

	<p>obtained. In addition the new MP for Yeovil, Adam Dance, is to be contacted to see if he can help to resolve the issue.</p> <p>c. Gate for Tunnel Steps The installation of the gate continues to divide opinion. Although appreciated for safety reasons it also causes problems for dog walkers and buggy users and is often wedged open. It was suggested that for a trial period the gate should be pinned open and the sign moved to a most obvious site reminding people of the traffic ahead.</p> <p>d. Banking Due to further obstacles with HSBC it was agreed (with the exception of Cllr Clifton) that the online banking option would not be pursued at this time. Where possible more direct debits and standing orders are to be set up and the situation reviewed in 6 months.</p> <p>e. Matthew Chubbs Almshouses Geoffery Ferneyhough has agreed to become the new Trustee for the Matthew Chubb Almshouses.</p> <p>f. Dog Waste Posters Ongoing</p> <p>g. Garden around Cemetery Chapel A quote for over £3000 had been received for the work required around the Cemetery Chapel. It was agreed not to accept this but to accept a different quote (£300 + VAT) to remove the large yew stump. Having done this a lot of the other work will be possible by volunteers. Proposed: Cllr Bradly Seconded: Cllr Gillard RESOLVED</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Clifton, Cllr Marshall</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
24/41.	<p>Reports</p> <p>a. Report from County Councillors Cllr Ashton and Cllr Best reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is currently an open online consultation about Council Tax Reduction. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2025/26 Consultation - Somerset Council - Citizen Space • The W&W roadworks in Crewkerne have been completed and the traffic system is back to normal. • The new school has opened in Misterton. Parking is already an issue and needs to be sorted. • Recently here have been a number of thefts of farm machinery. • Due to staff shortages the Somerset Council planning service is overwhelmed with applications taking longer than usual. • Cllr Paul Bradly has been awarded a Chairman’s Award for Service to the Community. <p>b. Report from Chairman of the Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust The Chair reported that he and the Clerk had attended the school open day. They were impressed by the condition of the school and the facilities available. They had</p>	

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	<p>been hosted by one of the psychologists who had been informative and optimistic about this new inclusive way of dealing with special educational needs children. There are currently 15 pupils (aged between 9 and 17) on the school role but only 10 will be on the premises at any one time. There are 17 staff employed by the school.</p> <p>c. Working Group Reports</p> <p>i. Finance Working Group (FWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FWG meeting had not met but will schedule a meeting for early October to consider the half yearly figures, setting up of new standing orders and direct debits and to consider possible funding for the Village Hall. <p>ii. Cemetery Working Group (CWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request had been received from the brother of the late Anne Taylor for two memorial benches to be installed, one on the Recreation Ground and the other in the Cemetery. A donation to cover the costs would be provided from the estate of Anne Taylor Proposed: Cllr Rousell Seconded: Cllr Bacigalupo RESOLVED A gravestone (Maurice and Phyllis Brown) in the cemetery is currently marking the wrong grave. It is unclear how this unfortunate event has occurred but having liaised with the family it was proposed that the cost of re-siting (£140) should be split 50:50. Proposed: Cllr Bradly Seconded: Cllr Gillard RESOLVED <p>iii. Road Working Group (RWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Bradly reported that he had attended various LCN Highways and Traffic meetings which had been informative and generally useful. Somerset Council have produced documentation about the new Enhanced Highway Maintenance (EHM) Pilot scheme, SC levels of service to meet highway statutory requirements, new Highway Volunteer Training scheme and Handbook and a list of useful contacts. It was agreed that the RWG should meet to discuss in more detail what needs to be done and then report back to the full Council It was proposed that MPC register for the EHM Pilot scheme. Proposed: Cllr Clifton Seconded: Cllr Bradly RESOLVED Cllr Bradly reported that a source of free of charge flood sacks had become available. Cllr Clifton offered to follow up <p>iv. MRT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Clifton reported that MRT had been quiet over the summer period. They are currently planning a Litter Pick for the beginning of November – date to be decided and advertised asap. 	<p>FWG, Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>RWG</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Clifton</p> <p>MRT, Clerk</p>
24/42.	<p>Planning including applications currently in circulation/determinations</p> <p>a. Applications handled since last meeting None</p> <p>b. Determinations notified by SC since last meeting</p>	

