

## NORTH CADBURY & YARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 in Yarlington Village Hall.

**Present:** Mr R Crewdson (Chairman), Mr P Newth (Vice Chairman), Mr T Glass, Mrs P Wood, Mr K Northover, Mr H Russell, Mrs M Masters, Mr M Hunt, Mrs E Carter and Mrs C Yates.

**In Attendance:** Mr J Crossley (District Councillor), Mr R Little (County Councillor), the Clerk, PCSO Beth Poole (Police Community Support Officer) and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Mr H Hobhouse (District Councillor).
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.
3. **Police Community Support Officer Report:** The PCSO, Beth Poole, reported that there were no reported crimes in July 2009. In August there were three reported crimes. The first was a theft from a car in North Cadbury, the second a theft of a horse box in Galhampton and the third a domestic assault in Yarlington. There was one report of anti-social behaviour for under-age drinking in North Cadbury. In the same period last year there were six reported crimes. The PCSO informed the PC that there would be two performances by the Solomon Theatre Company on Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 in the Constitutional Club, Castle Cary at 10.00am and 2.30pm. The performances were to raise awareness to the over 60's on crimes such as doorstep crime, postal scams, rogue tradesmen and distraction burglars. Both performances were free and included "goodie bags" and morning or afternoon tea. Other organisations would also be present to provide advice. The PCSO advised that those wishing to attend should contact her on 0845 456700 or her mobile 07920 450434 as soon as possible to reserve their free tickets. (*The PCSO left at 7.45pm.*)
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
5. **Comments from the Public:** A member of the public wished to discuss the poor state of the roads in Yarlington, in particular the road leading from Yarlington to the A303, which was badly pitted and flooded regularly. The other major concern was the Cattle Hill crossroads at which the vegetation had become so overgrown along the post and rail fence that it was extremely difficult to see cars approaching from either direction. Due to the speed that traffic approached the crossroads from Castle Cary, and the speed traffic travelled around the sharp bend from Wincanton, it was agreed that a formal letter would be written to Somerset County Council (SCC) requesting that the vegetation be cut right back and they consider moving the warning signs further back giving more time for traffic to slow down before they reached the crossroads.
6. **County and District Matters:** Mr Crossley reported that the Wincanton, Castle Cary and Bruton Community Justice Panel, which operated from Wincanton, had already dealt with ten cases of low level crime. Mr Crossley advised that he would email each Parish Council the application form to become a "Facilitator" who were fully trained volunteers, totally disconnected from both victim and offender, to preside over the meetings; he confirmed that there wasn't an age limit for applicants. Mr Crossley read out an extract from the Conservative Party stating that if there was a change in Government and the Conservatives came into power there would be a major change in policy on localism and housing as they would abolish the Regional Planning and Spatial Awareness Strategy. He also advised that "Pioneer Somerset" was in abeyance as SCC had decided that the funding required from them was unacceptable.
7. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) Allotments. Mr Newth reported that he had spoken to Mr D Stapleton, Corporate Director for Health and Well-Being at South Somerset District Council (SSDC) in July who advised him that he would discuss the proposal for allotments with Mr S Joel, the Head of Service for Sports, Arts and Leisure. Mr Newth had not been contacted since, however he had heard that the Council had decided against the

proposal to amend the current planning gain policy and recognise the provision of allotments as a valid planning gain.

Mr Newth advised that as the PC still had a duty to provide allotments, he understood that the Montgomery family would consider leasing the land at a low rate, which could be recovered through allotment holders' rents, thus preventing any charge on the precept. Mr Newth also suggested that the provision of allotments might be considered for a grant from the County and District Councillors Local Initiatives Budget which would help towards fencing the allotments and providing hard-standing for parking.

b) Parish Website. Mr Newth informed the PC that he had received an email from Mr J Channon with proposals for the new website. The Chairman proposed that the PC should now reconsider their options on keeping the Parish Website. It was agreed that the Parish Website should be kept and Mr Channon continue updating it. Mr Newth agreed to arrange a presentation of the new website at the next PC meeting.

c) Power of Well-Being. The Chairman circulated an information sheet on the new "Power of Well-Being" for members' reference.

