

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 26th September 2018 commencing at 7.00pm

ACTION

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

In Attendance: C.Cllr M Lewis, two representatives from Friends of Castle Cary Library, the Clerk and seven members of the public.

18/175. Electors Question Time/Comments:

18/176. Apologies for absence: D.Cllr N Weeks.

18/177. Presentation by Friends of Castle Cary Library (FoCCL) regarding the possibility of changes to the funding of CCL: The Clerk previously circulated the briefing paper to all councillors with funding considerations. Somerset County Council (SCC) would publish the outcome of its consultation on 7th December 2018 (postponed from 17th October) with a decision on the support they would provide for CCL. It was likely that SCC funding would be reduced and it would be up to the local community to take responsibility for the work of the library, creating a new business plan, finding funding and resources. To achieve this, FoCCL would need to create a form of Community Library Partnership. Following the presentation there was a brief question and answer session. **The PC agreed to write a letter stating support in principle for the project and that, once the FoCCL was in a position to advise on the level and type of support they required, the PC would give the matter its further consideration.**

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18/178. Co-option to fill two vacancies on Parish Council: The Chairman reported that there were three eligible applicants for the two vacancies, however, two had to withdraw their applications. The PC voted unanimously in favour of the remaining applicant, Mr Alan Rickers, who was co-opted onto the council and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. **The Clerk agreed to advertise the remaining vacancy.**

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18/179. Declarations of Interest: None.

18/180. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report: None. The Clerk reported that the website www.police.uk provided useful information on policing and crime in the neighbourhood, as advised by D.Cllr Weeks.

18/181. Report from County and District Councillors:

a. C.Cllr Lewis reported that SCC would most likely make £14m cuts before March 2019. So far, the Young Carers Scheme had been saved, however, there was a lack of revenue and capital for essential services. Dorset County Council received additional funding from central government as they are a unitary authority. SCC finances would now be scrutinised at the start of each meeting.

18/182. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th July 2018 were received, agreed and signed as a true record.

18/183. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a. Highways. Cllr Brain previously circulated his detailed Highways Report, which can be found at

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Attachment 1. **The Clerk agreed to write to the landowners identified by Highways who needed to maintain and clear their ditches. Cllr Brain agreed to write to Highways thanking them for the excellent work carried out on patching roads in the parish.**

b. Parish Environmental Warden (PEW). The Clerk reported that Mrs Katherine Vaughan had volunteered to work alongside Cllr Board as a PEW; she had direct contact with the SSDC Enforcement Officer, Mrs Lynette Osment and her contact details would be on the parish website. The PC wished to record its thanks to Mrs Vaughan for coming forward for this role

18/184. Planning:

a. **APPEAL IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION DECISION REFERENCE: 17/04023/FUL** – Erection of 8 detached dwellings at Harvester Works, Mayfield Close, Galhampton. **PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/R3325/W/18/3202416 - APPEAL DISMISSED. Following a brief discussion the Clerk agreed to write to Tincknells asking what plans they had for the site, advising them that the PC would support plans which took account of the Planning Inspector's comments but urged that they should work alongside SSDC Planning, the PC and the Galhampton residents from the outset to achieve the best chance of success.**

b. **APPEAL IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION DECISION REFERENCE: 16/03476/FUL** - The change of use of land and the retention of one mobile home, one touring caravan, one shipping container, treatment plant, hardstanding, gates and fencing on Land OS 8735 Sandbrook Lane North Cadbury Yeovil Somerset – Update. The Chairman advised that the Appeal Inspectorate had received 51 letters from parishioners; the Appeal Hearing would be held on 6th December 2018.

c. **South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions:**

i. **PA 18/02143/FUL**. The erection of a single storey rear extension to Ellinge, Cary Road, North Cadbury – **APPROVED**.

ii. **PA 18/01482/FUL**. The erection of an orangery extension to rear elevation of Stonehaven, Mayfield Close, Galhampton – **APPROVED**.

iii. **PA 18/01008/FUL & 18/01009/LBC**. Erection of a timber barn building with loft accommodation at Hewletts Mill, Sandbrook Lane, Galhampton – **WITHDRAWN**.

iv. **PA 18/02234/S73 & 18/02235/S73**. S73 application to remove conditions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (vehicular and pedestrian details) of approval 17/04587/FUL, on the basis that the information required is covered under separate legislation. Application to vary conditions 6 (vehicle condition) and 7 (Cemp) of planning approval 17/04587/FUL – **WITHDRAWN**.

