

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held in The Reading Room, North Cadbury on Wednesday 20th June 2018 commencing at 7.00pm

ACTION

Councillors Present: Cllr M Hunt (Chairman), Cllr D Handley (Vice-Chairman), Cllr A Bartlett, Cllr A Brain, Cllr L Cheesman, Cllr R House, Cllr A Keys-Toyer, Cllr M Martin and Cllr P Wood.

In Attendance: C.Cllr M Lewis, the Clerk and seven member of the public.

18/134. Electors Question Time/Comments: None.

18/135. Apologies for absence: D.Cllr N Weeks, Cllr B Board, Cllr S Cox and Mrs S Fone (PPLO).

18/136. Declarations of Interest: None.

18/137. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report: None.

18/138. Report from County Councillor: Cllr Lewis reported that Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) sent its report to Somerset County Council (SCC) yesterday in which it advised that a revised broadband voucher scheme was under review. If approved, it was anticipated that the revised scheme was likely to open in August/September 2018.

It had been reported elsewhere that Highways were under ‘Special Measures’; Cllr Lewis assured the PC this was not the case. There is a shortfall in personnel and SCC were recruiting as in other authorities, however, quality highway engineers were in short supply as highly qualified engineers were seeking employment in the private sector.

Cllr Lewis reported that the Library consultation closed on 13th June 2018 and they would know more next month. He also reported that Dimmer landfill site was opening up another ‘cell’, which raised concerns that this would prolong Dimmer’s existence, however, Cllr Lewis was assured last week that this was not the case. The approved Waste Transfer Station would be built at Dimmer, however, it would not be used for a couple of years and no waste would be transferred to the Avonmouth site.

18/139. Parish Paths Liaison Officer (PPLO) Annual Report: The Clerk previously circulated the report in the absence of Mrs S Fone, PPLO, which can be found at attachment 1. **Following a full discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would ask Mrs Fone to provide more regular updates than just the annual report and inform Cllr Cheesman, PC Footpaths Liaison Officer (copy to the Clerk), of any issues with Rights of Way (ROW) reported on the SCC interactive map.** This would enable the PC to register and monitor the situation and, therefore, hasten any action required. **The Clerk also agreed to contact Eve Wynn, SCC Footpath Warden to ascertain her preferred method of reporting and monitoring issues and invite the PPLO to attend a PC meeting to discuss the procedures at her convenience.**

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18/140. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council and Ordinary meetings held on 22nd May 2018 were received, agreed and signed as a true record.

18/141. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a. Highways. Cllr Brain reported that no input from Highways had been received to update the Highways report from May, therefore the same issues stood. He raised the issue regarding the speed of vehicles entering and leaving North Cadbury using the Woolston Road with ‘Traffic Management’. They regard that the speed limit signs are in good order and that the PC should use

other measures, such as Community Speed Watch (CSW), to enforce the 30mph limit. The Clerk was awaiting a quote for strimming around the North Cadbury speed restriction signs in addition to the village signs at the top of Parish Hill and at the bottom of the hill leading to North Town. The Chairman considered that self-help may be required to maintain visibility at some of the parish signs due to a lack of resources at Highways and restrictions on landowners to cut hedges outside bird nesting season (February to August).

b. Bus Services Galhampton. Cllr Cheesman reported that residents were canvassed in the village who confirmed that the safest and preferred option would be to wait at the Yew Tree as the Galhampton ‘bus stop’. No bus shelter was required, other than shelter from the tree, this was preferable to waiting by the large puddle on the busy A359. Residents who did not wish to bank online caught the bus to Yeovil as all the banks had closed in Castle Cary. The Community Accessible Transport (CAT) bus did not go to Yeovil, therefore, the No.1 bus would complement the CAT bus rather than compete with it. **The Clerk agreed to email Debbi Sandford, South West Coaches accordingly and ask to proceed as previously agreed.**

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c. Fingerpost Refurbishment. Favourable comments and thanks had been received from residents and the PC on the superb fingerpost refurbishment work Cllr Keys-Toyer and Mr Rundle had carried out to date. Cllr Keys-Toyer advised that there were five parishioners who attended the course and they would all gradually work their way round the fingerposts.

