

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Mudford Parish Council held on Thursday 26th September 2024 at 19:00hrs

Present – Councillors (Cllrs): Jo Dalton-Leggett (Chair), Philip Edgeworth (Vice-Chair), Stephen Bartlett, Robin Bowring, Peter Blackwood, David Brown.

In attendance: SCLlr Henry Hobhouse, Petra Galloway – Parish Clerk/RFO and 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public comments were raised.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- Somerset Councillors (SCLlrs)

From SCLlr Hobhouse – Somerset Council has a budget deficit of £30 million. There is a possibility of reduction of the number of Somerset councillors to 80 - 90.

- Outside bodies/groups

Village Hall Committee representative – The Macmillan Coffee Morning was very successful (£350 was raised). However, the last pizza event was not as well attended as the previous one.

The committee is holding its AGM on 11th October 2024.

Speedwatch representative – Speedwatch is in communication with Avon and Somerset Police regarding speeding and they were informed the police should be provided targeted speeding data (when/where the speeding is at its worst).

19:13hrs – Meeting started.

24/111 To receive apologies for absence and approve the reasons (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

None.

Cllr John Snell was absent.

24/112 Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

None.

24/113 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting held on 29th August 2024.

(LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)).

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Parish council meeting Ordinary Meeting held on 29th August 2024 were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

24/114 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 9th September 2024.

(LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)).

RESOLVED: The minutes from the Parish council meeting Extraordinary Meeting held on 9th September 2024 were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

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24/115 Matters to report from a previous meeting.

a. Traffic calming measures (Clerk).

- Cllr Dalton-Leggett, Cllr Bowring, the Speedwatch representative, the Clerk and SCllrs Messenger and Hobhouse have met with a representative from Highways on 24.09.2024.
- 'Low cost' measures (paid by Somerset council) were discussed such as: removal of intermittent centre lines or replacement with hatched space to make the road appear narrower; introduction of transverse bars on the northern approach to slow the traffic coming into the village; introduction of tapered road markings at both village gateways; replacement of the faded 40 mph sign; investigation of the crossing issue (poor visibility when it rains); additional signage on the 40mph road (Long Hill).
- Other measures would require a feasibility study (potentially costly) followed by engineered measures (such as speed bumps). Engineered measures including the feasibility study would not be covered by Somerset Council: Mudford Parish Council would have to raise the funds.
- The low-cost suggestions have been noted by the traffic management team; a member of the team responsible for implementation will contact the council so the course of action can be arranged.
- The Chair thanked the Speedwatch representative for the data provided during the meeting.

b. Path Diversion (Clerk).

- The consultation should start at the end of September 2024. The Clerk is expecting an email on the matter.

24/116 Planning decisions report.

None.

24/117 Planning applications.

None.

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24/118 Finance – To **APPROVE** the Cashbook/Bank Reconciliation to 31st August.