	<p>i. 24/01144/COL Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed erection of single storey extension – 13 Packers Way, Misterton, TA18 8NY - APPLICATION PERMITTED</p> <p>ii. 24/01639/AGN Notification of intent for erection of milking parlour and milk storage building – Knowle Farm, Mosterton Road, Misterton TA18 8NT – PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED</p> <p>c. New applications to be considered None</p> <p>d. Tree Applications None</p> <p>e. Other Planning Matters None</p>																					
24/43.	<p>Rubbish Collection 2025-26</p> <p>Somerset Council have announced that from 1 April 2025 there will be an emptying charge of £7.82 + VAT per bin per week. Misterton currently has 9 dog waste and 7 litter bins which would incur a charge of approximately £125 per week, £6500 per year which would result in the current precept increasing by 25%. This needs to be minimised to avoid a steep increase for each household.</p> <p>It was suggested that some of the bins may be on land belonging to Somerset Council highways which could mean they are responsible for the cost of emptying these bins. This will be investigated further.</p> <p>Due to access problems a resident currently collects all the waste from bins on the Recreation Ground and deposits them in a bin by the CPA which is emptied weekly by SC. In their absence the bins will be checked by Councillors as part of their fortnightly recreation ground inspections. It is possible that this scheme may need to be extended or bins removed to try to keep this new expense as low as possible.</p>	Cllr White, Clerk																				
24/44.	<p>Enhanced Highway Maintenance Project</p> <p>See MPC Minute 24/41ciii</p>																					
24/45.	<p>Review of MPC Standing Orders</p> <p>The updated MPC Standing Orders had been circulated to the full Council. It was proposed that they were approved and adopted.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Bacigalupo Seconder: Cllr Bradly RESOLVED</p>																					
24/46.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. To agree invoices for payment, note regular payments, receipts and bank reconciliation</p> <p>Payments</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="220 1682 1235 1829"> <thead> <tr> <th>Voucher</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Supplier</th> <th>Gross</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>57</td> <td>Norton Protection</td> <td>Norton</td> <td>99.99</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>59 + 73</td> <td>Cemetery Grass Cut</td> <td>K M Dike</td> <td>570.72</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>62 + 74</td> <td>Bank Fees</td> <td>HSBC</td> <td>16.40</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Voucher	Description	Supplier	Gross	Total	57	Norton Protection	Norton	99.99		59 + 73	Cemetery Grass Cut	K M Dike	570.72		62 + 74	Bank Fees	HSBC	16.40		
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	63	Cemetery Electricity	Eon Next	18.14	
	64	Parish Mobile	Tesco Mobile	7.55	
	65	Clerk's Salary	Jane Thicknesse	711.24	
	66	PAYE	HMRC	176.54	
	67	Garden Bench Plaque	Jane Thicknesse	47.80	
	68	External Audit	PKF Littlejohn LLP	252.00	
	69	Memberships	Somerset PFA	15.00	
	70	MUGA Refurbishment	M A White Ltd	4104.00	
	71	Room Hire	Misterton Village Hall	30.00	
	72	Payroll Services	Cox and Co	21.00	
				Total	£6070.38
Receipts					
	Voucher	Description	Supplier	Gross	Total
	16 + 18	Bank Interest	HSBC	98.28	
	17	Chapel Donations	Other	5.00	
				Total	£103.28
Proposed: Cllr Rowe		Seconded: Cllr Rousell		RESOLVED	
24/47.	Any Other Business None				
24/48.	Next Meeting Tuesday 15 th October 2024 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall (Back Room).				

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