

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

held on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026** in Yarlington Village Hall
following the Yarlington Annual Parish Assembly, commencing at 7.00pm

Councillors Present:

Nick Garrett (Chairman)

Chris Jose

Clare Leavold

John Rundle

Maria Viney

John Whitehead (Vice-Chairman)

Cameron Knee

Nerissa Northover

Richard Rundle

In Attendance: Somerset Councillors Henry Hobhouse and Kevin Messenger, the Clerk and four members of the public (MOP).

- ❖ **Public Question and Comments:** No comments.
 - ❖ **Report from The Newt and Emily Estate:** Zoe Young, Community Liaison Officer for The Newt, had nothing further to report and left the meeting.
 - ❖ **Reports from Somerset Council:** Cllr Henry Hobhouse commented further on the Government's proposed planning reform, which removes the PC as a 'trip wire' to request that a planning application be considered at committee. County councillors would also no longer have the power to call into committee plans for ten houses of less. Any additional comments to those already submitted during the initial consultation, would not be allowed when speaking at committee. It was considered that the proposed new system would remove the current democratic process.
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26/45. Apologies for absence:

To receive any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Caroline Bowen and Andy Keys-Toyer.

26/46. Declarations of Interests:

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any Pecuniary or Other interests they may have under the Localism Act 2011 and NALC Model Code of Conduct adopted May 2022. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

RESOLVED: None received.

26/47. Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary PC meeting held on Wednesday 26th March 2026.

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

26/48. Planning:

a. Somerset Council Decisions:

- i. **PA. 26/00499/HOU & 26/00500/LBC** – Proposed extension to ground floor of main house to form vestibule. Refurbishment of existing office and store room at Old Manor Farmhouse, Woolston Road, North Cadbury, BA22 7BL - **WITHDRAWN**.

26/49. Finance:

a. Balance of the Council's Bank Account & Bank reconciliation:

To receive the full council accounts and bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED: The Clerk previously circulated the PC's Accounts, which were agreed and Lloyds Bank balances at 31st March 2026 in the Community Account £197.73 and Business Bank Instant Account of £33,639.22, reconciled, approved and signed.

b. Accounts for payment:

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure:

i. Grant – North Cadbury Playing Field Maintenance	£1,510.00
ii. SALC Affiliation fees renewal	£535.68
iii. Zurich insurance renewal	£366.66
iv. LT Ecological Services – survey & report Upper Cam River	£312.50
v. Reimbursement defibrillator pads Galhampton V Hall	£192.00
vi. Clerk's allowances & expenses March 2026	£46.70
vii. SALC Invoice 3080 – Code of Conduct: Cllrs Interests 14 Apr	£25.00
viii. Galhampton hall hire 25 Mar 26	£24.00
ix. NC Reading Room hire 1 Apr 26	£9.50
x.. SALC Invoice 3104 – Planning	£40.00

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure approved unanimously.

c. **Request for grant:** Galhampton Village Hall & Playground Committee £350 towards the recent purchase of a replacement defibrillator at purchase cost of £897.14 (gross).

RESOLVED: A grant of £350 was approved unanimously from CIL funds.

26/50. Council Policies:

To receive, review and adopt the following:

- a. IT Policy.
- b. Grant Awarding Policy.

RESOLVED: The Clerk previously circulated the new IT and Grant Awarding Policies for review, which were adopted.

26/51. Parish Website:

To approve the provision of a new or improved parish website.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed in principle that the website should be replaced, with Aubergine as the current preferred provider. Councillors agreed to review the working paper circulated by Cllr Richard Rundle, which would be considered at the ordinary PC meeting in June, with a progress check in May.

26/52. Highways and Rights of Way (RoW) Report:

- a. PC Representatives to provide progress reports.

RESOLVED:

- i. Highways. Cllr Jose presented his report, which can be found at Attachment 1. As requested by Cllr Hobhouse, the Clerk agreed to email the report to Cllr Richard Wilkins, Lead Member for Transport and Waste Services and copy in Tracy Harris, SC Assistant Highway Services Manager and Somerset Cllrs Hobhouse and Messenger.
- ii. RoW. The Chairman reported that the only issue raised this month is that the footplate on the stile on RoW WN 19/54, by the sleeper bridge, (at the junction of two fields), is rotting

away. This has been raised to the Newt on whose land it sits. Zoe Young had confirmed that Newt staff will investigate.

Please can all members of the parish continue to report any issues via the Explore Somerset website - <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map#>

b. To discuss SC Enhanced Highways Maintenance Scheme and the extra funding now available.

RESOLVED: The Clerk previously circulated the Information sheet on the Scheme, which explains the increase in highways funding now available for City, Town and Parish Councils to apply for funds towards additional highway works in their areas. SC initially ran a pilot Enhanced Highways Maintenance Scheme, following which SC confirmed that the scheme would continue.

Cllr Jose asked for the following link to be circulated for the [Somerset Highways Annual Works Map](#)

26/53. Cam Catchment Resilience Project (CCRP) reports:

PC representatives to provide progress reports.

RESOLVED: The Clerk previously circulated the report, commissioned by the PC from LT Ecological Services, on "Large Woody Material Surveys on River Cam", which can be found at Attachment 2.

26/54. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring:

Update.

RESOLVED: No planning applications for monitoring.

26/55. Local Community Networks LCNs:

Reports.

RESOLVED: The next South East LCN Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 7th May [in Charlton Horethorne Village Hall] and will focus on policing in our LCN. Police and Crime Commissioner Clare Moody, as well as other Senior Officers within Avon and Somerset Police responsible for Neighbourhood Policing and Rural Crime, will be present to address any specific areas of concern as well as talk more about the future of policing in our area.

26/56. Items for Report and Future Business:

a. Request for 20mph speed limit through Galhampton. Following a request from a resident via Cllr Northover for the PC to consider a 20mph speed limit through Galhampton, the Clerk circulated information provided by SC for consideration, which included a presentation and application form. Any formal request would need to be evidence based and councillors suggested that the local Speed Watch Team could monitor and provide speed data.

b. Woolston notice board. Following the last meeting a resident asked for the Woolston board to be retained. The Clerk confirmed that the PC resolved not to replace the notice board, therefore, if residents are maintaining the board it would prolong its life.

c. Wessex Water Drop In – Market House, Castle Cary, Tuesday 5th May, 10.00am to 12.00pm

d. Provision of a new parish website - June meeting with a progress check in May.

Next meeting: North Cadbury Annual Parish Assembly, Annual PC meeting and Ordinary meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 27th May in North Cadbury Village Hall.

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Chairman

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