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL 2024-25							
Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ending 31st March 2025							
	Last Year	This Year	Reserves	Budget	Remaining	Remaining %	Variance
	2023-24	2024-25	Transfer	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	between yrs
RECEIPTS							
Precept	£ 46,705.00	£ 58,100.00					£ 11,395.00
Deposit Interest	£ 1,396.98	£ 597.19					£ 799.79
Cemetery Fees	£ 7,710.00	£ 1,950.00					£ 5,760.00
Grants	£ -	£ -					£ -
Grants - Other	£ 900.00	£ -					£ 900.00
VAT repayment	£ 4,481.18	£ -					£ 4,481.18
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 61,193.16	£ 60,647.19					£ 545.97
PAYMENTS							
Salaries	£ 10,370.64	£ 4,485.37		£ 11,500.00	£ 7,014.63	61%	£ 5,885.27
Administration	£ 1,557.33	£ 2,752.09		£ 6,200.00	£ 3,447.91	56%	£ 1,194.76
Rec Gnd Maint	£ 4,689.46	£ 2,050.04		£ 4,000.00	£ 1,949.96	49%	£ 2,639.42
Cemetery	£ 1,405.40	£ 5,417.18	£ 4,883.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,465.82	73%	£ 4,011.78
Parish Maint/Drains/Flood	£ -	£ -		£ 6,000.00	£ 6,000.00	100%	£ -
Subscriptions	£ 285.93	£ -		£ 250.00	£ 250.00	100%	£ 285.93
Insurances	£ 831.83	£ 921.28		£ 1,500.00	£ 578.72	39%	£ 89.45
Training	£ 65.00	£ -		£ 300.00	£ 300.00	100%	£ 65.00
Audit Charges	£ 444.50	£ 242.63		£ 500.00	£ 257.37	51%	£ 201.87
Grants-S137	£ 5,586.89	£ -		£ -	£ -	#DIV/0!	£ 5,586.89
Hedges and Trees	£ -	£ 1,217.09		£ 5,000.00	£ 3,782.91	76%	£ 1,217.09
Defibrillator	£ -	£ -		£ 200.00	£ 200.00	100%	£ -
Play Area	£ 472.82	£ -		£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	100%	£ 472.82
Parish Projects	£ 16,811.53	£ 1,110.78		£ 5,000.00	£ 3,889.22	78%	£ 15,700.75
Legal Challenge- Primrose Ln	£ 3,000.00	£ 5,730.00		£ 10,000.00	£ 4,270.00	43%	£ 2,730.00
VAT incurred	£ 4,734.26	£ 2,850.39					£ 1,883.87
Budget additions (To reserves)		£ -		£ 4,650.00	£ 4,650.00		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 50,255.59	£ 26,776.85	£ 4,883.00	£ 58,100.00	£ 39,056.54		
Exc of Recpt over Paymts	£ 10,937.57	£ 33,870.34					
plus balances b/fwd	£ 89,130.44	£ 100,068.01					
Balances c/fwd	£ 100,068.01	£ 133,938.35					
Reconciliation with bank accounts as at 31st AUGUST 24							
Unity Trust Current Account	£ 6,238.74						
Unity Trust Savings Account	£ 127,699.61						
Less Outstanding payments	£ -						
Add Outstanding lodgements	£ -						
Total balances at bank	£ 133,938.35						

RESOLVED: The Cashbook/Bank reconciliation to 31st August was **APPROVED**.

24/119 Finance – To **NOTE** the receipts between 19.08.2024 and 19.09.2024.

Date	Particulars	Precept	Interest	Cemetery
10.09.2024	DAVID C RIVETT			£ 150.00

RESOLVED: The receipt was **NOTED**.

24/120 Finance – To **NOTE** August and September payments approved under the delegated authority of the RFO and to **NOTE** the Easyspace domain payment was made by a bank transfer.

Mudford Parish Council August and September 2024 payments to NOTE in September				
Invoice	Payee	Particulars	Amount	Paid
1	BURROWS - HUTCHINSON Ltd	CONSULTANCY FEE 040824	£ 3,240.00	30.08.2024
2	SALC	TRAINING INVOICES 1755, 3232,3279	£ 150.00	02.09.2024
3	SOMERSET COUNCIL	PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS INV 30079006	£ 423.38	10.09.2024
4	EASYSAPCE LTD	YEARLY DOMAIN FEE INV 221816921	£ 16.82	20.09.2024
	TOTAL		£ 3,830.20	

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RESOLVED: The August and September payments approved under the delegated authority of the RFO were **NOTED**. The Easyspace domain payment mode was **NOTED**.

24/121 Finance – To **NOTE** Internal Bank transfer between the Instant Access Saving Account and the Current Account approved under the delegated authority of the RFO.

			Amount	Transfer Date
	INTERNAL TRANSFER	From Instant Access Saving Account to Current Account	£ 5,000.00	02.09.2024

RESOLVED: The Internal Bank transfer was **NOTED**.

24/122 Finance – To **NOTE** bank account balances on 20.08.2024.

Current Account – £8,942.00

Instant Access Account – £122,699.61

RESOLVED: The bank balances were **NOTED**.

24/123 Finance – To **NOTE** the change from the original quote and to **APPROVE** the monthly expenditure for the website builder: £13.80.

RESOLVED: The change from the original quote was **NOTED** and the monthly website builder expenditure was **APPROVED**.

24/124 Finance – To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for September 2024.

