



MINUTES OF MONTACUTE PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2026
IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL

	Action
<u>26/076/a PRESENT:</u> Members: Mr M Myram (Chair), Mr A McFarlane (Vice Chair), Mrs S Bartlett, Mrs L Drayton, Mrs H Stokes and Mr D Warry Others: Mrs S Moore (Clerk), and 5 members of the public. <u>26/076/b APOLOGIES:</u> Mr J Davies, Mr T Harper, Mr Mike Hewitson (Unitary Authority Councillor) and Mr Oliver Patrick (Unitary Authority Councillor).	
<u>26/077 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> None declared.	
<u>26/078 PUBLIC SESSION</u> A couple of residents requested a further breakdown on their Freedom of Information request regarding the grants and donations for the pavilion. The Clerk agreed to email this over to them. A resident queried the legality of a personal CCTV camera overlooking another property. A discussion was held on this matter. A resident mentioned that the stone bollard that had been removed due to damage in Wash Lane was part of the village's history and requested that it was put back. Cllr McFarlane explained why a metal bollard was erected in its place and would see whether the original stone could be found. A resident commented on the approved planning appeal for the development and that the water would be going through third party land. The Clerk said that no request has been made. A representative from St Catherine's church gave an update on the church. They said that the weathervane has been re-gilded and would be back in place soon; the bells have been inspected and are in an excellent condition; the condition of the tree was published in the village magazine, and the churchyard has been inspected and a wilding programme in place. There will be a 'teddys in parachutes' event on 29th August. The project work for the inside of the church is ongoing, and grant applications have been applied for. A discussion was held on the long-term plans, and it is envisaged to make it a 'warm space' for residents and to partition the chancellery off with glass for church services. The remaining church could be used for larger events as the current village facilities are not large enough. Concerns were raised about parking for such events and how it would affect the other village facilities. It was also queried about the planning process as any work carried out comes under the Ecclesiastical Exemption Order 2010, so it is exempt from the normal planning process. It was asked whether residents and a member of the parish council be on the project team other than the churchwardens. A representative from Tintinhull Youth Football Club said that he would have the quote for the fencing by the end of the week. He asked whether the old metal goalposts would be moving down towards the play area. If not, there was the potential to utilise more of the recreation ground. He asked if the grass cutting schedule could be discussed and the Clerk agreed to meet with him and the groundsman. An allotment holder offered to assist with matters relating to the allotments. The Clerk agreed to meet with them to discuss the allotments.	Clerk Cllr McFarlane Clerk Clerk
<u>26/079 UNITARY COUNCILLORS</u> The Unitary Councillors' report had been circulated to councillors.	
<u>26/080 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u>	

26/083/f National Trust		
Nothing to report.		
26/083/g Street Lighting		
Nothing to report.		
26/083/h Any Other Issues		
Nothing to report		
26/084 MEMBERS' & CLERK'S REPORTS		
Cllr Bartlett asked if she and Cllr Myram could go on the 'Council as an Employer' training with SALC. This would cost £25 per person. It was RESOLVED to book the next available course.		Clerk
26/085 FINANCE		
26/085/a Matters for Report:		
i. <u>Monthly Bank Reconciliation</u>		
The Clerk gave monthly bank reconciliation as of 30 th June 2026		
Current Account	£ 250.00	
Business Reserve Account	£108,781.39	
Pavilion Reserve Account	£ 36.15	
Total	£109,067.54	
Plus Outstanding Deposits	£ 42.00	
Less Outstanding Payments	£ 0.01	
Total as Cash Book	£109,009.53	
Ring-Fenced Amounts:		
Sports Pavilion	£ 12,226.65	
Play Equipment	£ 6,084.43	
Asset Management	£ 17,559.00	
Pavilion & Grounds Bookings	£ 583.00	
Allotment Rent & Donations	£ 2,726.94	
Allotment New Plot Deposits	£ 687.50	
Allotment Gate Key Deposits	£ 460.00	
Total	£ 40,307.52	
Budget Working Capital		£ 68,702.01
ii. <u>Quarterly Budget Comparison</u>		
The Clerk had circulated the quarterly budget comparison to councillors. The expenditure for the first quarter was on budget		
iii. <u>Monthly Direct Debits</u>		
The monthly direct debits paid in May:		
HugoFox (Website Fee)	£ 23.99	
HugoFox (Email Account)	£ 2.99	
National Trust	£ 29.17	
Eon Next	£ 12.53	
Total	£ 68.68	
26/085/b Invoices Payable		
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Sarah Moore	Reimbursements June	£ 222.48 BACS
Evis Ground	Grass Cutting & Lengthsman Work	
Maintenance	for June	£ 971.28 BACS
Mike Ford	Replacement Cesspit Cover &	
Groundworks	Installation	£ 873.60 BACS
Louise Gaylard	Pavilion Cleaning	£ 26.00 BACS
Montacute Baptist	Hire of Hall	£ 25.00 Chq 1944
Chapel		

Total £ <u>2,118.36</u> It was RESOLVED to approve the payments. <u>26/085/c</u> <u>Other</u> As there is no meeting in August, it was RESOLVED to approve any payments to be made during that month and for them to be formally ratified at the September meeting.	
<u>26/086</u> <u>PLANNING</u> <u>26/086/a</u> <u>Parish Planning Working Party Feedback on Applications:</u> <u>26/01223/DOC1</u> – discharge of Condition nos. 03 (HMMP) and 04 (Landscaping) and to discharge deemed Biodiversity Net Gain condition of planning application 24/01233/FUL – Stoneshell Farm, Montacute Road, Tintinhull, Yeovil BA22 8QD – no comments <u>26/086/b</u> <u>Planning Decisions and Reports</u> <u>Decisions:</u> <u>26/01123/LBC</u> – rebuild double chimney stack to resolve structural issues – Montacute House, Bishopston, Montacute TA15 6XP – approved <u>25/00247/FUL</u> – residential development to provide no. 7 dwellings, vehicular access and associated landscaping – Land at Mason Lane, Montacute TA15 6UH – appeal case no. 6004221 – appeal approved <u>Reports:</u> <u>26/00864/HOU</u> – proposed demolition of existing single garage and store. Replacement new double garage with storage and link extension to main house – 8 Townsend, Montacute TA15 6XH – awaiting decision <u>25/02103/FUL</u> – development of 61 dwellings with associated access, sustainable drainage provision, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure – Land OS 2964 Link Road to A3088, North of Stanchester Academy, Montacute –awaiting decision <u>25/01224/FUL</u> – the proposed development of a trunk road service area and associated development – part land OS 0023, Cartgate Roundabout, Tintinhull, Yeovil TA14 6RA – awaiting decision.	
<u>26/087</u> <u>GOVERNANCE</u> The Clerk mentioned that as the council does not meet in August, she will be reviewing some of the policies. Cllr McFarlane said he would review the Emergency Plan.	Cllr McFarlane
<u>26/088</u> <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> None received.	
<u>26/089</u> <u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS</u> Play Equipment, s106 availability from housing development.	
<u>26/090</u> <u>DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</u> There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.08pm. There is no meeting in August, and the next council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th September 2026.	