

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 in The Reading Room, North Cadbury
commencing at 7.00pm.

Councillors Present:

Diane Rickers (Chairman)
Mareike Beyer
Chris Jose
Alan Rickers

John Rundle (Vice-Chairman)
John Counsell
Andy Keys-Toyer
Maria Viney

In Attendance: Somerset Councillors Henry Hobhouse and Kevin Messenger, the Clerk and sixteen members of the public.

Public Session

A member of the public commented on works that had commenced for the provision of a parking bay for three cars at 19 and 20 High Street, North Cadbury. Cllr Rundle advised that all works undertaken, including the wall, which was no more than 1m high, fall within the terms of permitted development and, from his point of view, the works would only help to alleviate the dire parking situation along the High Street. An arboriculturist would carry out an assessment of the site with relation to any possible impact on the adjoining village hall's grounds/playing field.

A member of the public reported that they were hosting an informal meeting on Friday 29th September at the Chapel Tea Rooms, South Cadbury to present and discuss creative ideas regarding The Newt's future development/plans, to which anyone was welcome to attend.

Report from The Newt and Emily Estate

The Clerk read out the following report on behalf of Mr Paul Rawson:

1. “Regrettably, a fibre optic cable installed by Wessex Internet was damaged today by our own works on the Estate near Shepton Montague. This affected internet supplies to Yarlington users for a few hours. We apologise to those affected for the interruption. (in our defence the Wessex Internet cable had not been installed to the specified depth and the marker tape was not installed over the cable to identify it). Wessex have acted very quickly to rectify this.
2. We are grateful for the continued feedback, survey information and input from the local community in Yarlington regarding our plans for the future of the farm. We are presently reconsidering our plans for the farm site, taking on board the feedback from the survey as well as other discussions and contributions from neighbours. We will share revised proposals very soon. Thank you again to all who have taken the time to participate in this consultation process.
3. The permitted development application for change of use of the Wheelwrights building in Yarlington from commercial to residential is still in process. In the mean time we have started to remove all of the cheese dairy equipment as it is no longer going to be used for cheesemaking, come what may. The intended use is a 1 bedroom dwelling for long term occupation, not hotel.
4. Work to form the new fishing and wildlife ponds North of Crocker's Hill has begun and will continue through October and November, weather permitting.
5. The Newt's Apple Day will be held on the weekend of 21st/22nd October 2023.

I'm sure there will be other questions raised or points made regarding The Newt which I am very happy to respond to via email. If necessary you are welcome to give me a call if an immediate answer is required."

A member of the public asked if the PC could ask Mr Rawson if the Newt were planning on building another tunnel under the A371, to which the Clerk agreed to ask.

Reports from Somerset Council

Cllr Hobhouse reported that Birmingham City Council had issued a section 114 notice after finding that it could not meet its financial liabilities. The council, which is the largest local authority in Europe, would now stop all non-essential spending and formally request financial assistance from the Government. He believed that Hampshire, Dorset and Kent Councils were on the verge of issuing a s114 notice; Somerset Council (SC) was also in a vulnerable position, however, the Government had declared that it was not prepared to step in and help. He believed that another twelve small councils would issue a s114 notice between now and the end of the year unless the Government provided a £300m temporary 'levelling up fix'. In 18 months, with 6.8% inflation and council tax capped at 2%, he believed that SC was also under the threat of issuing a s114 notice; SC was currently number 25 on a list of 40 vulnerable councils. All non-statutory expenditure, such as funding for Citizens Advice Bureau, would no longer be provided if a s114 notice was issued.

The current budget for Adult Social Care in Somerset is £186 million, which accounts for 38% of the council's revenue budget. The cost to SC for young people social care was £120m. There were no places available in Somerset for children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and the council is £20m short of what is required to provide such care. 25% of beds in Yeovil District Hospital were taken by people who could not leave as they had no care options in place at home. As SC was short of 30,000 carers, it was looking to employ 32,000 social care workers and the government had put temporary measures in place to allow people from South Africa and other countries who meet the employment criteria to apply.

23/138. Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given.

Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to resolve to approve the reasons given.

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Nick Garrett.

23/139. Declarations of Interest.

Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authority (Model Code of Conduct) adopted 11th May 2022.

(NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

RESOLVED: None declared.

23/140. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th July 2023.

RESOLVED: The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/141. Parish Council Vacancies.

To consider applications received and conduct vote to fill casual vacancy on the Parish Council by co-option.

RESOLVED: No applications received. The Clerk would continue to advertise the vacancy. Applications from Yarlinton residents were desirable.

23/142. Planning.

a. Somerset Council Decisions.

- i. **PA 23/01683/HOU.** Erection of a new garage, entrance hall and garden room extension at The Garden House, Church Lane, North Cadbury, BA22 7BJ – **APPROVED.**

- ii. **PA 23/01686/HOU.** Erection of garden room at Southfields, March Lane, Galhampton, BA22 7AN – **APPROVED.**
- iii. **PA 23/01700/HOU.** Erection of a single storey flat roof extension to rear of dwelling, erection of a two bay carport/garage to rear with shed space and workshop room & installation of solar panels on garage roof at Horseshoe Cottage, Woolston Road, North Cadbury, BA22 7BJ – **APPROVED.**
- iv. **PA 23/01653/FUL.** The erection of a two storey side extension to dwelling with associated minor landscaping and driveway remodel and change of use of land to residential garden at Lawn Cottage, Long Street, Galhampton, BA22 7AZ – **APPROVED.**
- v. **PA 23/01616/HOU & PA 01617/LBC.** Proposed extension alongside the east gable of the cottage and minor internal alterations including installation of a new bathroom at first floor level. Installation of solar hot water panels and electric car charging point at 10 High Street, North Cadbury, BA22 7DP – **REFUSED.**
- vi. **PA 23/01024/FUL.** 3 dwellings as betterment of consented 5 dwellings under application 22/01296/PAMB at Yarlington Mill Farm, Stoke Lane, Yarlington, BA9 8DW – **APPROVED.**

23/143. Finance.

a. **Balance of the Councils Bank Account & Bank reconciliation.**

To report on Council's Bank Account.

RESOLVED: The Clerk previously circulated the PC's Accounts, which were agreed.

b. **Accounts for payment:**

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure:

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| i. SALC training Invoice 2348 | £70.00 |
| ii. Clerk's allowances & expenses | £48.10 |

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure approved unanimously.

23/144. Flash Flooding Events 9 May 2023

Update and reports.

Cllr Viney gave an update on the current status in Yarlington Parish and provided a report on the drop in flood meeting held recently by Pitcombe and Hadspen parishes at Hadspen Village Hall to which Yarlington residents were invited, which can be found at attachment 1.

Cllr Hobhouse reiterated that the Met Office report of events is that there were 2 thunderstorms going in different directions that became caught in the hills on South Cadbury and Hadspen Hill from 11.00am to 5.00pm. Formalisation of the event would be useful for affected residents insurance and for all residents future insurance cover within the parishes.

Cllr Beyer gave an update on the status in North Cadbury Parish, which can also be found at attachment 1.

The Clerk reported that she was awaiting contact from the church with regards to the possibility of administering funds granted by the Freemasons.

23/145. Highways and Rights of Way (RoW) Report.

PC Representatives to provide progress reports.

RESOLVED: Cllr Rundle presented his Highways report, which can be found at Attachment 2.

Susan Fone, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, reported that contractors were urgently required to carry out repairs to the parish's RoW. The possibility of increasing the PC RoW budget to £1,000 per annum was discussed and would be considered when the budget was set in January 2024.

23/146. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan.

Update from the NP Monitoring Group.

Cllr A Rickers reported that work had commenced at the Old Harvester Works sit in Galhampton and the wall at the rear of the site had been erected as negotiated and agreed with residents.

(Cllrs Hobhouse and Messenger left the meeting at 8.35pm)

23/147. Local Community Networks LCNs

To confirm attendee at the next LCN meeting on 4 Oct 23, 7pm in Henstridge Village Hall.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and Cllr Keys-Toyer agreed to attend in person and Cllr Beyer would attend online.

23/148. Items for Report and Future Business.

There being nothing further to report the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Next meeting: to be held on 25th October 2023 in Galhampton Village Hall

Signed

DatedChairman

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