Mudford Parish Council September 2024 Payment schedule				
Invoice	Payee	Particulars	Amount	Notes
1	THE PLAY INSPECTION COMPANY	ANNUAL INSPECTION INV 71493	£ 156.00	
2	AWCOCK WARD PARTNERSHIP	FLOOD RISK AND DRAINAGE REVIEW INV 5035	£ 1,800.00	
3	THE COUNTRYSIDE CHARITY	MEMBERSHIP 2024 - 2025 INV 11/09/2024	£ 60.00	
4	ICCM	MEMBERSHIP 2024 - 2025 INV 18448	£ 50.00	
4	PKF	EXTERNAL AUDIT INV SB20242055	£ 378.00	
5	D BROWN	NOTICEBOARD INSTALLATION	£ 458.00	
6	STAFF	SALARY SEPTEMBER		Standing order
7	STAFF	REIMBURSE MONTHLY WIX WEBSITE BUILDER September	£ 13.80	
8	STAFF	EXPENSES AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER	£ 82.00	
9	P SARGENT	CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AUGUST INV 22-59	£ 63.00	
10	THE CURIOUS COW ANTIQUES & REC	SUPPLY AND INSTALL FIREPROOF DOCUMENT CABINET	£ 50.00	
11	SOMERSET LANDSCAPES Ltd	HEDGE CUTTING INV SLL34993	£ 492.00	
12	RICHARD BUXTON SOLICITORS	INTERIM BILL PROFESSIONAL CHARGES INV 2321	£ 2,512.20	
	TOTAL		£ 6,787.75	

The Clerk has asked the council to note the purchase (£50) of a second-hand lockable storage cabinet made by the Clerk under the delegated authority as the current storage capacity was insufficient.

RESOLVED: The September payment schedule was **APPROVED**. The Clerk will set up the payments and two councillors will authorise them. The purchase of the lockable storage cabinet was **NOTED**.

ACTION: Clerk, Cllrs Brown and Blackwood

24/125 Finance - To **APPROVE** an internal bank transfer from the Instant Access Saving account to the Current account.

RESOLVED: An internal bank transfer of £10,000 from the Instant Access to Current account was **APPROVED**. The Clerk will set up the transfer and two councillors will authorise it.

ACTION: Clerk, Cllrs Brown and Blackwood

24/126 Finance – To **NOTE:**

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- a. Changes to the Current account bank charges from quarterly to monthly. Last service charge was deducted on the 30.06.2024 – sum of £18. Effective of 22nd September 2024 the account will be charged £6 per month.
- b. Reduction of interest rate on the Instant Access Saving Account.
Existing rate: 2.75% (2.77% AER)
New rate from 5.11.2024: 2.60% (2.62% AER)

RESOLVED: The changes and the reduction of interest rates were **NOTED**.

24/127 Finance – To **DISCUSS** Financial Risks associated with the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) and to **DISCUSS** options to mitigate the risks.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will investigate other banking options for bank accounts suitable for parish councils (two signatories payment authorisation) to where some of the parish council's funds could be transferred to stay below the threshold of £85,000 to be eligible for FSCS protection. The Clerk will report to the council for its consideration.

ACTION: Clerk

24/128 Finance – To **DISCUSS** and **CONSIDER** an application for a Unity Corporate MultiPay Card.

RESOLVED: Deferred until 24/127 is resolved and an additional bank account is opened which might provide a debit card or if no additional bank account open then MultiPay card will be raised again as a card payment option.

24/129 Finance – To **NOTE** the Annual External Audit report 2023 – 2024 and to **CONSIDER** steps to mitigate future financial risks.

RESOLVED: The Annual External Audit Report 2023 – 2024 was **NOTED**. The Clerk will put it the 'Conclusion of the Audit' and the notice of the conclusion on the website and the noticeboard on 27th September 2024. The council has previously **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED** steps to mitigate potential future financial risks and has already taken actions to prevent them, no new measures required at present.

24/130 Finance – To **RECEIVE** quotes for Play area shrub pruning and to **APPROVE** the expenditure.

Q1 £450

Q2 £785 + VAT

Q3 £420 + VAT

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Bartlett, seconded by Cllr Bowring, the council has accepted Q1 and **APPROVED** the expenditure of £450. The Clerk will contact the contractor and arrange the start date.