8. **Reports on Meetings:** No meetings attended during the summer period.
9. **Damage to Stiles in Parish:** The Chairman reported that repairs had been carried out to the stiles in North Cadbury which had been vandalised during the summer holidays.
10. **National Highways and Transport Survey:** The Chairman had received a questionnaire circulated by SCC in connection with a project called The National Highways and Transport Network Survey which Mr Northover volunteered to complete.
11. **Pioneer Somerset Survey:** The Chairman advised that 158 Parish/Town Councils returned their questionnaires to SSDC's "Service Devolution" survey which equated to a 57% response rate. The general opinion was for functions and responsibilities to stay the same, possible exceptions being the planning process and maintenance matters such as grass cutting. Mr Crossley advised that until last year no one could object to the principal of avoiding duplication and overlapping, however, since then SSDC and SCC had not succeeded in joint working and they had decided that it was too costly to bring in contractors to consider and manage any proposed changes, thus the demise of Pioneer Somerset.
12. **South Somerset Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation – Parish "Clusters":** The Chairman reported that meetings were held across South Somerset in July to discuss how best to keep parishes informed and involved with the development of the core strategy of the Local Development Framework. It had been decided to organise "clusters" of parishes for this purpose, and a list had been circulated. The PC was in Cluster 4 and was at the extreme south-west corner of a group extending as far as Bruton. The Chairman proposed that as parishes were invited to join more than one cluster if they wish, the PC should ask that they also be included in Cluster 6, which covered Ilchester and Sparkford and the area to south-west, to which the PC agreed. The Chairman agreed to write to Mr A Foyne, SSDC, requesting the amendment. (*Mr R Little Arrived at 8.40pm*)
13. **Future Meetings:**
  - a) Police Crime Reduction Event - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The Chairman advised that those wishing to attend the performances at the Constitutional Club in Castle Cary, or knew of anyone who would like to attend, they should reserve their tickets as soon as possible. The Clerk agreed to advertise the event on the notice boards.
  - b) Dog Control Orders Workshop - 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Mrs Masters and Mrs Wood agreed to attend the Workshop at 6.30pm, Churchfields, Wincanton.
14. **Planning:**
  - a) Received:

| PA No.       | Details of application  | P.C. Comments |
|--------------|---|---------------|
| 09/02793/FUL | 1 Eastfield, Pound Lane, Yarlington – Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse    | Support       |
| 09/02820/FUL | Tor View Farm, Galhampton Hill – Retention of an earth bund   | Support       |
| 09/02879/FUL | New Park Farm, Gibbet Rd, Maperton – Erection of an extension to residential annexe                   | Support       |
| 09/03046/FUL | Home Farm, Cary Rd, NC – Conversion of barns to form two dwellings and the erection of a new dwelling | Support       |
| 09/03283/FUL | Firbank Cottage, Cary Rd, NC – Alterations & the erection of a single storey side elevation           | Support       |

b) Decisions:

| P.A. No.     | Details of application  | Area East decision |
|--------------|---|--------------------|
| 08/05142/FUL | Little Orchard, Cary Rd, NC – Erection of 3 dwellings   | Refused            |
| 09/01518/FUL | Yarlington Mill Farmhouse, Stoke Lane – Demolition of existing porch and the erection of single & two storey extensions | Granted            |
| 09/01981/OUT | Extension to Cadbury Business Park for Business, Storage & distribution purposes  | Withdrawn          |

c) SSDC Tree Preservation Order (TPO) Policy. The PC discussed the matter of how the street scene along Cary Road, North Cadbury would have been affected in the event that the Planning Application at Little Orchard been granted. Mr Crossley informed the PC that he had discussed this issue with the Tree Officer at SSDC, however the Tree Officer did not believe that the trees at Little Orchard had any amenity value or were of a quality worthy of being protected. The PC, however, believed that the trees were of great amenity value and were vital to preserve the street scene along the conservation area. Therefore, it was agreed that the Chairman would seek the advice of the arborologist Mr Dave Braybon, and if he was in agreement with the PC, the Chairman would write to the Tree Officer requesting that he reconsider serving a TPO. If the order was made, the Chairman suggested that the PC consider offering a grant to the owners of “Little Orchard” towards the maintenance work now required on the trees, although it was pointed out by one member that this could create a precedent.

