
**Minutes of Mudford Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 20th
May 2026 at 18:00, Mudford Village Hall, BA21 5TE**

Present – Councillors (Cllrs): Jo Dalton-Leggett (Chair), Robin Bowring, David Brown and Stephen Bartlett.

Absent – Cllrs: Phil Edgeworth, John Snell and Peter Blackwood.

In attendance: Petra Galloway – Parish Clerk/RFO and 12 members of the public.

18:00 – Meeting started.

26/50 To receive and consider apologies for absence and approve the reasons (LGA 1972 s 85(1)).

RESOLVED: Cllr Blackwood sent apologies as he was unwell, and Cllr Snell sent apologies due to another commitment. The council received the apologies and resolved to approve both reasons.

26/51 Declarations of interests.

No declarations of interest were received.

26/52 To receive Public Comments.

- A representative of Wyndham Park Community Association read a statement on behalf of the association in support of the development 14/02554/OUT.
- A representative of 3VFG (Three Villages Flood Group) read a statement on behalf of the group in support of the Parish Council and the work that has been done to date.
- A representative of FoMAG (Friends of Mudford Action Group) read a statement on behalf of the group in support of the Parish Council and the work undertaken on behalf of the community.
- A parishioner raised concerns about the closure of Yeovil District Hospital's Hyper Acute Stroke Unit in light of the growing population resulting from the two developments.

26/53 Exempt Session – Exclusion of the Press & Public.

The council is recommended to resolve that under section 1, paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED: The council agreed to exclude the press and public to discuss legally privileged matters.

26/54 Judicial Review of Somerset Council's planning decision 14/02554/OUT:

- i. To receive and consider the court's judgment.

RESOLVED: The council received and considered the court's judgement.

- ii. To receive and consider legal advice and recommendations from the council's legal team.

RESOLVED: The council received and considered legal advice and recommendations from its legal team.

- iii. To consider whether to pursue an appeal to the Court of Appeal and, if so resolved, to authorise the parish clerk to instruct the council's legal advisers accordingly.

RESOLVED: The council unanimously agreed that it does not wish to pursue an appeal to the Court of Appeal and authorised the clerk to inform the legal team of its decision.

- iv. To review the council's budget, including earmarked and general reserves, and to approve any necessary virements or reallocation of reserves or budget.

RESOLVED: The council agreed to vire £10,000 from the Up Mudford Challenge reserves to the Up Mudford Challenge budget line to pay the defendant's adverse costs as ordered by the court.

- v. To approve the latest version of solicitor's Terms of Business, including updated fee structure.

RESOLVED: The council approved the latest version of the Terms of Business and the fee structure.

26/55 To confirm the date of the next meeting – 28th May 2026 at 19:00 at Mudford Village Hall, BA21 5TE.

RESOLVED: The date was confirmed.

18:58 – Meeting ended.