ACTION: Clerk

24/131 To **DISCUSS** the council's position on the section 106 agreement as presented by the Somerset Planning consultant and deferred from the extraordinary meeting held on the 9th September, and to **AGREE**:

1. that Mudford Parish Council seeks the right nominate tenants to 5 units of affordable housing.
2. that Mudford Parish Council requests an assurance that if the council finds it necessary to undertake projects such as traffic calming and extending the car park and the cemetery before the trigger points are reached, any expenditure incurred will be reimbursed from

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monies in the s106 designated for Mudford PC Infrastructure once the trigger point is reached.

3. the wording of the council's answers to the Planning Officer's three questions.

RESOLVED:

1. The council has **AGREED** to seek the right to nominate tenants to 5 units of affordable housing. The Clerk to contact Somerset Council (SC) planning consultant.
2. The council has **AGREED** to request the assurance.
3. The council has **AGREED** the wording of the letter (Appendix 1). The Clerk to email the response to the SC planning consultant and to notify Yeovil Without Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk

24/132 To NOTE Mudford Parish Council's hydrologist Flood Risk and Drainage review for Primrose Lane Development (14/02554/OUT) challenge.

RESOLVED: The Flood Risk and Drainage review was **NOTED** and forwarded to Somerset council planning department and the Environment Agency. The Flood Risk and Drainage review is available on the parish council's website.

24/133 To NOTE Primrose Lane development's (14/02554/OUT) Viability Report.

RESOLVED: The Viability report was **NOTED**. The Clerk has attended a meeting with Somerset Council's planning consultant, the authors of the report and Mudford Parish's consultant to discuss the report. It was noted that the development would take 18 years to completion.

24/134 To REVIEW the budget and earmarked reserves for Primrose Lane Development (14/02554/OUT) Legal Challenge and Mudford Parish Council's consultants and to **APPROVE** future expenditure.

The Up Mudford Primrose Lane development earmarked reserves were reviewed. £17,000 (minus £2,000 expenditure AGREED at meeting held on 29th August for A. Burrows consultancy services) - £15,000 remaining in earmarked reserves, £667 remaining in the 2024-2025 budget (after payments paid in September).

RESERVES (inc. ring-fenced funds)	Reserves at 31/3/2024	Additions/spend from current year	Reserves at 31/3/2025	Notes
General maintenance around parish	£ 10,304.58			
Long term chapel maintenance (period?)	£ 6,767.00	£ 4,883.00	£ 1,884.00	Hodders Roofing Chapel roof repair (without VAT)
Long term cemetery maintenance (period ?)	£ 6,513.15			
Computer/printer replacement fund (5yr)	£ 596.00			
Parish Projects (identify & period?)	£ -			Finger posts/Bus shelter/ noticeboard/bridge
Play area equipment long term replacement fund (period?)	£ 8,000.00			
Cemetery land/consecration starter fund (Ring fenced - 5yr?)	£ 12,170.00			
Up Mudford Challenge	£ 17,000.00			£2,000 agreed for A Burrows
Highways & speed control fund	£ 2,595.14			
Defibrillator fund	£ 1,917.51			
Election (Ring fenced)	£ 1,295.53			
Admin reserve - 12 Months running costs buffer	£ 32,909.10			
Total Reserves	£ 100,068.01	£ 4,883.00	£ 1,884.00	

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Bartlett and Seconded by Cllr Bowring, the council has **AGREED** to a further expenditure of £10,000 from Up Mudford Challenge earmarked reserves. The council has **APPROVED** for the sum to be split as follows: an expenditure of up to £5,000 + VAT for the solicitor Lisa Foster (Richard Buxton Solicitors) and up to £5,000 + VAT for further consultancy services of A. Burrows (Burrows-Hutchinson Ltd). The Clerk to contact L. Foster and A. Burrows and inform them of the new agreed expenditure ceiling.

ACTION: Clerk

24/135 To DISCUSS and to **CONSIDER** 'Rule 6 status' application for Primrose Lane development (14/02554/OUT).

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RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Bowring and Seconded by Cllr Bartlett, the council has **AGREED** to apply to become a 'Rule 6 party' in the appeal process should the Primrose Lane development (14/02554/OUT) application be refused by Somerset Council planning committee on the 22nd October 2024.

