

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Held as a consultative virtual meeting via Zoom software on
Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present (remotely):

Malcolm Hunt (Chairman)

Sue Gilbert

Roger House

Bryan Mead

John Rundle

Alan Bartlett (Vice Chairman)

Karen Harris

Andy Keys-Toyer

Archie Montgomery

Katherine Vaughan

In Attendance (remotely): C.Cllr Mike Lewis, D.Cllr Henry Hobhouse, D.Cllr Kevin Messenger, the Clerk and six members of the public.

Public Session

No comments.

North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG).

Cllr Keys-Toyer gave the following report on behalf of the NPWG:

“I can report that the NPWG is working well together.

NPWG Meeting 17th December 2020: Discussed the recently completed Community Options Survey. The analysis of the results has been done. There was a very good response with 460 residents replying: North Cadbury 50%, Galhampton 30%, Woolston 11% and Yarlington 9%

Finance: Still within grant. Report for Locality on spending due by the end of March, then to decide on next grant application.

New sites coming forward from: W Longman, J Raymond and A Montgomery. As these new sites are significant and may well offer alternatives that are more acceptable to residents, we have decided to incorporate them into the plan. However, this means a further consultation with residents and AECOM.

Meeting with South Somerset District Council (SSDC) 14th January 2021: Tessa Saunders, Jo Wilkins and David Clews from the Strategic Planning Dept. The following was discussed; Housing Numbers and Settlement Status. Suitability of existing sites put forward as well as new sites. How many extant consents/completions could be included in our total. Windfall developments i.e. one off and infill builds. The meeting was constructive and demonstrated a will on both sides to be open and co-operative. Another meeting is planned for mid-February 2021.

The consultation for the New Sites and Local Green Spaces has gone live. It was decided that it would not be responsible to do a mail drop under the present lockdown regulations so we have had to rely totally on electronic communication this time. The response will, no doubt be lower, but hopefully will be enough to be significant and useable.”

Reports from County and District Councillors.

District and County Councillors may give short verbal reports on matters affecting the Parish.

C.Cllr M Lewis reported that the Council’s key focus was on Covid-19. Many staff were seconded to assist with rolling out the vaccinations or with the furloughing of staff, however, key services

such as Highways were still operational. He advised that if residents had any issues regarding Covid-19 they can call 0300 790 6275.

D.Cllr Hobhouse reported that SSDC's Democratic Services Division were working on the vaccination programme over the next two to three months. Therefore, as no one was available to take minutes, the Area, Regulation and Audit Committee meetings were cancelled and planning matters would be dealt with in an informal manner. However, any application regarding the erection of one or more dwellings would not be considered at present due to the phosphate issue, unless phosphates were removed.

D.Cllr Messenger wished to express his thanks and admiration of SSDC staff, led by Alex Parmley, regarding their involvement with the roll out of vaccinations. He was impressed at how the Council workers and volunteers had adapted and were doing a fantastic job. There were currently 140 members of staff involved in the rollout.

21/01. 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 received and approved from Cllr A Rickers.

21/02. 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) Order LO9-12 May 2018. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

RESOLVED: Cllr A Montgomery declared an interest at item 21/04.a.i. as the Applicant.

21/03. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the Virtual PC Meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2020.

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved as a true record and would be duly signed.

21/04. Planning.

a. Applications received.

PC to consider applications for recommendation to SSDC:

- i. **PA 20/03739/HOU.** Erect store at North Cadbury Court, Woolston Road, North Cadbury.

(Cllr Montgomery left the meeting at 7.25pm) Mrs J Montgomery, Agent, gave an outline of the application. Councillors were assured that the store would be in keeping with the existing lean-to and have no impact on Grade I listed North Cadbury Court, or any other heritage assets. The store would be slightly set back with a reduced ridge height.

RESOLUTION: Councillors agreed unanimously to recommend **APPROVAL.** **(Cllr Montgomery returned to the meeting at 7.30pm).**

b. SSDC Decisions.

- i. **PA 20/03065/HOU.** The construction of new swimming pool at The Grange, Cary Road, North Cadbury – **APPROVED.**

- ii. **PA 20/01663/FUL.** The erection of a workshop building (B2 use) and associated works, including parking, drainage infrastructure and landscaping at King Arthurs Park, Cary Road, Sparkford – **APPROVED.**

21/05. Highways and Footpaths Report.

