CHIPSTABLE
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 5th August 2026

In attendance: Cllr. E Mills (EM); Cllr. S Harknett (SH), Cllr. Ken Martin (KM), Cllr Pete Martin (PM) and Clerk K Collings (KC)

		Action
1.	**Apologies**: Cllr. Pete Marshall & District Cllr. D Mansell	
2.	**Approval of Minutes** from AGM 3rd June 2026 – unanimously approved	
3.	**Clerks Report:** The Clerk began her report by showing the council the notice of intent from Somerset Council of a polling station review and feedback was welcomed. The council has received an invite to join the Somerset Community Raging Against Poor Planning (SCRAPP) Agreed not to take up the invite. Silvertime talks has offered to come and give a talk for residents around wills , lasting power of attorney, care fees and inheritance tax. KC commented that while this may be useful the problem will be getting people to attend. Cllr Mills suggested we reply and ask that they come next May for the public meeting. Together in Tone, a local music organisation is offering courses from September 2026 KC suggested info put on our website and the Waterrow Village site/Facebook. Agreed. Highways are having a pre winter review of grit bins in local parishes and offered to send out a map of where they currently believe we have bins.	Now on noticeboard outside hall. Need to copy of Chip & Rad KC to respond KC to arrange

	We will then have an opportunity to update this with our newer bins and hopefully they will be refilled, as well as the sacks. Defibrillator is currently off line. KC had understood it had been used but closer inspection at the meeting suggests we need new batteries (5 year shelf life). Need 10 123A Lithium batteries. KC confirmed that The Circuit had been updated so Ambulance crews know its not available. KC reminded the meeting that the consultation period for the Somerset Consultation Plan had been extended to 09.08.2026. LCN has a new link officer, Lauren Smedley. Road Closures: Chipstable Road will be closed for 2 days from 02.09.2026 for replacement pole work for BT Openreach. KC handed over to Cllr. Harknett. SH commented that triggered by the recent forest fires, he wondered if the council should look at creating an Emergency Plan for the parish. Cllr K Martin commented that in such cases Emergency Services usually take over. KC commented that a list of contact numbers for serious events like that for council members might be helpful while Services were trying to get here. Agreed to discuss further.	EM will order the batteries
4..	**SID machine update** SH chased up Ms Brown at Highways regarding the additional pole so we can operate the SID in both directions. He received a reply about 6 weeks ago saying that it had been passed to the works team but so far nothing. He will chase again. He is also working through some of the data produced by the machine and will share this with members shortly.	SH to chase again
5.	**Report by D Mansell**: Not in attendance. See Clerks Report	
6.	**Finance:** (i) Clerks Fees and Expenses – a cheque for £235.18 was prepared.	
7..	**Police &Neighbourhood Watch:** Vicki Henderson PCSO has reported for the month of July – 132 calls to 999 or 101 for Wellington rural beat. None for Chipstable Parish.	
8.	**Items of next meeting**: Confirmation Defib batteries replaced. Further discussion regarding Emergency Plan, update on damaged Fingerpost sign in Raddington, grit bins updated	
	Meeting closed 8.05pm	