

# North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in  
The Reading Room, North Cadbury, commencing at 7.00pm

### Councillors Present:

Nick Garrett (Chairman)  
Caroline Bowen  
Cameron Knee  
Richard Rundle  
Clare Leovold

John Whitehead (Vice-Chairman)  
Chris Jose  
Nerissa Northover  
John Rundle

**In Attendance:** Tony Jay (Locum parish Clerk); Somerset Councillor Henry Hobhouse and three members of the public.

### ❖ Public Question and Comments.

A parishioner asked a question about the Somerset Council call for development sites and how this would affect North Cadbury. Around 100 sites have been brought forward for consideration. Somerset Councillor Hobhouse said that the site of the original settlement boundary will be examined before any proposals are considered for this parish. A long discussion took place about this subject.

### ❖ Report from The Newt and Emily Estate

Zoe Young was not able to attend the meeting and had no update to provide.

### ❖ Reports from Somerset Council:

Somerset Councillor Hobhouse extended apologies from Councillor Messenger who was unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Hobhouse reported that Somerset Council had been given £50 million by Central Government to spend on flood mitigation in the county. Councils that already have flood plans in place will be well placed to apply for some of these funds, but those who have not already done this work may be left behind. A long discussion followed, where opinions were expressed that as the landowners on the Somerset Levels had lobbied for the government to provide these funds it was likely that most of the money would be spent in that area.

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### 26/80. Apologies for absence:

To receive any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED:** Apologies were received and approved from Councillor Maria Viney.

### 26/81. Declarations of Interests:

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any Pecuniary or Other interests they may have under the Localism Act 2011 and NALC Model Code of Conduct adopted May 2022. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

There were **no declarations of interest**.

## **26/82. Minutes:**

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council and ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The recently appointed Parish Clerk had not produced the minutes of the meeting so this item will be adjourned to the next meeting.

## **26/83. Planning:**

### **a. Somerset Council Decisions:**

i. **PA 23/02535/FUL.** Construction of 8 No. Industrial Units (Class E and B2) and Retention of Service Yard on land adjacent to Cadbury Business Park, West Galhampton Road, North Cadbury – **APPROVED.**

ii. **PA 26/00906/HOU.** New single storey extensions at the back of the house with a terrace above, demolition of existing garage, replaced with new carport/ store/ workshop, new garden wall with gate and new solar panels at Horseshoe Cottage, Woolston Road, North Cadbury, BA22 7BJ – **APPROVED.**

The decisions were noted.

## **26/84. Finance:**

### **a. Balance of the Council's Bank Account & Bank reconciliation:**

To receive the full council accounts and bank reconciliation.

These were noted and no questions were asked.

### **b. Accounts for payment:**

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure:

i. Parish & Town Auditing Services – Internal auditor fees	£165.00
ii. DP Solutions – laptop check over	£78.00
iii. Remous Ltd – Walks Posters	£75.60
iv. NALC Inv 01863 – Social Media trng Cllr RR	£42.00
v. NC Annual Parish Assembly expenses	£28.80

**RESOLVED:** To approve the payment of the invoices.

## **26/85. Parish Website:**

To check progress of councillors reviewing working paper for new or improved parish website.

The possible change of website provider is under review, with a number of different providers being considered.

## **26/86. Highways and Rights of Way (RoW) Report:**

A report is contained as an addendum to these minutes.

## **26/87. Cam Catchment Resilience Project (CCRP) reports:**

A report is contained as an addendum to these minutes.

## **26/88. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring:**

Update.

## **26/89. Local Community Networks LCNs:**

There were no reports. James Moore has been appointed as the new LCN officer for this area.

## **26/90. Items for Report and Future Business:**

- Provision of a new parish website - July meeting.
- Co-option to fill casual vacancy for North Cadbury parish.

## **26/91. Private Session – Staffing Update:**

Staffing matters were discussed. Details of the discussion and decisions made are contained in confidential minutes.

**Next meeting:** Ordinary meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 in Yarlington Village Hall.

## **ADDENDUMS**

### **Highways Report**

The roads in the parish are now looking a lot better, but outstanding repairs are still being completed and few new holes being created. In fact, most of the holes I am about to discuss are old potholes that have either not been repaired yet or apparently are not considered worthy of repair.

