

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held in The Reading Room, North Cadbury on Wednesday 25th September 2019, commencing at 7.00pm

ACTION

Councillors Present: Cllr M Hunt (Chairman), Cllr A Bartlett (Vice-Chairman), Cllr A Brain, Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Gilbert, Cllr R House, Cllr A Keys-Toyer, Cllr A Montgomery, Cllr A Rickers, Cllr J Rundle and Cllr K Vaughan.

In Attendance: C.Cllr M Lewis, D.Cllr K Messenger, the Clerk and eight members of the public.

Electors Question Time/Comments: No comments.

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report: PCSO Emma Reeves was present to advise that she would be leaving the Wincanton Beat Team to join the Dorset Police. A replacement has not been appointed yet, however, any communication would be picked up by PCSO Stefan Edwards and PCSO Thelma Mead at the Wincanton Beat Team, or call 101. She agreed to pass on the request from the PC to rotate the village Beat Surgeries between the three village halls. The Chairman thanked PCSO Reeves for all her help and for setting up the Beat Surgeries. The Chairman believed that PCSO Reeves was one of the most effective PCSO's in the area.

19/159. Apologies for absence: D.Cllr H Hobhouse.

19/160. Declarations of Interest: None.

19/161. Report on North Cadbury Primary School from Mrs J Montgomery, Chair of Governors: Mrs Montgomery reported that an extensive refurbishment of the playground and school buildings had taken place over the last school term and summer holidays. There is a new Headteacher, Mrs Lisa Thompson who previously taught at Countess Gytha Primary School, Queen Camel. Both schools form part of the Preston Primary Academy Trust and are linked with Ansford Academy. Part of the refurbishment included the provision of four/five designated car parking spaces on the school grounds at the rear of the school. **At the request of the Chairman, Mrs Montgomery agreed to revisit the initiative of teachers parking at the Catash Inn and on the drives of residents who offered parking during school hours, in an effort to further reduce cars parking along Cary Road.** Cllr Rundle also requested that the school look into whether it would be feasible to prevent cars from parking between Chapel Lane and the yellow zig zag lines. This is the narrowest section of Cary Road, which can act as a pinch point, occasionally preventing articulated lorries from passing. **Mrs Montgomery was doubtful, however, she agreed to put forward the request.**

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19/162. North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – Progress Report and presentation by Jo Witherden, Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd in order to:

a. Approve the plan for producing the NP.

b. Approve the Working Group applying for a grant for the production of a NP from Locality.

RESOLUTION: Following Jo Witherden's detailed presentation and 'question time' the PC agreed unanimously to approve the plan for producing the NP and authorised the WG to apply to Locality for a grant for the production of the NP.

19/163. Reports from County and District Councillors:

a. C.Cllr M Lewis reported that he had asked Mr J Nicholson, Highways Engineer, to look into increasing the number of cuts to the verges along the bus route from Sparkford through North Cadbury. Mr Nicholson advised that Somerset County Council's (SCC) general policy is for a one

swathe cut (1.10mtr) and where a hedge is within 0.5 mtr of that verge then a vertical cut to be made to that hedge. **The Clerk agreed to advise Mr Nicholson that the particular areas along the bus route that required an additional cut in early August were Brookhampton to North Town and along Parish Hill, which should include the nettles along the bank.**

Cllr Lewis reported that SCC were operating their own school bus fleet from the beginning of the new school year, using low emission buses. At present the new fleet would operate mainly in the Sedgemoor area, where more extensive journeys were necessary.

SCC had invested in more than three hundred apprenticeships over the last three years, helping people get started on their career and up skilling existing staff to further their career. A number of existing staff across Adults and Children's services were training to become Social Workers through the Social Work Degree Apprenticeship, which would reduce costs to SCC.

SCC's 'Stand Up For Care' petition, calling for cross-party discussion on how to address the national social care funding shortfall, had been given backing by leaders of all political groups at SCC and joined by the Local Government Association, County Council Network and the Association for Directors of Adult Social Services. The petition is hosted on the www.petition.parliament.uk website by searching 'Somerset'.

Construction work has started on the new iAero project, an £8m cutting-edge aerospace technology centre in Yeovil. SCC is working with the aerospace industry, including Leonardo Helicopters in Yeovil on the flagship iAero Centre, which will encourage innovation, collaboration and growth in the aerospace sector. The project is due to be completed in July 2020.

b. D.Cllr Messenger reported that there continued to be issues with the South Somerset District Council's (SSDC) planning portal. SSDC were investing more funds and looking at recruiting/reinstating more staff. He requested that Cllrs and residents be patient with staff, who were professional and trying to remedy the situation.

