

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at 7.00pm
In Galhampton Village Hall

Councillors Present:

Malcolm Hunt (Chairman)

Andy Keys-Toyer

Alan Rickers

John Rundle

Maria Viney

Alan Bartlett (Vice Chairman)

Bryan Mead

Diane Rickers

Katherine Vaughan

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

Public Session

A resident gave a brief presentation to provide greater awareness of Policy NCY 22, 17 and 18 in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Following the presentation, the Chairman advised that the best means of communication is to write to the Parish Council (PC) through the Clerk. He anticipated that the Draft NP would be ready for consultation by the PC on or about 17th November. A week's notice would be required in order to provide sufficient time for councillors to consider the lengthy document, prior to consideration/approval at the next ordinary meeting of the PC on 24th November 2021. If the draft NP was not ready by this date, an extraordinary meeting of the PC would be arranged at which members of the public are welcome to attend.

Report from The Newt and Emily Estate

No representation.

Reports from County and District Councillors.

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

C.Cllr Lewis hoped that the Secretary of State (SoS) would make his announcement on Friday 29th October 2021 on the new Unitary Authority (UA) for Somerset and the details within the Consent Order.

Cllr Lewis thanked the PC for its support by writing to the Planning Inspectorate in opposition to the appeal for 200 houses to be built on land to the north of Ansford Hill, Ansford, Castle Cary, next to the train station. He advised that the electronic petition had recently closed having received 500 signatures, however, those who had not already signed the petition could sign it in Bailey Hill Bookshop, Castle Cary, which already had over 1,000 signatures. The principal objection is the adverse environmental impact.

D.Cllr Hobhouse also wished to thank the PC on behalf of Castle Cary Town Council for its support in opposition to the appeal. [The Inquiry starts at Caryford Hall on 9th November 2021 for 4 days that week and then has a concluding day on 24th November, residents are encouraged to attend to show the strength of opposition.] He anticipated that the result would not be known until six to eight weeks after the appeal.

Area East recently purchased two thermal imaging cameras, for use by Parish Environmental Champions, to help identify heat loss from houses within the parishes. Grants were available from South Somerset District Council (SSDC) to insulate homes.

Following questioning by a councillor, Cllr Hobhouse confirmed that his Register of Member's Interest was up to date on the SSDC website, including disclosure of hospitality from Mr Koos Bekker for one night at The Newt Hotel, having been his former family seat and sold by his cousin Neil Hobhouse. [D.Cllr Hobhouse has since clarified that he also declares an interest and leaves the meeting when an application from Emily Estate is received by Area East Committee. To ensure representation by the Ward Members, D.Cllr Messenger has never accepted any hospitality from the Emily Estate in order that if an application is deferred to a Ward Member, he can submit his recommendations.

Action: Following further discussion regarding The Newt's activities, Cllr Hobhouse agreed to hasten a response to Yarlington residents' recent Freedom of Information (FOI) request. He also agreed to ask Mr Koos Bekker if he would be willing to meet with the PC at the request of the Chariman.

D.Cllr Messenger reported that he had brought up at the recent Area East meeting, councillor and residents' dissatisfaction with the service received from SSDC planning department; its lack of response and enforcement. This was currently being dealt with.

Covid rates were on the increase, especially in Castle Cary. He continues to have admiration for all those involved in the vaccination process at the Haynes Museum and Millbrook Surgery.

21/125. 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 Cllrs Susan Gilbert and Karen Harris.

21/126. 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: None.

21/127. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 22nd September 2021.

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

21/128. Planning.

a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC Decisions.