24/136 To **RECEIVE** The Annual Play Area Inspection report and to **AGREE** any improvements required.

The councillors read the report, all issues described in the report were either very low or low risk issues.

RESOLVED: The report was **RECEIVED**, Cllrs Edgeworth and Blackwood will investigate some of the small changes that could be done and report back to the council at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllrs Edgeworth and Blackwood

24/137 To **RECEIVE** Councillor reports¹.

Cllr Bartlett has not heard back on the tree protection order.

24/138 To **RECEIVE** the Parish Clerk's report and any correspondence.

- Email from Somerset Council planning consultant regarding parish council's duty to provide a cemetery. The Clerk has responded parish councils have a power not a duty to provide a cemetery.
- Somerset Sights Mobile Advisory dates available in Yeovil was put on the parish council website.
- The Clerk informed the council about website accessibility guidance WCAG 2.2. The current accessibility statement available on the website has been written in response to the previous guidance and it was acknowledged that the council does not fully comply. The council has been advised to consider a move to .gov.uk again in the near future.

RESOLVED: The report and correspondence were **NOTED**.

24/139 To **RECEIVE** traffic report from Vehicle Activated Devices.

The council has received the report from the devices (28.8.2024 throughout 24.09.2024):

Top of the village – 108,657 vehicles

Bottom of the village – 118,028 vehicles

The Speedwatch representative stressed the speeding is especially high in Mudford compared to other parishes in the area.

RESOLVED: The Traffic report was **RECEIVED**, the data is available on the council's website.

24/140 To **DISCUSS** and **AGREE** the term of the exclusive right of burial at Mudford Cemetery.

¹ *N.B. Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119).*

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The Clerk has informed the council that exclusive rights cannot be granted in perpetuity. The council has discussed the issue and the need for new cemetery policies. The Clerk will draft cemetery policies and present them to the HR committee at the next HR committee meeting.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Edgeworth, the council has **AGREED** to grant 'exclusive right of burial in earthen grave with interment' for the period of 99 years. The Clerk will change the table of fees.

ACTION: Clerk

24/141 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Data Protection Policy.

RESOLVED: The Data Protection Policy was **REVIEWED**. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Bowring, the policy was **ADOPTED**.

24/142 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Complaints Policy.

RESOLVED: The Complaints policy was **REVIEWED**. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Bowring, the policy was **ADOPTED**.

24/143 Items for the next agenda.

Small repairs at the playground – report from Cllrs Edgeworth and Blackwood.

24/144 Date of next meeting – 31st October 2024 tbc. (Cllrs to note – all agenda items to be notified to the Parish Clerk by Monday 21th October 2024).

24/145 Exempt Session – Exclusion of the Press & Public.

The Council is recommended to resolve that under section 1, paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED: The press and public were excluded from the meeting.

24/146 To review and agree the Clerk's terms and conditions of employment.

RESOLVED: The Clerk's terms and conditions of employment were unanimously agreed by the council.

21:00hrs Meeting closed

Appendix 1

Dear (name),

I am writing to you in response to your email dated 28th August 2024.

In the email you posed 3 questions for Mudford Parish Council (MPC):

1. Would MPC help project manage delivery and then co-own the hall with YWPC and put in place a management regime in conjunction with WPCA?
2. Would MPC adopt all public open space play areas/woodlands (excluding playing pitches) and fund management through precept or via a Man Co?
3. Would MPC adopt the playing pitches and fund management through precept?

MPC has discussed the draft s106 agreement 14/02554/OUT at the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 9th September 2024 where parishioners were present and participated in the discussion. However, MPC could not reach a decision then and therefore the topic was deferred to the next meeting on the 26th September 2024 where the council's position was discussed and the answer to your questions approved. Please see the answers below.

1. Would MPC help project manage delivery and then co-own the hall with YWPC and put in place a management regime in conjunction with WPCA?

MPC recognises the need of the Wyndham Park community for a community hall, as the community space is under a temporary arrangement and is not fit for purpose.