18/185. Finance and Accounts:

a. The Finance Report for period 25th July to 26th September 2018 was received and approved.

b. Payments Approved:

Mr D Whitehead – Noticeboard Refurbishment	£260.00
Clerks Expenses 25 Jul to 26 Sep 18	£49.74
1 st Images Signs – PC sign for NC Parish Fete	£42.00
Fingerpost Restoration Expenses	£37.57
SALC GDPR Training Cllr Keys Toyer & Clerk	£22.50

18/186. Request for provision of a bus shelter next to the Orchard Inn, A359, Galhampton: Cllr Martin reported that the project had the support from residents and the landlords of the Orchard Pub. The cost of the shelter, planning permission and licences were achievable, however, South Somerset District Council (SSDC) would need an extensive layby constructed to allow the bus to pull in and out from the A359, which would cost between £70,000 and £80,000. **Following further discussion, the PC agreed unanimously that the project was cost prohibitive and, with regret, that no further action could be taken.**

18/187. Cuts to Funding Citizens Advice in Somerset: The PC had been made aware that SCC were proposing to cut funds to Citizens Advice in South Somerset (CASS) which were used to run the charities' day to day advice services. Should the cuts go ahead, CASS would need to look at reducing their opening hours and making other service changes.

18/188. To consider the introduction of Community Speed Watch (CSW): Cllr Keys-Toyer reported that there were sufficient numbers to form a CSW group. The next steps would be to arrange another meeting to ascertain whether someone would be willing to co-ordinate the scheme. They would then contact the police who would set up training and equipment for free. **Following a brief discussion, the PC agreed to proceed to the next steps by a majority decision.**

18/189. Requirement for a new Parish Website: The Clerk advised that the website was twelve years old and failing in places. Mr Channon set up and managed the website on behalf of the PC as his contribution to the parish, however, he moved from the parish a year ago. At the request of the Clerk, Mr Channon tried to make some amendments, however, they required additional programming, which he was no longer able to do on his computer. During an open discussion it became apparent that the village halls were in a similar situation and looking at setting up new websites. It was considered that it could be possible to rationalise the websites for improved coherence and communication within the parish. **The Clerk agreed to advertise for assistance in setting up and running a new website, perhaps on a rationalised basis with the Village Halls and look into available grants. Cllr Keys-Toyer agreed to speak with North Cadbury Village Hall committee.**

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18/190. Correspondence circulated:

a. Somerset County Council press release promoting a new webpage where you can now find details of all planned structural maintenance work for the current financial year. The webpage can be found at <https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/structural-maintenance/>

b. Notes of resident meeting letter from Galhampton residents dated 11 Aug 18 – ‘The Proposed Trial of a Galhampton Bus Route’. The Chairman reported that South West Coaches wrote to the PC in August stating ‘It is with regret that I must advise you that we would no longer be willing to re-route our service bus into Galhampton. I have been in discussion with the Operations Director this week and we feel that this extension would not be successful. This is mainly due to the fact that the objectors to this route would continue to complain to us about the route and, of course, every complaint would need to be investigated. In addition to this, as discussed, we have received several complaints about the school bus which we have never received before. I am sure this is a result of the proposed service bus entering the village. Not only have these complaints been made to us but to the County Council who then need to have a full investigation into each complaint.’ **It was also with regret that the PC agreed to take no further action.**

18/191. Items of Report and Future Business:

a. Cllr Wood reported that the gardener at Cadbury Court was planting bulbs in the grass alongside The Avenue leading to The Court and was concerned that cars would continue to park on the grass. **The Clerk agreed to ascertain whether The Avenue was a public highway and maintained by SCC.** Cllr Wood also reported that there was an issue with dog fouling/ black dog waste bags being left behind on The Avenue. **Cllr Board agreed to report this matter to the Enforcement Officer.**

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b. Following Cllr Cheesman’s resignation, the PC would need to nominate a representative for Galhampton Village Hall and Footpaths. **The Clerk agreed to include this on the agenda for the next meeting.**