- 1) Woolston Rd just past the entrance to Manor Farm, a longstanding hole.
- 2) West St approaching Yarlington - two holes either side of the transformer/telegraph pole.
- 3) Queens St - Village Hall another longstanding hole.
- 4) Lodge Hill - 6 substantial holes, none are new, we have to see if reporting yet again gets attention.
- 5) West St- Stoke Lane, outside new black barns, usual hole, certainly associated with the building traffic.
- 6) Frog Lane near Merrylands. A hole here has been white lined so should be due a repair.
- 7) Hearn Lane. Inside of the road bend the edge is badly eroded. These are holes that I would consider do meet the "Repairable criteria", some of these being within sight of recent repairs but for some reason have not been done. Surely common sense suggests that much of the cost of pothole repair is the equipment, labour and materials. Once this has been expensively assembled would it not be sensible to fill all the adjacent holes? This seemingly random filling of some holes and leaving others is inefficient in labour and plant use. Notwithstanding the bureaucracy of monitoring all this.

I must note, much repair work has been done, and I would thank the council for their efforts in Ferndene Rd, Frog/Smallway Lane, Long St near Hicks Lane, Lodge Hill (still leaving 6 holes), Ridgeway Lane, the collapsed culvert in Sandbrook Lane and finally the junction with Corkscrew Lane.

### **Rights of Way Report**

It is noted that since last month's meeting the Newt has cut in footpaths on RoW WN 19/56/55/53. The first section of WN 19/54 footpath on WN19/8 was also cleared of vegetation. A thank you from the walkers in the Parish.

Additionally, the Newt has replaced the footplate on the stile, by the sleeper bridge, (at the junction of two fields), on RoW WN 19/54.

Katherine Vaughan has raised and reported the online that the finger post at the Higher North Town Lane end of WN19/48 has collapsed.

Please can all members of the parish continue to report any issues via the Explore Somerset website - <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map#>

### **CCRP – North Cadbury & Yarlington**

#### **Funding**

A funding application has now been submitted to the Community Flood Action Fund for river clearance along the stretch adjacent to Clair Field, with a decision expected in July.

In addition, work is underway to develop a bid for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) funding, with submission anticipated by the end of August.

As part of this process, local landowners who believe they may be able to support or contribute to the bid are encouraged to come forward and get in touch.

If successful, these projects would help address several of the drainage and flood risk issues identified in the area.

Engagement with Highways re Road drainage issues on Sandbrook Lane

On 4 June, a site meeting was held on Sandbrook Lane to discuss the ongoing road drainage issues. The meeting was arranged by James Moore (LNC Link Officer) and attended by Jeremy Fry (Service Manager for Highways) and Tracy Harris (Assistant Service Manager for Highways), Kevin Messenger, Lorne Thompson, Mareike Beyer and James Moore.

Tracy Harris and Jeremy Fry visited the site to view the issues firsthand, while Mareike Beyer provided local knowledge and explained the concerns and their impact on the area. Mareike Beyer and Lorne Thompson also outlined how YRCT/CCRP is working with neighbouring landowners to implement Natural Flood Management (NFM) measures, recognising that a coordinated approach is needed to reduce flood risk to the road and nearby properties.

The visit was constructive, with officers acknowledging the issues raised and confirming their understanding of the concerns. It was agreed that the collapsed drainage beneath the road on Sandbrook Lane, near Corkscrew Lane, will be repaired or reinstated.

A solution is also needed to allow runoff to cross the road and enter the ditch between 'Hewletts Mill Cottage' and 'The Paddock'; this may be achieved through the installation of road gullies. In addition, excessive runoff from the field needs to be directed into a reinstated ditch across the adjacent garden. As this work is important for reducing flood risk, it was agreed that Highways could seek funding from the SRA.

Overall, the meeting was positive and encouraging. The opportunity to view the issues on site and discuss them in detail was particularly valuable.

Special thanks to James Moore, Kevin Messenger and Lorne Thompson for their time and support before and during the meeting.