

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 7.00pm
In Galhampton Village Hall

Councillors Present:

Malcolm Hunt (Chairman)
Andy Keys-Toyer
Alan Rickers
John Rundle

Susan Gilbert
Bryan Mead
Diane Rickers
Maria Viney

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

Public Session

No comments.

Report from The Newt and Emily Estate

Mr P Rawson tendered his apologies.

Reports from County and District Councillors

D.Cllr Messenger reported that Covid vaccination boosters for the over 75s and vulnerable would be available from 26th March at the Haynes Museum. Those eligible could book online or call their surgery.

South Somerset District Council (SSDC) were flying the Ukraine flag in support of all Ukrainians.

C.Cllr Lewis reported that, following consideration by both Houses of Parliament, the Secretary of State had made the Somerset Structural Changes Order 2022 which paves the way for the new Somerset Council to be established on 1 April 2023.

Cllr Lewis wished to correct a statement made in election leaflets circulated to households; Somerset County Council (SCC) was not nearly bankrupt and held £23m in reserve, which is within the recommended level of £20m to £30m and sufficient for its needs. The Council had set a balanced budget for 2022/23.

22/45. 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 Alan Bartlett and Karen Harris.

22/46. 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.

22/47. Minutes.

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

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

22/48. Vacancy on the Parish Council

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

RESOLVED: No applications received to date.

22/49. Rural Exception Sites (RES).

To discuss the suggestion for the provision of two RES for affordable housing in Yarlington and Galhampton.

D.Cllr Hobhouse gave a brief explanation on RES and how the system would enable the PC to control the allocation of houses. Landowners agree to sell land at agricultural rates, in order to give the savings (approx. £100,000), to housing organisations, such as Abri (formally Yarlington Homes). Nomination of the houses would be at the discretion of the PC. In the local area there are eight dwellings on a RES in Sparkford and two in South Cadbury. The houses would be more affordable for retirees and first time homeowners from the parish. D.Cllr Hobhouse was aware that Yarlington had requested more housing to replace those that had been taken out of residential occupancy by The Newt. He confirmed that Mr Koos Bekker, owner of The Newt, was willing to consider working with the PC on RES.

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Hobhouse confirmed that RES would not be offered as an alternative to those included in the NP but in addition to the NP as they were 'exception sites'.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Mead and Viney to open discussions in Yarlington. The PC agreed to gauge any need in Galhampton.

(Cllrs Hobhouse and Messenger left the meeting at 7.30pm)

22/50. Planning.

- a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC Decisions). None.

22/51. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG).

The Chairman gave his progress report on behalf of the WG.

"Firstly, I have to announce that David Clews, our colleague and contact in the SSDC Strategic Planning Dept. has sadly died. This is of course a great tragedy for both his family and work colleagues. Our contact now will be Jo Wilkins whom we know and have worked with in the past. The reg.16 consultation with SSDC is now closed and both a summary of the comments from residents and SSDC comments on the reg. 16 Doc. have been published and can be viewed on the SSDC website. A link will also appear on the NP website.

Where we are now?

All documents, comments from residents and SSDC comments passed on to the Independent Examiner Andy Mead. The NP has now reached the stage where the issue of Prematurity can be raised in dealing with planning applications. Any applications currently lodged with SSDC may at this stage be refused on the grounds of prematurity if allowing them could severely undermine the Neighbourhood Plan. In reality, they are more likely to be put on hold until the Examiner's conclusions are published, and providing that he recommends the Plan can proceed to referendum (subject to any necessary amendments) the NP will attract significant weight at that stage going forward.

Milestones.

- The examiner's report and recommendations are received by SSDC and the PC (may take 6/8 weeks).
- SSDC and the PC consider the report and recommendation and agree on modifications before deciding that a Referendum can take place (may take 5 weeks).
- SSDC agreement to go to Referendum and set date.
- Publish Notice of Referendum.
- Publish Information Statement (may take 11 weeks).

22/52. 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 his report, Cllr Rundle noted that there was water run off down Parish Hill again, which had been repaired by Wessex Water last year. He agreed to report the issue.

At the request of a resident on Woolston Road, Cllr Gilbert confirmed that the next print run of the circular walks leaflet would include a statement asking for those walking not to leave their cars parked outside North Cadbury Stores.

22/53. 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:

Dorset Planning Consultant Inv 0743 (NP)	£719.40
Mr R Rundle – Zoom Nov 20 to Mar 22 (NP)	£230.24
Grant – SSCAT Bus	£200.00
Grant – SS CAB	£150.00
Clerk's Expenses & Back pay from 1 Apr 21 to Mar 22	£117.90
Following National Pay Award Agreement	
WesternWeb – Renewal of website hosting for PC website	£96.00
CPRE – Membership renewal	£36.00
Galhampton Village Hall hire 26 Jan 22	£24.00

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure approved unanimously.

22/54. Somerset Town and Parish Council Elections 5 May 22

To discuss the upcoming Somerset Council (Unitary Authority), Town and Parish Council elections on 5 May 22.

Nomination packs for existing parish Cllrs were available from the Clerk and spare nomination packs were also held for local candidates wishing to obtain one.

RESOLVED: Nomination forms need to be submitted in person from 21st March with close of nominations at 4pm on Tuesday, 5th April.

22/55. Items for Report and Future Business

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

a. HM Queens Platinum Jubilee update. Cllr D Rickers reported that South Cadbury Village Hall Committee would organise the beacon lighting ceremony on Cadbury Castle on Friday 2nd June in their entirety on behalf of both parishes. North Cadbury would host a 'Big Lunch' and Galhampton a 'Cream Tea', both on Sunday 5th June 2022. Yarlington were considering holding a BBQ in a marquee on the field behind the Forge, Yarlington, with permission from The Newt on Friday 2nd June (TBC).

b. Change of date of North Cadbury Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Ordinary Meeting from 18th May to 11th May 2022 - confirmed.

c. Community Project - River Cam Survey. Cllr Keys-Toyer was pleased to report that twenty volunteers had come forward to survey the water quality in the River Cam. He advised that funding may be required towards purchasing the testing kits from West Country River Trust (WCRT).

d. Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Mead agreed to prepare the 'Chairman's Review of the Year' for the Yarlington Annual Parish meeting to be held on Wednesday 27th April.

e. Galhampton Village Hall AGM. As Chairman of Galhampton Village Hall Committee, Cllr A Rickers would circulate the Chairman's Report and Minutes from the AGM.

f. Local Bus Representatives. Cllr Gilbert reported that she had erected notices asking if bus users would be interested in becoming a local representative for the Somerset Bus Partnership. Notices were also on the parish website.

Next meetings: Yarlington Annual Parish and Ordinary Parish Council meetings to be held on Wednesday 27th April at 7.00pm in Yarlington Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed

Dated

Chairman

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