



West Monkton Parish Council

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8th October 2025

I hereby give notice that the meeting of West Monkton Parish Council will be held at Brittons Ash Community Hall on **Tuesday 14th October 2025 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/87072360083>

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 23rd September 2025 **(R)**
- 4) To consider applicant/s and co-opt into the Parish Councillor casual vacancy **(R)**
- 5) To note Clerk's reports.
- 6) Somerset Council report from Cllrs Cavill and Fothergill.
- 7) Hestercombe LCN; feedback from meeting on 24th September 2025
- 8) Somerset Parishes Conference 2025; feedback

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

- 9) Planning
 - a) To consider any planning applications (listed on Somerset Council website) **(R)**
48/25/0049: Replacement of dwelling at Sakura, Cherry Grove Rise, Yalway Road, West Monkton.
48/25/0052: Erection of a two storey extension to the side of Rock Cottage, Noahs Hill, West Monkton.
48/25/0053: Construction of wheelchair accessible viewing area to the first floor function room at Taunton Rugby Football Club, Hyde Park, Hyde Lane, Bathpool.
38/19/0129: Lyngford Lane Development – to discuss advice received by Cheddon Fitzpaine PC.
 - b) To note that Planning decisions made are available on Somerset Council website filed under the application number
- 10) Community
 - a) General update;
 - b) Events; Feedback and to consider recommendations from the Events Working Group Meeting on 9th October **(R)**

11) Assets

- a) Country Park and Somerset Wood update; Lottery project; consider quotes for project deliverables including CCTV and Fencing (R)
- b) MH1 POS update; bin emptying issues, consider bin emptying frequency increase and bin replacements (R)

12) Projects

- a) MH2 Update;
- b) Hyde Park Sports Ground update; Feedback / consider the recommendations of Sports Pitch Committee following the meeting on 7th October. Note purchase of container. Consider quotations for cricket net perimeter security fencing and for temporary security if required including heras fencing and remote surveillance. Agree specification for pump track (R)
- c) Poppy of Honour fundraising update; to agree towing arrangements for future events.
- d) Bathpool Permanent Pumps; update, agree Parish Council position regarding land purchase if required (R)
- e) Layby opposite Thornash Close; to discuss works to prepare for hedge planting and other suggested improvements.

13) Reports, including recent developments, matters to consider and decisions to be made:

- a) Bathpool Flood Warden: Mr Kevin Perry.
 - b) GDPR update:
 - c) Communications Report
- Representatives on outside bodies
- d) West Monkton Village Hall Management Committee; Approve representative (R)
 - e) The Spital Trust: Cllr Ellis to report.
 - f) Any other events at which WMPC was represented;
 - g) Consultations; None

14) Finance

- a) Finance Report including (R):
 - i. Consideration of quotes including gully sucking for Blundells Lane Flood Alleviation Project, replacement lobby chairs for the BACH, Youth Café jackets and hedging for layby opposite Thornash Close.
 - ii. Approval of receipts and payments
- b) Budgeting and Summary Report (incorporating BACH accounts)

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

- a) Items for next meeting agenda - by Monday 20th October or Monday 3rd November 2025
- b) Dates to note over the next 14 days

16) Dates of forthcoming meetings:

Parish Council:

Second Tuesday in the month (Business focused meeting)

2025: 11th Nov, 9th Dec.

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

2025: 28th Oct, 25th Nov.

Audit Working Party: 17th October 2025 at 9.30am

Annual Parish Meeting: TBC 2026

BACH Committee 21st October 2025 at 7pm

Budget and Precept Working Group: 18th November 2025 at 7pm

Sports Pitch Committee 4th November 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.