The following applications have been determined:

i. **PA 21/02411/HOU.** First floor extension above an existing ground floor extension to create a bathroom and en-suite at The Orchards, Long Street, Galhampton – **APPROVED.**

ii. **PA 21/02012/FUL.** Change of use of land to residential and construction of an outdoor swimming pool at Sandbrook Farm House Cockhill Lane Galhampton – **APPROVED.**

iii. **PA 21/00968/FUL.** Demolition of 2 No. Pratten huts (detached timber-clad temporary buildings) and replacing with 3 No. classrooms in a single-storey extension at North Cadbury C of E School, Chapel Lane, North Cadbury – **APPROVED.**

iv. **PA 21/01270/HOU.** Demolition of existing gazebo, erection of a single storey rear extension, erection of a front porch and erection of a garden shed at The Cheese House, Pound Lane, Yarlington – **APPROVED.**

21/129. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG).

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

Work done so far - Pre-submission Consultation with Residents and Stakeholders.

This started as planned on 16th July and closed on 31st August. Just over a hundred comments forms were received back in addition to other letters and emails, all of which have now been considered. In the light of these the Pre-submission Plan is being updated and modified where appropriate. When this is completed, it will be presented to the PC for approval. Following that it will be submitted to SSDC Planning Authority for their consideration.

(Cllr Hobhouse left the meeting at 7.35pm)

21/130. Highways and Rights of Way (RoW) Report.

a. PC Representatives to provide progress reports.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Vaughan and Rundle presented their reports, which can be found at Attachments 1 and 2. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Vaughan and Gilbert would seek permission from North Cadbury Village Hall and The Catash Inn, if their car parks could be suggested as places to park to start the walks in the next print of the circular walks, following an increase in cars parking inconsiderately along Woolston Road, outside the Village Stores. At the request of Cllr Vaughan, the Chairman agreed to write to Mrs Susan Fone thanking her for the immense amount of work she had put in towards the circular walk project.

21/131. 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:

Yarlington Village Hall 'SALC Opening Up' & routine grant	£6,050.00
Foot Anstey Legal Fees	£1,800.00
NC Village Hall 'SALC Opening Up' & routine grant	£650.00
Galhampton Village Hall routine grant	£100.00
Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd – Invoice 0680 (NP)	£799.56
Wincanton Digital Print Ltd. – Walk maps	£235.20
WesternWeb Ltd. renewal NP domain	£132.00
NC Village Hall Hire (£72.50 – NP, £14.00 - PC)	£86.50
Clerk's Expenses Jul to Oct 21	£46.93
SALC Training 15 & 23 Sep 21	£70.00

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure approved unanimously.

c. To approve expenditure from Circular Walks Fund - £100 for additional 20 way number signs and £65 to the Parish Office for printing and folding an additional 240 leaflets.

RESOLVED: Approved unanimously.

d. To approve expenditure of £300 from RoW Repair Fund for 2 days work in the parish (as circulated), which will be matched with another 2 days funded by County RoW department.

RESOLVED: Approved unanimously.

21/132. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (2022)

To discuss participating in the celebrations, which will be held locally across Somerset, as well as nationally, with a specific focus on the bank holiday weekend of the 2nd - 5th June 2022. Events to include Platinum Jubilee Beacons – 2nd June, Big Jubilee Lunch/Street Party – 5th June and Queen's Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.

RESOLVED: Cllr Diane Rickers volunteered to co-ordinate the parish celebrations with the various organisations, by forming sub groups, similar to the last Jubilee as co-ordinated by Cllr Alan Bartlett.

21/133. Items for Report and Future Business

a. Cllrs Keys-Toyer and D Rickers recently attended remotely CPRE’s ‘Rewilding Somerset’ event, following which they suggested that the verge opposite North Cadbury Stores would be a good location for ‘rewilding’ .

b. Cllr Mead wished to thank the PC, on behalf of Yarlington Village Hall, for its assistance with the Hall’s successful grant application for £6,000 from the SCC ‘Opening Up Safely and Reconnecting Communities’ Fund, which will be used towards building a roof structure over the outside patio. They were also looking into the possibility of extending the kitchen.

c. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report. There had been two reported crimes; one burglary and one sexual offence. Opportunist thieves are still touring the area looking for unlocked or poorly secured sheds and garages looking for power tools, chain saws, mowers and similar items. There is an ongoing spate of van breaks at the moment targeting workman’s tools.