Following the announcement that Castle Cary Ambulance Station is going to close, Castle Cary Town Council are to hold a meeting on 3rd October 2019 at which there would be a presentation from the SW Ambulance Service. **Cllrs Keys-Toyer and Rundle agreed to attend.**

19/164. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th July 2019 were received, agreed and signed as a true record.

19/165. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a. Highways and Rights of Way (ROW) Reports. Cllr Brain previously circulated his detailed reports that can be found at Attachments 1 and 2.

19/166. Planning:

a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions:

i. **PA 19/01844/P3RPA.** Notification for the prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to an apart-hotel (Use Class C1) on land north Of Hill Ash Farm, Woolston Road, North Cadbury – **PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

ii. **PA 19/01224/HOU.** The erection of a shed at Scrumpy Cottage Ridgeway Lane North Cadbury – **PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

iii. **PA 19/01671/HOU & 19/01672/LBC.** Listed Building Consent for part demolition to allow the erection of a single storey rear extension at 11 High Street, North Cadbury – **PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

iv. **PA 19/01905/HOU.** The erection of a single storey rear extension and construction of pitched roof over existing ground floor garage/car port at Fir Tree Cottage, Woolston Road North Cadbury – **PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

19/167. Finance and Accounts:

a. The Finance Report for the period 24th July to 25th September was circulated and approved.

b. Payments Approved:

Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd.	£894.00
Clerks Expenses Aug & Sep 19	£52.43
Fingerpost Restoration Expenses	£40.71
SALC – Cllr Essentials Trng Jul 19	£25.00

Hire of Yarlington Village Hall Jul 19

£10.00

19/168. Correspondence circulated:

- a. Area East Annual Meeting with Town and Parish Councils – Thursday 10th October, 6.00 to 8.00pm, Churchfields, Wincanton. **The Chairman and Cllr Keys-Toyer agreed to attend.**
- b. National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Policy Consultation E-Briefing 10-19 - The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) joint consultation with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on extending 5G mobile provision in rural areas – responses to NALC by 11 Oct 19.
- c. Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) AGM – Friday 18th October 2019, 1.00 to 4.00pm, Chard Guildhall.
- d. Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day - Thursday 24th October 2019 (time & venue TBC). **Cllr Keys-Toyer agreed to attend.**
- e. Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) AGM - Saturday 26th October, 10.00am to 3.00pm, Edgar Hall, Somerton.

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19/169. Items of Report and Future Business:

- a. **The Clerk agreed to include the following on the agenda for the next meeting:**
 - i. **Parish Council use of ‘Social Media’.**
 - ii. **‘Draft Tree Planting Policy for Parish and Town Councils’.**
 - iii. **Formation of a ‘Climate Taskforce’.**

Clerk

19/170. Date and time of next meeting: will be held on 23rd October 2019 in Galhampton Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

SIGNED..... DATED.....

Attachment 1

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Rights of Way Report - September 2019

Works Completed

- WN 19/63 Handrails replaced/repaired.
- WN 31/7 Stiles repaired/rebuilt.

Works in Hand

Footpath Reference:

- WN 19/98 Signpost, obstruction and locked gate.
- WN 19/101 Signpost missing on A359.
- WN 19/105 A fast track alternative to a TRO has been identified by SCC. The Landowners either side are content for removeable bollards to be installed. There is a form to be completed and sent to SCC and the work should be undertaken in the next six to eight weeks. Funding has been allocated for the renovation of the surface of this route once the bollards are installed.
- WN 19/17 Stiles to be repaired/rebuilt.
- WN 19/6 Stile to be repaired/rebuilt.
- WN 27/3 Large bridge to be removed/rebuilt.

- WN 19/72 Stile/sleeper bridge to be replaced.
- WN 19/80 Bridge to be replaced. Stiles still broken, new hedging plants planted across path. Three electric fences across line of path between stile near Woolston Road and broken bridge/stiles. (missing hand grips on electric fences).
- WN 19/96 Waymark post needed at eastern end of 19/96 at junction with 19/81 and 19/82.

At the junction between WN19.38/, WN19/29 and WN19/40 (close to Hewlett's Mill) there is a broken stile which poses a health and safety risk to people attempting to use it. This is on land which is now owned by the Emily Estate. Neighbours have contacted the Estate however this is still to be rectified. It is felt that a letter from the PC to the Emily Estate would be appropriate.

