



MINUTES OF PROPERTY & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Monday 27 April 2026 at 7.00pm

Councillors present: Philippa Biddlecombe (Chair), Linda Ball, Margaret Bebbington, David Bright, Gavin Crisp, David Gill, Judi Morison, Trevor Oats, Angela Piggott

In attendance: Lisa Davis, Cllr Henry Hobhouse

Before the meeting started, Philippa Biddlecombe reminded all Councillors of the Civility and Respect pledge that has been approved by CCTC.

The meeting started at 19:00

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PI27 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Frances Alden and Pek Peppin.

PI28 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest (these must be declared BEFORE the agenda items concerned are discussed. Persons with a declared pecuniary interest must leave the meeting room when these are discussed).

There were no declarations of interest.

PI29 Approval of Minutes of Property & Infrastructure Committee meeting on Monday 23rd February 2026

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed (8 – for, 0 – against, 1 – abstained) that the minutes of the meeting on 23rd February be approved to be signed by the Chair at a later time.

PI30 Action points from previous meetings Trevor Oats has been painting the fingerposts and it is great to receive such positive comments.

PI31 Pavilion & Donald Pither Memorial Field

a) Update on Pavilion project There was no update. It was agreed to ask the Football and Cricket Clubs how much they had raised towards the project to date

b) To consider quotes for asbestos survey at the Pavilion It was agreed to defer this until needed.

PI32 Fairfield

a) To consider quote for additional grass cutting at Fairfield

RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the quote for additional grass cutting

b) Update on discussion with owner of property adjoining Fairfield Philippa Biddlecombe gave an update following her meeting with the owner of Well Farm.

RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (8 – for, 0 – against, 1 – abstained) to repair the fence between Fairfield and the garden at a cost of no more than £500

PI33 Infrastructure

- a) To discuss road closure pilot for flooding** Henry Hobhouse gave an update on the road closure pilot for flooding that is being trialled in Podimore and Martock this winter. Unfortunately, the Police are unable to close roads that are flooded due to the lack of resource. If the pilot is successful, then it would be rolled out across Somerset next year and made available to all towns and parishes to access if appropriate. There is likely to be a requirement for Council's to pay for the signs and they would need to be stored locally when not in use.
- b) To discuss requests regarding additional / replacement bins** Requests regarding bins were discussed and it was noted that Somerset Council charge £6.50 per bin per emptying. It was agreed that Trevor Oats would check and identify bins that are missing and/or broken to follow up further.
- c) To note that David Gill will be erecting a Monarch's Way Information Board at Lower Ansford in collaboration with APC** Noted
- d) To note request from resident regarding listing of Castle Cary Station** The request was noted and it was agreed that CCTC would support the listing of the station.

PI34 Market House

- a) Update on Market House project** Judi Morison reported that the project enquiry to HLF had unfortunately been rejected. The Market House Project group would meet to discuss the way forward. It was noted that CCTC had previously agreed to apply for Listed Building Consent for a stair lift if required.
- b) To consider quote for replacement door at the Market House** It was agreed to defer this as more information was needed.
- c) To note completion of Museum lease** Noted

P135 Health and Safety

- a) Annual Play Inspection reports – to note and discuss any actions to be taken** The reports were noted and Philippa Biddlecombe reported that GB Sport and Leisure had been asked to quote for any works required that were recorded as a medium risk or above. Clark and Kent had also been asked to provide a quote for the re-surfacing of the pump track to be discussed at the next joint meeting with APC.

The meeting closed at 20.23

The next meeting of the Properties and Infrastructures Committee will be held on Monday 22nd June 2026 at 7.00pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 11th June 2026.