

BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th August 2025 in the Old School, Batcombe, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present - Councillors: Janet Jones – Chair, Jayne Cox, Peter Glaisher, Clare Kingston and Tom Price.

Also Present: The Clerk – Rob Sage.

5823 – Apologies for Absence: Bryony Harling and Ian Sage. Apologies also received from Claire Sully and Rob Reed – Somerset Councillors.

5824 – Declarations of Interest: Tom Price declared an interest in the application for tree works at Batcombe House as an employee there. Peter Glaisher declared an interest in the discussion of the insurance for the Village Fete as a member of the PCC.

5825 – Planning Applications:

Planning Application No: 2025/1318/HSE – Proposed erection of new detached double garage. Beeches Farm Bungalow, Wanstrow – Householder Application. It was noted that the application was for a garage for Beeches Farmhouse not Beeches Farm Bungalow. The Parish Council decided to recommend approval as there were no objections to the proposed garage.

Planning Application No: 2025/1345/TCA – Ash (T1) - Fell. Southview, Kale Street, Batcombe – Works/Felling Trees in a CA. The reason given for felling the tree was that it had grown too large for its location. The Parish Council recommended refusal on the grounds that having grown too large was not an adequate reason for felling an otherwise healthy tree in the Conservation Area.

Planning Application No: 2025/1409/TCA – T1 – Holm Oak: 15-20% Crown reduction to canopy to prevent overhanging growth to public highway. Batcombe House, Gold Hill, Batcombe – Works/Felling Trees in a CA. The tree was adjacent to Back Lane and the Parish Council recommended approval to prevent overhanging growth becoming an obstruction on the highway.

5826 – Insurance of the Village Fete: The Clerk had contacted Daniel Dovar on the Fete Committee regarding the insurance of the Fete. There was a question of whether the Fete would be covered by the PCC's insurance as the PCC was only a beneficiary of the Fete and not the organiser. The Fete Committee understood that this was the case as a member of the PCC was on the Fete Committee. It was agreed that the Fete Committee should either provide written confirmation of this from the PCC's insurers or obtain their own insurance for the Fete to go ahead.

5827 - Authorisation of Payments: Councillors authorised the following payments:

£190.00	Kevin Gale – Grass cutting in the Playing Field (two cuts in July).
£115.20	Playsafety Limited – Playing Field safety inspection.
£61.91	water2business – water supply to Playing Field (six months).

The Clerk reported that the electricity supply to the Playing Field was being paid by a monthly Direct Debit, currently £17.95 a month as no electricity has been used.

5828 - Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 8.00pm in the Old School, Batcombe.

Janet Jones
3/9/25