North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 21st October 2026 in
Yarlington Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm

Councillors present:

Nick Garrett (Chairman)
Cameron Knee
Nerissa Northover
Chris Jose
John Whitehead (Vice-Chaiman)
Clare Leavold
John Counsell
Dean Latham

Members of the Public: 5

Public Questions and Comments:
None

Report from the Newt and Emily Estate:
Zoe Young will provide a written report to append to the minutes regarding the Newt. Planning application is due to go in for the reworking of the old Yarlington Manor farm site soon. On the 6th November is The Newt fireworks display. These will be low noise fireworks at 6:30 for 5 minutes, followed by a drone light display. The Eco Mound planning application is continuing and details are now on the planning portal for viewing. The open meeting on the 8th of October to display the original George planning application and the updated version was well attended by local residents; the George planning application has been submitted and these should be live on the planning portal soon.

Reports from Somerset Councillors:
None

Meeting started 19:09

26/202. Apologies for absence:
Cllr Caroline Bowen, Cllr Richard Rundle & Cllr Maria Viney sends their apologies. Unanimously approved.

26/203. 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).
None

26/204. Minutes:
To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd September.
Resolved: Approved by majority, Cllr J Counsell abstained.

26/205. Parish Council Vacancy:

To consider applications received and conduct vote to fill casual vacancy on the Parish Council by co-option.

A single candidate, Dean Latham, came forward, and gave a brief overview of his experience and desire to help out within the community.

Resolved: By unanimous approval Dean Latham was co-opted onto the PC. He signed the declaration of office and provided this to the clerk.

26/206. Planning:

a. Planning Applications Received:

26/02401/HOU – Woolston House Woolston Road North Cadbury Yeovil Somerset BA22 7BL.

Alterations and improvements to existing rear flat roof extension including new side entrance porch canopy and roof lantern.

Resolved: Parish Council would support the application.

Update on the land opposite the Orchard Pub, west of the A358 – The site falls outside the Castle Cary town plan and outside of the Castle Cary settlement. There is no current live planning application.

The Chairman reported that Cllr R Rundle has created an AI agent which will enable the PC to get an output report on Planning Applications based against the NPPF, Somerset Local Plan and Neighbourhood plan. This has now been run on two historic applications. The thought process is that following the 31st October changes to Local planning legislation, for House Holder applications which are minor changes that these will be less likely to have an impact on the Neighbourhood plan, and will not require onsite visits, or major discussion, before the PC's input to SC Planning. However, for anything bigger it is suggested that the Planning Application is run through the AI agent to see if this should have a large discussion and site visit, considering how it complies or contends with the NPPF, Somerset Local Plan and Neighbourhood plan, in order that the PC can continue to provide input to the Planning Process.

Resolved: It is to be noted that Cllr Richard Rundle should be thanked for the amount of information reviewed and the work that went into the Neighbourhood Monitoring Report that was circulated to all Councillors and will be appended to these Minutes.

b. **Somerset Council Decisions**: None received.

26/207. Finance:

Accounts for payment:

a. To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure

i. S Archer - Clerk allowances & expenses September 2026	£50.30
ii. S Archer - Reimbursement 2 x Poppy Wreaths	£54.00
iii. S Archer - Salary October 2026	£443.84
iv. HMRC	£111.00

Resolved: Unanimously approved

b. To Review the request for a grant from Castle Cary Community Library

Resolved: Unanimously approved to grant £300 for the year.

c. To Review the request for a grant from Life Drawing and Portraiture group of £84.95 for an easel
Resolved: Cllr Clare Leavold abstained from the vote. It was resolved by a majority vote to refuse the application.

d. To approve costs for an electrician for the new defibrillator installation.
Resolved: An offer came forward from the Newt, that one of their electricians will fit this within the week. The Newt has kindly offered to cover the cost of the work. It is noted that the PC thanks the Newt for this.

26/208. Parish Website:
Clerk is waiting for Parish Online to provide a quote and timelines for move.
Resolved: Noted

26/209. Highways Report:
PC Representatives to provide progress reports – Full report is available online.
Resolved: Noted.
It is also noted that the top road heading to A303 past Masters Farm, there is a large puddle in the road, but this may need more drainage and unblocked.

26/210. Rights of Way (RoW) Report:
PC Representatives to provide progress reports. – Full report is available online
WN19/105 we are awaiting a response on when this work will be actioned.
Resolved: Noted.
It is also noted there is a style that is completely broken in Yarlington on W19/44 and WN19/74 21265 also has a style that is broken.
Clerk to check insurance for Cllr Counsell to do strimming on footpaths.

26/211. Cam Catchment Resilience Project (CCRP) reports:
PC representatives to provide progress reports.
No Updates

26/212. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring:
Report is on the website.
Resolved: Noted

26/213. Local Community Networks LCNs:
Report is on the website
Resolved: Noted Cllr Narissa Northover will attend on 4th November on resilience

26/214: Village Hall Updates

Gallhampton Village Hall currently does not have a Chairman or a Treasurer and is seeking volunteers.

North Cadbury Village Hall had the AGM earlier this mointh and elected chair (Graham Jennings),vice chair (Liz Hall-Sayer) and treasurer (Andy Moore) and in total 10 trustees on the committee. Cllr Whtehead remains as the PC representative for the Hall Committee.
Resolved: Noted

26/215: Meeting dates and locations for 2027

20th January Yarlington

17th February North Cadbury
17th March Gallhampton
21st April APA Yarlington
19th May APA North Cadbury
16th June Yarllington
21st July North Cadbury
15th September Gallhampton
20th October Yarllington
17th November North Cadbury
Resolved: Noted and approved

26/216: Items for Report and Future Business:

Please look at the road closure information sent earlier by the Clerk.
Budget

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

Next meeting: Ordinary meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18th November 2026 in North Cadbury Reading Room.

Meeting Closed 20:37