18/142. Planning:

- a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions:
 - i. **PA 18/00988/FUL**. Formation of equestrian arena and erection of stables building for private use at Turstin Lodge, Woolston, North Cadbury – **GRANTED**.
 - ii. **PA 18/01173/FUL**. The erection of a first floor extension above garage at Montana, Cary Road, North Cadbury – **GRANTED**.

18/143. Finance and Accounts:

- a. The Finance Report for period 22 May to 20 Jun 2018 was received and approved.
- b. Payments Approved:

Galhampton Playing Field Maint Grant	£1,578.32
NC Reading Room Hire 11 Jan/22 Feb/22 May 18	£49.00
Clerks Expenses 17 May to 20 Jun 18	£33.61
Fingerpost Materials - Mr A Keys-Toyer	£30.46
NC Annual Parish Meeting Expenses	£27.02

18/144. Funding for Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and associated precept issues at approx. £200 per annum: Following a full discussion, the PC agreed to look into the cost of setting up Community Speed Watch and would defer the decision on SID installations.

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18/145. North Cadbury Parish Fete – Saturday 11th August 2018: It was agreed by a majority decision that the PC would have a stall at the Fete and would be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

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18/146. Speeding Farm Vehicles in Galhampton: The PC had been contacted by residents in Long Street, Galhampton who were concerned for the safety of their children due to the speed of farm vehicles especially down towards the village hall. Following a brief discussion the PC considered that the offending vehicles were most likely those used by contractors hired for the seasonal work as complaints arise at the same time each year. **Cllr House agreed to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to R and C Targett, agricultural contractors.**

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18/147. Silhouettes in Somerset to mark World War One Centenary: The Clerk agreed to apply for a grant for up to 10 silhouettes and would liaise with the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

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18/148. Correspondence circulated:

- a. SALC Training on Responding to Planning Applications – 27th June 2018, 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm in Edgar Hall, Somerton. **Cllr Brain agreed to attend.**

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18/149. Items of Report and Future Business:

- a. Cllr Cheesman reported that the new Village Hall would be handed over in the first week in July 2018 for the final fitting out and decorating. The committee would be looking at setting up a new Galhampton website which would link to the North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish website.
- b. Cllr Keys-Toyer commented on how good North Cadbury Village Hall looked now that it had been repainted and had the garden area at the rear of the hall planted by volunteers from the Gardening Club.

18/150. Date and time of next meetings: Wednesday 25th July 2018, in Yarlington Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

SIGNED..... DATED.....

Attachment 1

Report re Footpaths 12th June 2018

There seems to be a growing enthusiasm for active walking in the villages. There are now three 'spin off groups' walking regularly, catering for evening walkers and those who cannot make the main group time in any month due to work commitments. We are constantly drawing in new walkers, one even from Somerton! Monthly walks are advertised in Excalibur. There are also many people who walk on their own, again using different rights of way.

Walking is hampered by two main reasons. The first is still the issue of cross crop compliance (or non-compliance). There are the same one or two contractors / farmers/ landowners who flout this each year, despite the issue being reported. The enforcement process is slow and with only one ranger covering the area now it is an uphill struggle to keep some paths open. These are paths central to the village and used by many people. Maize is the biggest issue. It forms an impenetrable barrier.

The members of the walking groups would really appreciate any help which the Parish Council could give to support the lawful rights of way and ensure compliance to facilitate the use of paths, which the public have the right to use. Where contractors plough to the hedge and plant across paths, farmers cannot complain when crops are damaged as walkers try to negotiate their way. Walkers are responsible people, who care about the country side and our agricultural industry.

The second difficulty for walkers is the number of missing or broken finger posts, lack of signage, broken stiles and footbridges, which although reported on the interactive map still remain a problem. Again, if the PC could help walkers would appreciate it.

This paragraph below was included in the report for 2017.

Reduced staffing of the Rights of Way team mean that enforcement of paths and bridle ways is almost impossible. It would be most helpful if the Parish Council could take up this matter on behalf of the Villagers of North Cadbury with SSDC and the CC.

Could the PC please give details of how they responded to this request?

Likewise with the following comment...

I am still waiting for further developments to stop four wheeled vehicles using restricted by- ways off the A359.

Below was my concluding sentence in last year's report and it still stands in June 2018.

I would be grateful for positive support from the Parish Council to ensure the viability and subsequent use of the rights of way in the Parish.

Susan Fone
Parish Paths Liaison Officer