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4th August 2026

I hereby give notice that the meeting of West Monkton Parish Council will be held at Brittons Ash Community Hall on **Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 7pm.**

Members of the public are encouraged and welcomed to attend this meeting either in person or virtually. To join the meeting virtually please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83681501794>

Members of the public and press are entitled to be at the following meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1 extended by Local Government Act 1972 Section 100 unless the Parish Council by resolution/s enters confidential session, when the public are lawfully excluded.

Public question time at this meeting will be held about 7.20pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Amy Shepherd
Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

- 1) To receive any apologies (with reasons), introductions with responsibilities.
- 2) To note:
 - a) Declarations of Interest
 - b) Dispensation Requests
 - c) Amendments to the Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- 3) To adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 28th July 2026 **(R)**
- 4) To note Clerk's reports.
- 5) Somerset Council report from Cllrs Cavill and Fothergill.
- 6) Reports, including recent developments, matters to consider and decisions to be made:
 - a) Bathpool Flood Warden report: Mr Kevin Perry. Feedback from meeting with Environment Agency on installation of Bathpool Pumps
 - b) GDPR update.
 - c) Communications Report.
 - d) West Monkton Village Hall Management Committee
 - e) The Spital Trust: Cllr Ellis to report.
 - f) Any other events at which WMPC was represented; Broadband Meeting (Cllr D Cronshaw)
 - g) Election of Parish Representatives to the Quantock Hills National Landscape Partnership **(R)**
 - h) Consultations;
 - i. Proposed Changes to Parish Councillor Numbers: <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/democratic-services/councillor-numbers/> (Deadline 25th August 2026)
 - ii. Polling District and Polling Places Review: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/polling-review> (Deadline 3rd September 2026)
 - iii. Somerset Connectivity and Integrated Transport Strategy (SCITS) consultation: <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/highways/b483a6dc/> (Deadline 11th September 2026)

Meeting will be adjourned

Public Question Time

Members of the public are invited to ask questions and raise issues, but please note, this is not a discussion forum.

Please make your wish to speak known to the Chairman or the Clerks before the start of the meeting. When called, please give your name. You have three minutes in which to speak.

Meeting will reconvene

- 7) Planning
 - a) To consider any planning applications (listed on Somerset Council website) **(R)**

34/16/0014: Outline permission (with all matters reserved except for access) for the erection of up to 915 residential units, a primary school, 1 ha of employment land, local centre, open space including allotments and sports pitches, green infrastructure, landscaping, woodland planting, sustainable drainage systems and associated works; including provision of an internal spine road to connect A358 Staplegrove Road to Kingston Road on land at Staplegrove (East), Taunton.

Amendment:

Revised and refreshed application inclusive of revised Environment Statement (including Non-Technical Summary), Planning Statement, Design and Access Statement, Transport Statement, Nutrient Neutrality Assessment and Mitigation Strategy, and revised application plans (parameter plans and Indicative Framework Masterplan). Reduction in quantum of proposed employment land. Amendment to application red line (the extent of the application)

- b) To note that Planning decisions made are available on Somerset Council website filed under the application number

8) Finance

- a) Finance Report including **(R)**:
 - i. Consideration of quotes including benches, 40ft storage container for sports pitches, hedge trimmer for Country Park, mower insurance renewal, Ferris ride on lawnmower, Bridgwater Road football post installation.
 - ii. Approval of receipts and payments
- b) Consider application for grant funding for young person
- c) Budgeting and Summary Report to 31st July 2026
- d) Consider recommendations of the Audit Working Party

9) Projects

- a) Hyde Park Sports Ground; progress update.
- b) Poppy of Honour update
- c) MH2; feedback from meeting with planning officer on 5th August 2026.

10) Community

- a) General update **(R)**
- b) Feedback from Flower Show and Hyde Park Sports Ground Grand Opening

11) Assets

- a) Country Park and Somerset Wood; update.
- b) Heathfield Gardens POS; update.

12) Environment

- a) 20mph speed limit extension; update
- a) Somerset Rivers Authority; Community Flood Action Fund Grant: [Grants - Somerset Rivers Authority](#) (Deadline: 25th August 2026) Consider / approve application for submission.

13) Other matters for report only – items for discussion - no decision

- a) Items for next meeting agenda - by Monday 31st August 2026 or 14th September 2026.
- b) Dates to note over the next 14 days

14) Dates of forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council:

Second Tuesday in the month (Business focused meeting)

2026: 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec.

Fourth Tuesday in the month (Community / project focused meeting)

2026: 22nd Sept, 27th Oct, 24th Nov.

Audit Working Party: 23rd October 2026 at 9.30am

Annual Parish Meeting: TBC March 2027 at 7pm

BACH Committee: 16th October 2026 at 10am

Budget and Precept Working Group: November 2026 at 7pm

Sports Pitch Committee: 15th September 2026 at 9.30am

Somerset Wood Joint Committee TBC

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

(R) = Resolution to be considered / required.