Action: The Clerk agreed to invite the PCSO to attend future meetings.

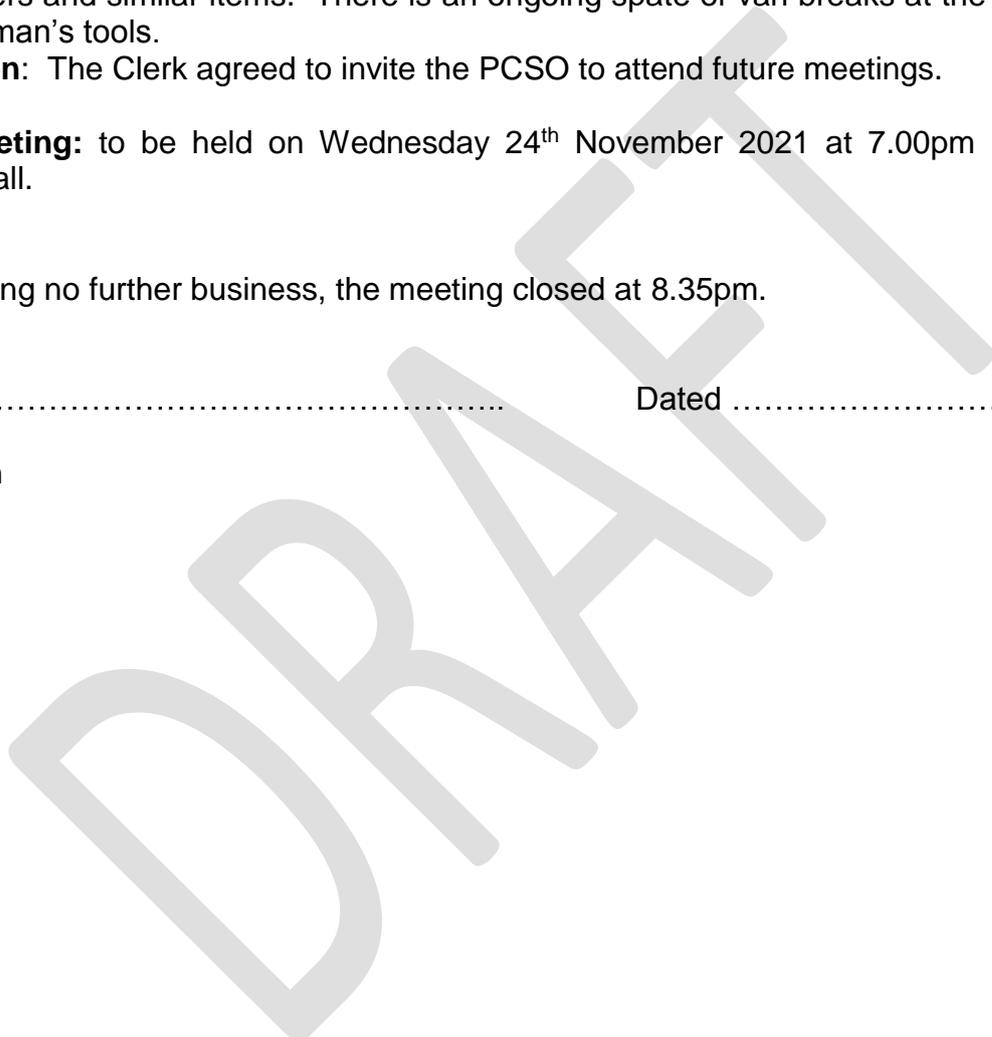
Next meeting: to be held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 7.00pm in North Cadbury Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed

Dated

Chairman



Attachment 1

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Rights of Way Report – October 2021

Issues resolved

- WN 19/10 Path cleared.
- WN 19/27 Path clear (maize harvested).
- WN 19/68 Finger post removed.
- WN 19/105 Bollards installed
- WN 19/65 RoW officer has agreed that this path may be diverted around headland.