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18/192. Date and time of next meetings: Tuesday 23rd October 2018, in The Reading Room, North Cadbury, commencing at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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North Cadbury & Yarlington Highways Report – September 2018

<p><u>Three Ashes Junction/Cary Road</u></p>	<p>The A359 speed limit TRO was sealed after no objections were received. The works have been passed to the SSDC contractor with a 3-month completion timeframe. This timeframe is now nearly up.</p> <p>When the 40mph speed limit on the A359 is extended this will become the new speed limit up to the North Cadbury 30mph zone.</p>
<p><u>Re-positioning of North Cadbury 30mph speed restriction signs.</u></p>	<p>The 30-mph signage, approaching North Cadbury from the Three Ashes junction, was moved to the bottom of the hill towards North Town in order to be more clearly visible to approaching traffic. However, this is due to be repositioned again as it is now too far around the bend at the bottom of the hill.</p>
<p><u>Drains in Lower Back Way/Sandbrook Lane</u></p>	<p>Following improvements to the drainage in the lane, patching work in lane patching will be considered from April 2018 – Ongoing.</p>
<p><u>Lower Back Way Opposite Sycamore Cottage</u></p>	<p>As above. Patching will be considered from April 2018 – Ongoing.</p>
<p><u>Sandbrook Lane Right of Way Erosion</u></p>	<p>On the stretch of lane leading past “the Cabbage Patch” water is leaving the lane though the hedge into the field, in two places on the east side, making the footpath (part of the Leland Trail) unpassable. SSDC need to determine where the local gullies outfall to then identify a solution – Ongoing.</p> <div data-bbox="441 1087 1279 1398" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><u>Highway Erosion Sandbrook Lane</u></p>	<p>The edges of the lane are eroding in a number of places.</p> <p>The latest response from SSDC is that the verge erosion remediation would be arisings placed and compacted and the verge re-established on top of that, awaiting budget allocation for that works type program.</p> <div data-bbox="508 1633 786 1988" data-label="Image"> </div>

<p><u>Drains in Hearn and March Lanes</u></p>	<p>Drain pipe damage, close to the junction of Galhampton Manor, will benefit from repairs in the near future.</p> <p>Works are pending.</p>
<p><u>Highway Erosion in Hearn and March Lanes</u></p>	<p>Areas of damage to the road surface in the area were actioned under a Work Order. No further safety defects have been identified.</p> <p>Patching will be considered from April 2018 - Ongoing</p>
<p><u>Highway erosion in West Street Yarlington</u></p>	<p>Leaving Yarlington along West Street the road surface is starting to break up. This is subject to Enquiry 420038 and has been placed on a 'jet patching' scheme between Sept 24th and Dec 12th.</p> 
<p><u>Highway Erosion on the lane joining West Street to Stoke Lane</u></p>	<p>The lane joining West Street to Stoke Lane is also breaking up. Subject to Enquiry No.420029. This has also been placed on a 'jet patching' scheme between Sept 24th and Dec 12th.</p> 
<p><u>Highway Erosion in Stoke Lane in the Vicinity of Yarlington Mill Farm</u></p>	<p>Drainage water is exacerbating the wear in the lane with tramlines forming (at the upper right of the 'photo) which impact the direction of steering of a vehicle.</p> <p>A minor drainage scheme is to be implemented to catch spring water and re-establish existing drainage, which is functioning. Then patching will be undertaken. The land owner was contacted to clear their ditches. However, during a recent visit by SSDC, it did not appear that ditches had been dug yet.</p> <p>SSDC have requested that the PC also contact the land owner.</p>



Highway Erosion in Corkscrew Lane

In Corkscrew lane there is some erosion on the sides and narrowing of the lane due to active badger setts.

Highways view is that the erosion is not at safety intervention level and works near badger setts would require a licence.

There are very long delays on badger licences as a result of Natural England resource and high demand on them.



Lane between Blackford and North Cadbury

Various areas of deterioration on Lower Woolston Road have been identified as meeting or exceeding safety intervention levels and are have programmed for repair, dependent on their severity and according to the current policy, from between 24-hrs and 28-days.

Patching and minor drainage were carried out during August 2018.