

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 27th July 2022 in Yarlington Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Councillors Present:

Diane Rickers (Chairman)
Malcolm Hunt
Alan Rickers

Andy Keys-Toyer (Vice-Chairman)
Bryan Mead

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

Public Session

No comments.

Reports from County and District Councillors.

D.Cllr Hobhouse reported that there was now a £44M deficit in Somerset County Council's (SCC) budget, which continues to rise and by April 2023 may increase to a £70M to £100M deficit.

C.Cllr Lewis reported that Andrew Barren was in post at SCC, having taken over from Gary Warren as the Highways Engineer for 'signs and lines' following Gary's retirement.

John Hammond, Senior Planning Officer at South Somerset District Council (SSDC), agreed to proceed with a judicial review to challenge the decision to approve at appeal the development of 200 houses on green land above the Railway Station in Castle Cary. The Government may now review its procedures as this would be the second council currently going through a Judicial Review.

22/112. 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 Gilbert, Rundle and Viney. D.Cllr Kevin Messenger also tendered his apologies.

22/113. 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) adopted 11th May 2022.

(NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

RESOLVED: None.

22/114. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the PC meetings held on 22nd June 2022.

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

22/115. Planning.

- a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC Decisions.

- i. **PA 22/00567/FUL.** Demolition of existing toilet and kitchen extension. Construction of new access, disabled toilet and kitchen along with an oak framed patio shelter at Yarlington Village Hall – **APPROVED.**

22/116. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG).

Progress report.

RESOLVED: Cllr Keys-Toyer reported as follows:

The Examiner's report has been published and the questions raised in it have been answered by the NPWG to the SSDC's satisfaction.

The plan has gone forward to the SSDC District Executive Committee and was approved on 7th July 2022 to go forward to referendum.

SSDC have published the Referendum Approval Decision Notice.

The date for the Referendum is Thursday 8th September.

SSDC have also published their Information Statement.

A number of "specified documents" have to be published by SSDC; these provide information about the North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan and the Planning system in general.

The specified documents can be viewed at; <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-plan-and-strategies/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>

It only remains for the Working Group to encourage those entitled to vote at the Referendum to do so.

22/117. Highways and Rights of Way (RoW) Report.

PC Representatives to provide progress reports.

RESOLVED: The Clerk read out the Highways report on behalf of Cllr Rundle: "There is little to report as far as highways are concerned except that I have received confirmation from Andy Barren, SCC, that he has submitted an order for the chevrons on the A359 (Three Ashes) to be refurbished and the stop sign at the junction to be repainted. He is also taking forward my request for signage on Sandbrook Lane and possible 'SLOW' signs on the Cary Road near the junction with North Town Lane. There hasn't been any pothole activity this month!"

Cllr Gilbert previously circulated her report, which can be found at attachment 1.

22/118. 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:

Jo Witherden Invoice 0771 – NP	£1,083.30
Print Street – 50 wire bound copies of NP	£420.00
Print Street – 1000 A5 leaflets for referendum - NP	£90.00
Print Street – 1000 A5 leaflets for referendum (2 nd print) - NP	£90.00
Cloud Above PC Website domain renewal	£53.88
Clerk's Expenses	£37.62
North Cadbury Hall Hire May 22	£14.00

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure approved unanimously.

22/119. Churchyard Maintenance Grants.

To review the provision of churchyard maintenance grants in accordance with updated advice/guidance, following internal auditor's observations.

The Clerk previously asked Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) if there was any further advice/guidance following the last circulation in 2018. SALC could not provide any

additional information other than a judicial review on this subject may be on the cards (in a different region of the UK).

RESOLVED: Following a full discussion it was agreed that nothing had changed in the law that would make the PC consider withdrawing the grant, however, a decision would be deferred until the next meeting at which full council should be present and any further advice/guidance could be sought if available from other sources.

22/120. On Site Planning Meetings.

To consider changing the day and time of the monthly on site planning meetings to enable councillors who have commitments during normal office hours to attend.

RESOLVED: On site planning meetings would continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month, however, meetings would be held at 5.30pm during spring/summer months. During autumn/winter months informal site visits would be held by a minimum of two councillors who would provide a report to full council for consideration at the ordinary monthly PC meetings. An on-site formal planning meeting would continue to be held for any significant/contentious planning application.

22/121. Items for Report and Future Business

a. Cllr Keys-Toyer reported on the Local Community Network Event held recently, which he found very informative and useful to discuss problems/issues with other parishes. The next event would be held on 15th September.

Next meetings: to be held on 28th September 2022 in The Reading Room, North Cadbury.

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

Signed Dated

Chairman