d) North Cadbury Conservation Area Boundary Review. The Chairman informed the PC that he had been requested by parishioners, again arising out the Little Orchard planning application, to propose to SSDC that the North Cadbury Conservation Area boundaries be reviewed. It was agreed that a Working Party (WP) would be set up to formulate a draft proposal from the PC to be discussed and agreed at the PC meeting in January. Mrs Wood agreed to be on the WP and Mr Hunt, at the suggestion of the Chairman, agreed to be the Chair. It was suggested that Mrs H Howcroft and Mr T Watt be invited to join the WP. The Clerk agreed to put notices on the notice boards asking if the parishioners wished to comments on the review of the boundary.

## 15. Finance and Accounts:

- a) Transaction Report and Budget Statement for the period 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009 to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 were distributed.
- b) Approval of items of expenditure not previously authorised was given unanimously.
- c) Grant from SCC – Speed Limit Signs. The Chairman asked Mr Little to update the PC on the status of SCC's Grant for North Cadbury's speed limit signs. Mr Little confirmed that a grant of £2000 had been promised from his predecessor, Mr Hobhouse's budget, and a £500 grant from SSDC. However, there had been some confusion at SCC regarding the £3500 original estimate, which had not taken into consideration administration charges etc. Mr Little, however, assured the PC that the total bill would still be less than £3000 and the PC would have a rebate in the near future to reimburse them for the £2696.40 invoice paid in July 2009.

d) Precept Working Party. Mr Russell, Mrs Carter, Mr Hunt and Mr Glass would form the Precept Working Party for 2010/11 and would meet and report at the next meeting.

**16. Items of Report and Future Business:**

- a) Mr Newth wished to thank the residents of Woolston who had shared the cost of replacing the missing traffic mirror in Woolston.
- b) Mr Glass informed the PC that he had not been contacted by Mrs D Stacey with regards to meeting to discuss the relocation of the street nameplates in Galhampton. Mrs Stacey was currently on leave and he had been assured that he would be contacted to arrange a meeting upon her return.
- c) Mr Little informed the PC that the Chief Executive of SCC was due to retire and that there was a current recruitment freeze. This freeze did not include the recruitment of teachers or front line social care.
- d) Mrs Yates asked for an update on the poor state of the Bridleways. The Chairman advised her that action was being taken.
- e) The Chairman informed the PC that for the period 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October Mr Russell would be acting Deputy due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- f) It was agreed that the date of the next PC meeting be changed to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**SIGNED..... DATED.....**

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**ACTION SHEET**

**Relating to the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009**

| <b>ITEM NO.</b> | <b>ACTION AGREED</b>   | <b>BY WHOM</b>        | <b>DEADLINE</b> |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 3               | Display notices advertising the performances in Oct 09 @ the Constitutional Club Castle Cary for the PCSO        | Clerk                 | Done            |
| 5               | Write formal letter to SCC Highways dept re the Cattle Hill crossroads and poor condition of roads in Yarlington | Clerk / Chair         | Done            |
| 7.c             | Review Power of Well-Being Information Sheet for discussion at next meeting                                      | All                   | 12/11/09        |
| 10              | Complete National Highways and Transport Questionnaire   | Mr Northover          | ASAP            |
| 12              | Write to request the PC's inclusion in Cluster 6 and Cluster 4   | Clerk                 | ASAP            |
| 13.b            | Attend Dog Control Order Workshop  | Mrs Master & Mrs Wood | 04/11/09        |
| 14.c            | Seek advice from Mr Braybon re trees in Little Orchard, Cary Rd. Write letter to Tree Officer                    | Chair / Clerk         | ASAP            |
| 14.d            | Display notices asking for any comments from parishioners on the review of the conservation area boundary        | Clerk / Mr Hunt       | ASAP            |
| 15.c            | Organise reimbursement for NC Speed Limit Signage  | Mr Little             | ASAP            |