circulated a report on the meeting.</p>

	752	School – It was reported that Monkton Combe School was forming and leading a Trust of a number of other schools.
11	753	Correspondence Received The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend 2022 - The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons - 2nd June 2022 – There will be a meeting with the VHMC to discuss plans.
12	754 755 756 757	Other matters to report Bus 94 Service Update – No further progress to report on turning place at school. However, there has been much communication with those involved, and a meeting date is awaited to discuss this further. Boundary Commission for England – Consultation on proposals for revised constituency boundaries for 2023 – The Parish Council has responded and awaits the further round of consultation, and retains the item on the agenda in preparation. Land between Footpath to Dundas and the Railway Line – It was reported that works have been carried out in this area. The Chair will discuss the matter with the owners. Survey of Sites by Monkton Combe School – It was reported that the School has been conducting surveys of all of its sites including the Quarry at Bathite Cottages.
13	758	Date of Next Meetings To Confirm the following dates :- Annual Parish Meeting: Monday April 25th 2022 7:30 – It was confirmed that there was no other booking of the village hall. The meeting will proceed as an ‘In Person’ meeting only. Annual Parish Council Meeting: Monday May 16th 2022 7:30 - Confirmed The meeting Closed at 21:28