

DRAFT MINUTES OF MPC MEETING 9th FEBRUARY 2026 (PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR)

Item 1. Absences: Cllr.Murfin/Cllr. Boura

Item 2. Obstructions still being put forward to delay access to the Bank

Cllr.Boura holds a bank card saying that it was her personal card

A public member stated that only one person was required to talk with the bank; this proved to be incorrect . Cllr.Boura stated she had informed the bank that she had lost her card and pin,Cllr. Boura stated that she was waiting for her new card/pin number,the chair contacted the bank who stated that there has been no request to replace any card or pin number.

It was suggested that the chair and Cllr. Keeling went to the bank,where once again the bank confirmed that no such claim regarding bank card / pin had been made.

*In an attempt to move along the signatory issues the bank contacted Cllr. Boura who said it was not convenient ,all the bank wanted was a simple yes, the bank said that she must contact the bank,this she did several days later,all that was needed was a yes from her regards the signatories.*

Cllr. Keeling was told that he should have a card and pin number; he replied that he had nothing.

It was suggested by a member of the public that we contact the X clerk. The chair stated that she could not be contacted and such an action could be seen as harassment as she is off with mental stress.

Many members of the public suggested that you should do this and do that but the chair explained that all efforts had been tried and being instructed by the bank was the way forward.

Report on new Accountant, who now has paperwork and will be in touch when concluded

Item 3. The chair was informed that the replacement Clerk has declined the position.

Item 4 deferred

Item 5. Bus stop seating waiting for renewed quote

Item 6. SPCA Training offered for Cllrs this to be decided to take place on any Monday during the month of March.

A member of the public asked if the Litter picker gets sick pay and holiday pay, the chair replied that yes he did and during the time that the PC insurance cover had been allowed to expire the litter picker was paid while not able to work.

Item 7. Once again item 7 had to be deferred.

Item 8.Donation to Mayfield church for the cost of replacement boilers, The council agreed that on principle we could agree to some monetary gift.

The cost of replacement boilers was stated to be some £21,000 raised so far £14,000 leaving £8,000 still to be raised.

The chair considered that the amount stated for replacement was high and this was agreed by another qualified person.

Decision for the donation was deferred until the next meeting of the MPC, giving the opportunity for the council to check if there is a limit as to what can be donated.

The chair did suggest that it may have been better for Mr Balderson to have been at the meeting. Cllr. Sankey (ESBC) made the suggestion that it be considered in principle and the members took the vote which was carried by all members present voted in favour.

Item 9.Cllr Harrison. Presented correspondence from Mr A Golding (public member) asking again what was happening with the group.

It was suggested that the audit report for that meeting will be on the Mayfield web site the chair said he would look into when time permits.

The chair read out conditions for grants awarded by the PC.

Item 10. Regarding yellow lines for turning spaces, it has been suggested cars blocking these spaces throughout the village, grass verges are being destroyed by vehicle tyres, pavements are being blocked by cars parked illegally, members of the public stated that they had parked there for over 40 years. It was suggested that small signs be located in the turning spaces to let people know that they are spaces for commercial vehicles to be able to turn around safely and so require the spaces to be kept clear at all times rather than have to reverse. Chair to check on legality of parking in turning spaces causing obstruction.

Item 11. chair to report on investigation against him, chair did explain that he had been instructed that the investigation would be confidential. The chair argued that it will not be confidential and as it involved the PC it would be honest and open as it should be.

The chair has insisted that all correspondence would be by email, if it were done by phone things said could later be denied

The chair did state that he would keep the PC and the public aware of future developments.