
Minutes of Mudford Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 24th August 2026 at 19:00, Mudford Village Hall, BA21 5TE

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

Absent – Cllrs: Phil Edgeworth, John Snell and Stephen Bartlett.

In attendance: Petra Galloway – Parish Clerk/RFO, Somerset Councillor Henry Hobhouse and 3 members of the public.

19:00 – Meeting started.

26/174 To receive and consider apologies for absence and approve the reasons (LGA 1972 s 85(1)).

No apologies were received. Cllrs Edgeworth, Bartlett and Snell were absent.

26/175 Declarations of interests.

No declarations of interest were received.

26/176 To receive Public Comments.

Three Villages Flood Group (3VFG) – continues to review planning application 25/02769/REM and has submitted its comments to the Planning Department. Particular concern has been raised regarding the proposed infilling of existing ditches, and questions have been submitted to the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA). Correspondence with the LLFA has also been submitted to the Planning Portal for consideration.

Friends of Mudford Action Group (FoMAG) –has also prepared and submitted a response to planning application 25/02769/REM. In addition, following the initial complaint that had already been submitted regarding planning decision 25/01367/S73, the group has made a further submission raising additional concerns.

26/177 Planning:

1. To review the decision of Somerset Council's Planning Committee South made on 29th July 2026 in respect of planning application 25/01367/S73 (Land OS 3400 North of Mudford Road, Yeovil); to consider whether there are grounds for a complaint regarding the due process followed; and, if so resolved, to agree the wording of the complaint(s) or delegate authority to the clerk to finalise the wording and submit the complaint(s) and any related correspondence on behalf of the council.

RESOLVED: The council agreed to submit a complaint regarding the Planning Committee South decision on application 25/01367/S73, raising concerns about the handling of a proposed deferral, the voting procedure, the information provided to members regarding changes to the nutrient mitigation strategy, and whether Natural England should have been re-consulted following amendments to the mitigation arrangements and planning conditions. The clerk was delegated authority to finalise the wording of the complaint and submit it to the appropriate officers/departments at Somerset Council.

2. To consider the amendments to planning application 25/02769/REM (Land OS 3400 Mudford Road, Yeovil), to agree any comments, and to make any necessary delegations to the clerk.

RESOLVED: The council agreed its response to the amendments to planning application 25/02769/REM, stating that it is in complete agreement with the representations submitted by FoMAG and 3VFG and therefore agreed to submit both documents as addenda to its representation, with the agreement of both groups. The council highlighted concerns regarding the replacement of existing ditch drainage functions and downstream flood risk, the development's relationship with the rural landscape and setting of Mudford, and the delivery and long-term management of mitigation measures, and concluded that, until these matters have been satisfactorily addressed, it does not have sufficient assurance to support the application in its present form; the clerk was delegated authority to finalise and submit the response.

26/178 To confirm the date of the next ordinary meeting – 27th August 2026 at 19:00 at Mudford Village Hall, BA21 5TE.

RESOLVED: The council confirmed the date.

20:31 – Meeting ended.