

CREECH ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes for the Meeting of Creech St Michael Parish Council held at
Creech St Michael Village Hall on **Monday 02 June 2025 at 7.00pm**

Councillor Attendance

Cllr. Chalie Cudlip – Chair	CC	Present	Cllr. Neil Davidson – Vice Chair	ND	Present
Cllr. Peter Brown	PB	Present	Cllr. Mike Saffin	MS	Present
Cllr. Paul Tucker	PT	Present	Cllr. Stephen Greenhalgh	SG	Present
Cllr. David Griffin	DG	Present from item 8.2	Cllr. Barbara Williams	BW	Present
Cllr. Martyn Willis	MW	Present	Cllr. Kieran Roe MBE	KR	Present

Also Present: Cllr. David Fothergill (Somerset Council), Three (3) members of the public and Andrew Williams, Creech St Michael Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Meeting started at 7.00pm

1.0	Chair's welcome CC welcomed everyone present to the meeting.
2.0	Parish Council Vacancy There is a vacancy for the role of Parish Councillor. Anyone interested in becoming a Councillor is asked to contact the Clerk and RFO prior to 2 June 2025 and to attend the June meeting. None.
3.0	Public Question time - Questions asked by the Public and Press will be noted. None.
4.0	Apologies for absence
	4.1 To receive any apologies for absence. None.
	4.2 To approve any apologies for absence. [M] None
5.0	Declarations of Interests
	5.1 Declarations of Individual Members None.
	5.2 Dispensation Request None.
6.0	To receive Somerset Council Councillors' Reports Cllr. Fothergill offered apologies on behalf of Cllr. Cavill, as he was attending another parish council meeting. Cllr. Fothergill gave an update on the following matters.

	<p>Somerset Council Finances. Savings continue to be sought to bridge a gap of £101 million in the budget for the next financial year. Proposals for savings will be considered by the Council in July. A new interim finance officer has been appointed for the next 9 months.</p> <p>Somerset Council pay and grade review. Currently underway within the Authority as a consequence of the merger of the district and county structures. To be implemented in April 2027.</p> <p>Glastonbury Town Deal. The programme to redevelop the Red Brick Building in Glastonbury are on hold following issues raised during an audit.</p> <p>Disposable vapes. The ban came in to force on 1 June 2025. Evidence indicates that there has been some stockpiling of products and efforts are being made to ensure that they are disposed of correctly.</p> <p>New film. The film Salt Path, partially filmed in Somerset has been released.</p> <p>Junction 26. The works to replace the road off junction 26 of the M5 is scheduled to start soon and this will result in the closure of the motorway junction.</p> <p>Cllr. Fothergill confirmed that he had chased up the issue with the Environmental Impact Assessment for the solar power generating site off Bull Street.</p>				
7.0	Minutes				
	<p>To Review and Approve the minutes of the meeting held on [DATE]. [M]</p> <p>The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.</p>				
	Prop:MW	Sec:PB	In Favour:7	Against:0	Abstain:3
8.0	<p>Review and Monitor the Actions Outstanding from Past Meetings – See Appendix A for details of action points and progress toward the completion of each action.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion on the matter of the written response to the Parish Council's letter from the Lead Member for Economic Development Planning and Assets took place and it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a further response and this would be shared with West Monkton Parish Council and that both councils should consider the response prior to it being sent. Cllr. Fothergill suggested that the Parish Councils ask the Lead Member to identify Somerset Council's negotiation priorities within the viability discussions.</p>				
	Items for Decision				
9.0	<p>Planning Support – to review proposals for the provision of professional support to the Parish Council to manage the two significant planning applications. [M]</p> <p>The options were considered and it was agreed to delay any decision until further consultation had been undertaken with West Monkton Parish Council.</p>				
10.0	<p>Financial Transactions Report – to review and approve the Financial Transaction Report for the period between 3 May 2025 and 26 May 2025. [M]</p> <p>The transaction report was approved. See Appendix B for a list of all payments. The Chair signed a copy of the report for the records.</p>				
	Prop:ND	Sec:SG	In Favour:10	Against:0	Abstain:0
11.0	<p>Planning Application – Application 14/25/0015 – to consider an application for the erection of a single storey extension to the rear and a porch to the front of 7 Heathfield Close, Creech Heathfield. [M]</p>				
	Prop:KR	Sec:PT	In Favour:10	Against:0	Abstain:0
	Items for Discussion				
12.0	Community Infrastructure Levy Policy – call for projects.				

	Following the approval of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Policy, members were asked to propose projects that could be considered for funding via the CIL policy. KR asked if the purchase of land was a legitimate option and it was agreed that this could be considered. Members to provide the Clerk with potential projects for consideration by the Finance Committee.
13.0	Feedback from the Planning West meeting 20.05.2025. The Clerk provided feedback following his attendance at the recent Planning West Committee meeting.
	Other Matters
14.0	LCN Highways Working Group – feedback from the meeting of the joint Hestercombe LCN and Taunton LCN Highways Working group held on 14 May 2025. The agenda for this meeting and the feedback by the Clerk on matters discussed were noted.
15.0	The Planning Log – to review the planning log and note any updates. Updates to the records were noted.
16.0	Somerset Local Plan – to consider an email from the Chair of Stoke St Mary Parish Council regarding the Somerset Council Local Plan. It was agreed that an email supporting the proposals from the Chair of Stoke St Mary Parish Council would be sent by the Clerk.
17.0	Correspondence
	17.1 To consider any correspondence received that Councillors wish to raise that has already been circulated. 17.1.1 Footpath Clearance – an email message from a resident regarding the state of the footpath between Bull Street and Ham. The email message was acknowledged and it was noted that the footpath had been cleared in recent days.
	17.2 To note items of correspondence received by the Clerk and RFO deemed appropriate to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council. 17.2.1 Somerset Council - Somerset Council Landlord Housing Options Appraisal. Noted. 17.2.2 Somerset Bus Partnership – respond to a request for a representative to be nominated as a point of contact. The matter was noted and it was suggested that the Clerk seek a representative from the community that was a regular bus user.
18.0	New Matters to be Carried Forward KR raised the matter of the damaged Village Hall directional sign and post. The Clerk confirmed that it was part of the works scheduled for Somerset Council Highways to undertake in July/August.

The meeting ended at 8.52pm

[M] = Where a resolution (vote) is expected

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The next Creech St Michael (CSM) Parish Council meetings are on:

Monday 7 July 2025

at 7pm in the CSM Village Hall