PC Representatives to provide progress reports.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Rundle and Vaughan presented their reports, which can be found at Attachments 1 and 2.

To approve the proposed locations for the circular walks noticeboards and to print walking maps at estimated cost of £147:

N Cadbury Village Stores: LHS behind the wall a few yards away from the entrance to WN 19/67.

Woolston Road: to the left of the entrance to WN 19/85

Yarlington: WN 19/13 on the bend of Stoke Lane, off the highway on a private lane as recently agreed with Sue Seager, Estate Manager, The Newt.

Galhampton: Galhampton Village Hall Committee were concerned over public safety, therefore, the WG would liaise with Abri Housing to ascertain whether a board could be located on its site at the edge of The Paddock/Long Street.

RESOLVED: Cllrs unanimously **APPROVED** the above locations and printing of walking maps.

21/06. Finance.

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

To report on Council's Bank Account.

RESOLVED: The Clerk previously circulated the PC Accounts which were received and approved.

b. **Accounts for payment**

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure:

Parish Council Expenditure:

FootAnstey Invoice 11257713	£1,800.00
Grant – Galhampton Playing Field Maintenance	£1,155.12
Marshalls Metal Fabrication	£621.60
Smith of Derby St Michaels Church Clock Service	£229.20
Clerk's Expenses	£51.19
CPRE Membership Renewal	£36.00
SALC Councillor Essentials Training	£25.00
Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Expenditure:	
J Witherden, Dorset Planning Invoice 0591 & 0602	£2,897.50
WesternWeb Ltd. Inv 22214	£180.00
Parish Online 15 Dec 20 to 15 Dec 21	£81.00

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure **APPROVED** unanimously.

c. **To consider Budget & Precept figures for 2021/2022.**

To agree on a figure for the Precept.

Proposal A to increase the precept from £13,000 to £15,500, which equates to an increase of approx. £4.26 per household per annum (16.41%). Proposal B to increase the precept by £1,000, which equates to an increase of approx. £1.33 per household per annum (5.14%).

The Clerk distributed and presented the draft precept for 2021/2022 with supporting notes (Attachments 3 and 4). There followed a brief discussion. Councillors considered that the PC had been too conservative in the past and were now facing increased costs, therefore, it would need to take a 'bigger hit'. Funds should be available to assist unforeseen events such as Covid-19, flooding and highways/signage. Although the NPWG would have liked the NP to be cost neutral to the parish, due to the second consultation following new sites being put forward, the WG may need to apply to the PC for funding.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed unanimously to **APPROVE** Proposal A and increase the precept from £13,000 to £15,500.

21/07. Government consultation on the future of transport: rural strategy-call for evidence.

To consider responding to consultation prior to closing date of 16 February 2021.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-forevidence?utm_source=fbeea974-8a4b-4dfb-b3a848e888e2d68e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

At the request of the Chairman, Cllr Hobhouse gave a brief outline of the consultation, which looked at the future of transport in ten to fifteen years time and the provision of driverless/automated transport.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed unanimously to note the report at this stage and to keep an eye on the development of the rural strategy.

21/08. Items for Report and Future Business

a. Cllr Mead reported that Wessex Internet had rolled out Superfast broadband to Yarlinton. If residents would like Fibre to The Premises (FTTP) they could be eligible for a subsidised full fibre install using one of the Government’s current full fibre grant schemes and should speak to Wessex Internet. Cllr Montgomery advised that South and North Cadbury were also being considered for FTTP schemes.

b. The Chairman reported that the NPWG were looking into the provision of a footpath from Galhampton village across private land to Galhampton Country Stores (GCS). This would resolve the ‘bus collection and drop-off’ issues as GCS could serve as a bus stop via a one way system. The WG had discussed the tentative idea with the owner of GCS who fully supported the proposal and SW Coaches who would be amenable to the change. Discussions would continue once land ownership was confirmed.

Next meeting: to be held on Wednesday 24th February 2021, 7.00pm via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed
Chairman

Dated