MPC is aware of YWPC's agreement to co-own and co-manage the proposed community hall with MPC. MPC has also been informed of the resolution of WPCA *"to assist with the project delivery of the proposed community hall with YWPC and MPC and to take on the responsibility of running the facility until such time as the responsibility can be shared with the residents of the new Upper Mudford development. This is on the condition that YWPC and MPC take ownership of the hall on behalf of the community."*

However, WPCA has not yet conducted a residents' survey to ascertain what type of building the community requires and therefore, no cost projections have been done on the delivery of their vision. MPC recognizes Wyndham Park residents as the primary users of the hall as the hall is going to be developed before the residential buildings. Consequently, MPC awaits the results of Wyndham Park resident survey. In the meantime:

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- a. Is it possible for the developer to deliver indicative cost projections on what type of a building can be built at what cost?
- b. Is the car park adjacent to the community hall part of the sum set aside for the community hall? If so, is the car park also part of the co-ownership?
- c. If the community hall is proposed to be co-owned, why isn't the same arrangement proposed for the NEAP and MUGA adjacent to the community hall?

MPC is also considering how the building would be used as with MPC's experience, user numbers for community halls have dropped since the pandemic.

Furthermore, MPC is also posing a question on the type of co-ownership with YWPC and on what ratio would this co-ownership be based:

- d. Is it an equal co-ownership or ratio-based ownership (based on the population ratios of Wyndham Park / population of the Primrose Lane and Sock Hill developments)?
- e. If MPC chose not to co-own the hall with YWPC what would the alternative arrangement be?

Additionally, MPC is concerned that the time commitment from individual councillors of MPC and YWDC to project manage the delivery of such project will be excessive.

In summary, MPC is not opposed to co-ownership of the hall with YWPC. However, further information and data is needed before MPC can confidently commit to the co-ownership, co-delivery and co-management of the hall.

2. Would MPC adopt all public open space play areas/woodlands (excluding playing pitches) and fund management through precept or via a Man Co?

MPC is not opposed to the adoption of the public open spaces but kindly request more information:

- a. What playing spaces are under discussion? Is it two large LEAPs, a NEAP and a MUGA (the NEAP and MUGA in question being located next to the community hall)?
- b. Is MPC asked to maintain everything on site including street furniture (signs, benches, dog waste bins, etc.) and the Amphitheatre?
- c. Are all the roads being adopted by SC Highways?
- d. Is MPC expected to maintain open space within the commercial areas?
- e. MPC understands that 43% of the entire site area which covers 22.041 ha will be planted with trees, shrubs, hedges and grasses. How accessible are these areas going to be for use of tractor for maintenance?
- f. Is there an area set aside for storage of the maintenance equipment and a grounds maintenance office?
- g. Is it correct that Wyndham Park open spaces are still managed by the developer's contractor and no date has been set for the developer to pull out and therefore the spaces were not adopted by YWPC? Is there an expectation that these spaces will be managed together with Primrose Lane by whoever manages them?

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- h. Who will be responsible for the maintenance of the attenuation ponds and ditches?
- i. If MPC should agree to adopt and fund all the POS from precept but subsequently discovered that the proportionate cost of the additional areas is far greater than is currently the case, could MPC seek to set up a management company at a later date and / or fund POS management through a combination of precept and service charge?

3. Would MPC adopt the playing pitches and fund management through precept?

It seems that team sports are losing popularity and playing pitches are therefore potentially not in high demand. MPC's football pitch fell out of use for organised games some years ago. Consequently, MPC questions the need for football pitches and their maintenance, and believes the money could be better spent elsewhere. Should football pitches remain in the s106 agreement could the following questions be answered:

- a. MPC is aware of the decline in use of playing pitches, is there evidence (a feasibility study) that the playing pitches would be welcome and used by the wider community?
- b. What type of playing pitches are being considered and with what surface?
- c. Have Yeovil Town Football Club (The Glovers) been asked for their opinion on the demand? If so, have they showed interest in investing in the pitches? Or the Yeovil Sports Club at Johnson Park?
- d. Would schools be interested in using the pitches?
- e. The location of the changing facilities has not been determined, do the facilities include shower and washroom facilities?
- f. What is the alternative use proposed for the playing pitches should the pitches not be developed?

Thank you for answering MPC's questions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries regarding the questions posed.

Kind regards,

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