North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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"Draft" Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 in Yarlington Village Hall following the Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting which commenced at 7.00pm.

Councillors Present:

Malcolm Hunt (Chairman) Alan Bartlett (Vice-Chairman)

Susan Gilbert Karen Harris Bryan Mead Alan Rickers Diane Rickers John Rundle

Maria Viney

In Attendance: D.Cllr Kevin Messenger, the Clerk and seven members of the public.

Public Session

No comments.

Report from The Newt and Emily Estate

Paul Rawson, Estate Manager thanked and agreed with Maria Viney on her report presented at the Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting, regarding the positive ongoing engagement between Emily Estate and the village. He also reported as follows:

- a. <u>Yarlington Lodge</u> The planning application is still pending with SSDC. We have recently submitted further information regarding phosphate mitigation strategy which now includes the creation of 2ha of new woodland planting within the estate. This will require a re-consultation on the application in the near future and that will hopefully enable the approval to be granted.
- b. Avalon Farm The Estate has held two very well attended public consultation presentations in the village hall in Galhampton where improved plans were shown and discussed with residents. Subsequently we have received very helpful feedback from Cllr Alan Rickers, Murray McMillan and Paul Haddows as representatives of the community. The Estate will shortly set out a letter confirming the several improvements and commitments that we propose as part of this redesign process. That would be followed by resubmission of plans to SSDC for approval. The Estate would like to thank all who have taken the time to contribute to this discussion.
- c. <u>Manor Farm Castle Cary</u> we will shortly be undertaking some archaeological investigations as part of our planning application for the proposed new farm yard.
- d. <u>Manor Farm Yarlington</u> we have no plans in development for this property yet but our firm intention is to sustain it as a dairy farm into the future. The Estate commits to consult with the village to help form our plans in the future.
- e. <u>Local Membership Offer</u> this was launched earlier in April and offers a privileged annual membership tariff for people resident in the local vicinity including all of Yarlington and North Cadbury Parish.
- f. <u>Galhampton Village Hall</u> The Estate has pledged to make a donation to the village hall in aid of their new play park plans.

22/56. 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 Andy Keys-Toyer. C.Cllr Mike Lewis and D.Cllr Henry Hobhouse also tendered their apologies.

22/57. 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 declared.

22/58. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 23rd March 2022.

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

22/59. **Planning**.

- a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC Decisions.
 - i. **PA 21/03694/LBC**. Proposed window repairs and replacement windows at 10 High Street, North Cadbury **APPROVED**.
 - ii. PA 21/03645/HOU & 21/03646/LBC. Conversion of existing domestic stable building into a one bed residential annexe at The Grange, Cary Road, North Cadbury APPROVED.

22/60. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG).

The Chairman reported that the NPWG had not met since 18th November 2021. Following the submission of the Plan for examination, the independent examiner issued a letter clarifying several initial procedural matters. The examiner subsequently completed his review of the documentation submitted with the Plan and conducted a site visit. He issued a letter containing a number of questions which sought clarification on some of the matters raised; five to be answered by SSDC and ten by the PC, which were answered and submitted prior to the deadline of 19th April 2022. The NPWG were awaiting his judgement, after which there would be a referendum. The Chairman stressed the importance for residents within all the villages in both parishes to vote in the referendum; if the NP failed, both parishes would be open to development. The Chairman gave a brief update on the planning application for the development of Clare Field, Ridgeway Lane, North Cadbury, which was still on hold due to the ongoing phosphates issue. He explained that, at this stage in the process, the NP would hold some weight and should be referred to by the planning officer when considering the application.

22/61. Highways and Rights of Way (RoW) Report.

a. PC Representatives to provide progress reports.

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

In addition to her report, Cllr Gilbert reported that Somerset County Council (SCC) RoW Officers Eve Wynn and Martin Cooper would organise the strimming schedule, which starts in May. Mr Tim Gilbert, 'Parish Strimmer', would assist in maintaining the parish RoW.

22/62. 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:

| North Cadbury Playing Field Grounds Maintenance Grant | £2,014.00 |
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| North Cadbury PCC Churchyard Maintenance Grant | £1,200.00 |
| Clerk's Overtime for FY 20/21 & 21/22 | £243.10 |
| North Cadbury Village Hall hire Feb 22 | £14.00 |

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure approved unanimously.

c. To consider the inclusion of a calendar on the PC Website. Cost £250 +VAT. This will show all events within the Parish and surrounding area.

RESOLVED: Approved unanimously.

d. To review the £200 annual grant to the South Somerset Community Accessible Transport Bus.

RESOLVED: To continue to grant £200 per annum to the SSCAT Bus for the next three Financial Years.

22/63. Items for Report and Future Business

Please notify items to the Clerk at least 24hrs before the meeting.

a. <u>HM Queens Platinum Jubilee update</u>. Cllr D Rickers reported that the beacon on Cadbury Castle would be lit on Friday 2nd June, however, there would be no 'procession' due to logistics. There would be an event at South Cadbury Village Hall, starting at 7pm, to include a BBQ with entertainment; Yeovilton Military Wives Choir were invited to attend. The Newt would also light a beacon on Lodge Hill, Castle Cary, however the event would be invitation only.

North Cadbury Village Hall would host an event on Thursday 1st June.

b. <u>Departing Councillors</u>. The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Alan Bartlett who had given immense service to the Parish, with his connections with the school and in two periods of service on the Parish Council. During the first of these he was elected as Chairman, to be elected again in May 2011, becoming Vice Chairman in May 2019. While not one to be always sharing his opinions, he has always kept his interventions to the minimum. But when shared his words are always was and valuable. His advice should always be taken. He has shown himself to be full of wisdom. He has been a great servant of the Parish. His contributions will be sorely missed.

The Chairman also thanked Cllr Karen Harris for her time on the PC and wished her all the best on behalf of the PC as she was moving to another parish.

- c. <u>Yarlington Village Hall</u>. Cllr Mead reported that the plans for the new covered patio area and kitchen extension at the Hall were progressing well.
- d. <u>North Cadbury Play Equipment</u>. Cllr Gilbert wished to thank Brian Morris and volunteers for completing the refurbishment work on the children's playground at North Cadbury Village Hall.

Next meetings: North Cadbury Annual Parish, Annual Parish Council and Ordinary Parish council meetings to be held on 11th May 2022 in North Cadbury Village Hall.

| There being no further business, the meeting closed | at 8.40pm. |
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| Signed | Dated |
| Chairman | |