Outstanding Issues

- WN 31/10 Broken gate at Manor Farm *.
- WN 19/106 Debris under the low bridge. RoW dept. will attend to this when bollards on WN 19/105 are installed. (?)
- WN 19/106 Danger of dead branches falling on path. Paul Longman contacted. (June 2021)
- WN 19/72 & 19/95 Closed until at least Nov. 27th for repairs to bridges. Latest information – repairs may take a couple of years.
- WN 19/1 (Smallway Lane east) access overgrown, broken stile, no finger post. No access at junction with Frog Lane no stile or way marking. ROW officer aware. Not a priority at this time. (Has been an issue since before Sept. 2019)
- WN 19/2 Fingerpost down. (Reported Dec. 2020)
- WN 19/78 ROW officer has agreed to replace gate at southern entrance to this footpath.
- WN 31/7 Tree down and foliage blocking path. (Reported July 2020)
- WN 19/105 Surface of byway to be reinstated.
- WN19/27 Maize harvested but crop for sheep fodder sown. No path. Landowner unknown.
- WN 22/16 Maize harvested but path not reinstated. Land owned by The Newt.
- WN 19/91 Exit to Woolston Road continues to be unofficially diverted. Electric fence has been erected around field. Unprotected wire crosses unofficial stile. (Reported summer 2020 and again directly to ROW officer Feb. 2021)
- WN 19/74 Gate mechanism at Cary Rd. end is very stiff. (Reported April 2021)
- WN 19/25 (Galhampton) Cross piece on stile adrift. (Reported April 2021)
- WN 19/24 Unstable stile by telephone box at Hearn Lane. Dangerous. (Reported April 2021)
- WN 19/44 Maize planted. Path not cut in. (Reported July 2021)
- WN 19/30 Path overgrown. Large root crop emerging making surface uneven and slippery. (Reported Sept. 2021)
- WN 19/30 Tree limb over bridge at junction with WN 19/42. (Reported Sept. 2021)
- WN 19/38 Path has not been cut in. (Reported Sept. 2021)
- WN 19/77 Gate on exit to Ridgeway Lane will not close as gate and post no longer meet.

*Highlights refer to RoW for which PC funding is being requested.

Meeting with E.W. (RoW officer) and S.F. (PPLO) was held on 23rd September. Next meeting 18th November.

Circular walks project

Large maps have been placed in display cases. Folders with printed maps have been compiled and, with consent of relevant parties, will be placed as follows:

North Cadbury – village shop, church, village hall, Catash Inn

Galhampton – village hall, church, Orchard Inn

Yarlington – village hall, church, Stag's Head Inn

Electronic copies of maps (with covering letter) sent to various B&Bs, Cadbury Court, Teals, Rosie's Tea Room. Susan Fone will visit and explain the project.

Attachment 2

Highways Report October 2021

There has been very little activity other than a few potholes being filled.

Cllr Rundle had written to John Nicholson, Somerset Highways, seeking an update on the following:

- Jetting of the culvert on Parish Hill
- Repairs to Corkscrew Lane where the road surface has collapsed into a badger sett
- Repairs to the drainage at the Hearn Lane/Long Street junction
- Re-surfacing of the A303 sliproad at Chapel Cross

Galhampton Footpath.

Following the maize being cut in the field behind Galhampton Country Store, Cllr Rundle called on Charles Bradley Hudson to ask whether he had heard any more about the possible footpath to Hearn Lane. Charles was aware of a forthcoming meeting, which may be related and agreed to keep Cllr Rundle informed of any developments.

October Planning Meeting - Avalon Farm, Galhampton Hill.

Following the meeting, Cllr Rundle requested the installation of additional signage and the speed limit extended on Galhampton Hill, due to the increase of traffic movements at the entrance to Avalon Farm.