Additional Identified Problem Areas

Yarlington

- WN31/8 This has been redirected. Also missing finger posts and lack of way marking in yard.
- WN31/10 There is an obscured gate with concrete posts and no way marking to indicate the route.
- WN 31/10 Electric fences with no protection and too close to boundary to allow for
- & WN 31/9 passage.
- WN31/7 Waymark needed at corner of field (concrete post) just by Yarlington House, Also, no way-marking in farmyard at the southern end.

Footpath Routes

At the last Parish Council meeting it was decided that copies of maps of suggested routes be made available at local pubs. This approach will be pursued. The Rights of Way Warden and our PPLO will meet Monday 30th September to update faults on circular walks. They feel that until faults are corrected on the circular walks, they cannot be publicised. Funds will be directed to correcting these faults as the priority

Stiles & Cross Compliance


Looking at the period from this October until March next year Work is currently underway to identify suitable packages of work to clear rights of way and rebuild stiles. The team direct by the SCC Warden, Eve Wynn, hope to undertake five days of work during the period. We are working on the assumption that the Mendip Ramblers will be able to provide a team to undertake work totalling three days. There is likely to still be a resource shortfall to cover the work required to be undertaken and so I have been asked what support this Parish Council can provide. Our assumption is that each day of support will cost in the region of £150 (including labour and materials).

From this we would look to create statements of work to undertake additional work on the rights of way before obtaining quotations from local contractor capable of undertaking the work. These may possibly then either be subcontracted to the Somerset Council contractor or consideration be given to undertaking the work using parish funding.

As a reminder, the best way to report rights of ways issues is via: <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>

North Cadbury & Yarlington Highways Report – September 2019

<p><u>Drains in Lower Back Way/ Sandbrook Lane</u></p>	<p>Following improvements to the drainage in the lane patching work will be considered from April 2019 – Ongoing.</p>
<p><u>Lower Back Way Opposite Sycamore Cottage</u></p>	<p>As above. Patching will be considered from April 2019 - Ongoing.</p>
<p><u>Sandbrook Lane Right of Way Erosion</u></p>	<p>On the stretch of lane leading past “the Cabbage Patch” water is leaving the lane though the hedge into the field, in two places on the east side, making the footpath (part of the Leland Trail) unpassable. SCC need to determine where the local gullies outfall to then identify a solution – Ongoing.</p> <div data-bbox="407 716 1243 1026" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><u>Highway Erosion Sandbrook Lane</u></p>	<p>The edges of the lane are eroding in a number of places.</p> <p>The latest response from SCC is that the verge erosion remediation would be arisings placed and compacted and the verge re-established on top of that. This is awaiting budget allocation for the program.</p> <p>The latest update is that other options are being considered as there may be something more suitable.</p> <div data-bbox="472 1394 708 1705" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><u>Drains in Hearn and March Lanes</u></p>	<p>Drain pipe damage, close to the junction of Galhampton Manor, will benefit from repairs in the near future.</p> <p>Works are pending this financial year.</p>
<p><u>Highway Erosion in Hearn and March Lanes</u></p>	<p>Patching will be considered from April 2019 - Ongoing</p>

<p><u>Yarlington, Pound Lane</u></p>	<p>The immediate concern was identified as one pothole which was instructed for repair following a planned inspection, the lane is showing signs of deterioration and it is accepted that it would benefit from some patch repairs.</p>
<p><u>Highway Erosion in Stoke Lane in the Vicinity of Yarlington Mill Farm</u></p>	<p>With reference to the map on the following page:</p> <p>Section A is periodically cleaned on a planned program and sometimes cleaned reactively however SCC are now aware that works are required. Funding will be available during the 2019 Financial Year to effect repairs. This will include underground filter drains to try to capture the springs which seem to be here.</p> <p>Section B, part of the surface water drainage outfalls to here however the ditch is the riparian responsibility of the landowner (Emily Estate) and needs to be cleared by them. A meeting was recently held with the landowner and they have agreed that the hedgerows and ditches are to be attended to.</p> <p>Programmed for 6th – 17th Jan 2020 with road closure.</p> <p>On completion of these works patching will be undertaken.</p> 



<http://mx4.somerset.gov.uk/mx4-webapp/RMX/printtemplate.htm>

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Useful Links

Details of pending roadworks undertaken by Somerset Council (does not include works planned by BT or Wessex Water etc.)

<https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/roadworks/>

Report miscellaneous issues such as an overgrown verge or hedge causing a road visibility problem:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-an-overgrown-verge-or-hedge-on-the-road/>