



	<p><b>g. Misterton Village Hall Water Bill</b></p> <p>It was reported that the Village Hall is still experiencing a water leak which has been reported to the water company again. The plan is to change the water meter, hoping that it is faulty and that a replacement will show this and that there is no leak. In the meantime, the Village Hall Committee are trying to mitigate the water loss by turning off the water supply to the Hall whenever possible.</p>	
25/74.	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b>a. Report from County Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllrs Ashton and Best reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full Somerset Council meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025</li> <li>• The total amount of funding that Somerset Council will receive from central government for the next financial year should be known in the near future. There will be no additional government funding for the ever increasing adult and social care budget.</li> <li>• A decision about the possible introduction of Sunday parking charges has been delayed.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Report from Chairman of the Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust</b></p> <p>Nothing to report as all items are already covered by the agenda.</p> <p><b>c. Working Group Reports</b></p> <p><b>(i) Finance Working Group (RWG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FWG met on 3 December to set the budget and precept for 2026/27 with the aim of a 0% increase/decrease for individual households.</li> <li>• Subsequently the tax base figures from Somerset Council were received, amendments were made and a draft budget was circulated to all Councillors.</li> <li>• The FWG recommend that the draft budget is agreed and a precept of £26,053 is requested. This figure ensures a 0% increase on all properties. A Band D property will again pay £64.10 per annum. (The amounts for all bands of properties are available on request from the Clerk.)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposed: Cllr Bacigalupo    Seconded: Cllr Bradly    RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The precept for the next financial year will be received in two instalments (April and October)</li> <li>• The Cllr Ashton reminded the Council that there will be elections in 2027 and to ensure funds are included in the 2027/28 budget.</li> </ul> <p><b>(ii.) Cemetery Working Group)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cemetery Chapel will be open on Sundays until Christmas and also on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day</li> <li>• Residents are invited to add a bauble to the Christmas Tree in the Cemetery Chapel in memory of loved ones.</li> </ul> <p><b>(iii.) Roads Working Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting is scheduled for 17 December to discuss a number of traffic and road issues</li> </ul> <p><b>(iv) MRT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting had been held on 12 December 2025. Items discussed included a Village Resilience Plan which could be brought into action in a major emergency. Because the Village Hall would be the obvious location for people to gather, MRT will be liaising with the Village Hall Committee to draw up an enhanced plan.</li> <li>• Recently the Silver Street defibrillator was not available for a short time. When questioned about the location of another one in the vicinity the handler was unable to provide details. An investigation into the problem is taking place.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Cllr Clifton</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recent bad weather has once again highlighted the problems with flood water. Fortunately the road sweeper had been through the village recently which helped as drains had been cleared. The two areas that remain especially troublesome are the junction at the top of Cathole Bridge where the broken/blocked drain is unable to cope with the amount of water and also the bridge over Newbury Lane where the pipes become blocked, forcing water up into the bridge which is in danger of collapsing. The Clerk was asked to report the problem to Somerset Council.</li> <li>A representative from MRT had recently attended the Local Communities Network meeting.</li> </ul>	Clerk																																																		
25/75.	<b>Misterton Learning Centre and Home in Unity Lane.</b> Nothing to report.																																																			
25/76.	<p><b>Planning including applications currently in circulation/determinations</b></p> <p>a. Applications handled since last meeting None</p> <p>b. Determinations notified by Somerset Council since last meeting None</p> <p>c. New applications to be considered Cllrs Gillard and Rowe left the meeting</p> <p>i. 25/02557/FUL – Erection of an extension to the side of an existing industrial/warehouse building – Misterton Garage, Middle Street, Misterton, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 8LY – <b>SUPPORTED</b></p> <p>Cllrs Gillard and Rowe returned to the meeting</p> <p>d. Tree Applications Misterton Tree Preservation Order No 1 2025 – TPO made by Somerset Council on 1 July 2025 confirmed without modification on 28 November 2025.</p> <p>e. Other Planning Matters (25/02044/OUT) for 325 houses at Station Road. This application was not on the agenda for the Somerset South Planning Committee (SSPC) meeting held on 16 December 2025. Cllr Pete Marshall attended a useful meeting with the Station Road Action Group and representatives of local town and parish councils to discuss a strategy when the application is considered by the SSPC. The dates of 2026 SSPC meetings date have not yet been confirmed.</p>	Clerk																																																		
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25/78.	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>a. To agree invoices for payment, note regular payments, receipts and bank reconciliation</b></p> <p><b>Payments</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Voucher</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Supplier</th> <th>Gross</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>98</td> <td>Cemetery Grass Cut (Oct))</td> <td>K M Dike</td> <td>285.36</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>95</td> <td>Cemetery Electricity</td> <td>Eon Next</td> <td>17.83</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>93</td> <td>Parish Mobile</td> <td>Tesco Mobile</td> <td>8.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>97</td> <td>Litter &amp; Dog Waste Bin Emptying</td> <td>Somerset Council</td> <td>202.80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>99</td> <td>Room Hire</td> <td>Misterton VH</td> <td>30.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>100</td> <td>Payroll Services</td> <td>Cox and Co</td> <td>24.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>96</td> <td>Poppies for Lamp posts</td> <td>Jane Thicknesse</td> <td>50.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>91</td> <td>Clerk's Salary</td> <td>Jane Thicknesse</td> <td>731.97</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>92</td> <td>PAYE</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>248.49</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Voucher	Description	Supplier	Gross	Total	98	Cemetery Grass Cut (Oct))	K M Dike	285.36		95	Cemetery Electricity	Eon Next	17.83		93	Parish Mobile	Tesco Mobile	8.00		97	Litter & Dog Waste Bin Emptying	Somerset Council	202.80		99	Room Hire	Misterton VH	30.00		100	Payroll Services	Cox and Co	24.00		96	Poppies for Lamp posts	Jane Thicknesse	50.00		91	Clerk's Salary	Jane Thicknesse	731.97		92	PAYE	HMRC	248.49		
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	94	Postage	Jane Thicknesse	7.25	
	101	Bank Fees	HSBC	2.00	
	102	Ink Cartridges for Printer	Jane Thicknesse	26.99	
	103	SID Repair	Dorset Council	120.00	
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<b>Proposed: Cllr Abbie Rousell      Seconded: Cllr Vivienne Rowe                      RESOLVED</b>					
<b>25/79.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b> None				
<b>25/80.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall (Back Room).				

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