

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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"Draft" Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held in Yarlington Village Hall on Wednesday 24th April 2019 following the Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting which commenced 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 Montgomery, Cllr A Rickers and Cllr P Wood.

In Attendance: C.Cllr M Lewis, the Clerk and four members of the public.

- 19/76. Electors Question Time/Comments:** None.
- 19/77. Apologies for absence:** D.Cllr Weeks.
- 19/78. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 19/79. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report:** None received. There followed a discussion on the lack of communication and resources. The Clerk advised that www.police.uk provided information on crime in your neighbourhood, police teams and other items of interest.
- 19/80. Report from County and District Councillors:**
- a. C.Cllr Lewis had nothing further to report following the Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting, however, he agreed to report back to SCC the issues regarding pot holes. In response to questions raised, Cllr Lewis advised that issues encountered at South Somerset District Council (SSDC) with the 'Transformation Process' should lessen by September 2019 and more would be known regarding unification following the elections, after which a Unitary Authority Advice report would be produced in May.
- 19/81. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th March 2019 were received, agreed and signed as a true record.**
- 19/82. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
- a. Highways and Rights of Way (ROW) Reports. Cllr Brain previously circulated his detailed Highways and ROW Reports, which can be found at Attachments 1 and 2.
- 19/83. Planning:**
- a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions:
 - i. **PA 19/00335/S73A.** Section 73 application for the variation of condition 5 of permission 18/00998/FUL to allow use of stables and associated land for private use or for commercial livery use and at no time be used for riding school or other business purposes at Turstin Lodge, Church Lane, North Cadbury – **PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**
 - b. The Chairman reported on an informal meeting he and Cllr Montgomery had attended with Mr Paul Longman in the Reading Room, North Cadbury on 12th April 2019. Mr Longman had observed that he was confused by the PC's position on development in the Community Plan. The Chairman reiterated that the Plan stated that, while the Community was happy to see some development in the Parishes, it would not wish to see any which went outside current building line boundaries. Cllr Montgomery said that any development in the Clare Field, which was adjacent to Ridgeway Lane and, which was alleged in the SSDC 5 year plan to have the potential for a development of approximately seventy houses, would have the effect of radically changing the character of the village of North Cadbury and would provide significant egress/access and Highways problems.

The Chairman and Cllr Montgomery did, though, concede that the Parishes contained sites which might be suitable and acceptable for limited development. Mr Longman seemed keen to play some role in providing land for car parks or playing fields, presumably from funds arising from development, such as the Community Infrastructure Levey (CIL). He did not, however, make very clear what might be in his mind, however, he was now clear as to the PC policy on these matters as outlined in the Community Plan. Mr Longman was also advised that the PC was likely to be considering in the next few months, whether or not to take the Community Plan one stage further with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Longman was thanked for approaching the PC. The Chairman stressed the importance of maintaining good lines of communication and appealed for prior consultation when Mr Longman had any proposed plans to share.

19/84. Finance and Accounts:

a. The Finance Report for Financial Year to 31st March 2019 was received and approved.

b. Payments Approved:

North Cadbury Playing Field Maintenance Grant	£1,692.00
Galhampton Playing Field Maintenance Grant	£1,099.18
Yarlington PCC Grant	£350.00
NC Reading Room Hire Oct, Nov 18 and Jan, Mar 19	£56.00
Fingerpost Expenses – Cllr Keys-Toyer	£34.38
Clerks Expenses Apr 19	£24.18

19/85. Vacancies on the Parish Council: The Clerk advised that the three vacancies on the PC were advertised following the uncontested election, which would be filled by co-option at the next PC meeting on 15th May 2019.

19/86. Correspondence circulated:

a. Highways England 'three week listening exercise' on A303 public right of way improvements to the north and east of Podimore – closing date 26th April 2019.

19/87. Items of Report and Future Business:

a. The Chairman wished to comment on the departing councillors who did not stand for re-election. Cllr Pam Wood had been a councillor for in excess of 23 years and had made an enormous contribution to the parish; he believed everyone owed Pam a debt! Cllrs Mike Martin and Barrie Board served three and two years respectively and, in that short time, had made a big impact on PC business and work, particularly the Community Plan, for which he was very grateful for all their hard work and efforts on behalf of the PC and parishioners. The Chairman thanked Vice Chairman David Handley for his contributions in all areas, mainly relating to the police and law. The Chairman hoped Cllr Roger House, who did not submit his nomination papers, would be successful in his application for co-option onto the council.

b. Cllr Martin believed that now was the time the PC reconsidered moving towards producing a Neighbourhood Plan. He recently met with residents who would like to put forward a feasibility study for consideration by the PC and would look into the process and financial implications. This matter would be discussed at a future PC meeting upon receipt of a feasibility study.

19/88. Date and time of next meetings: Annual Parish Council Meeting, Annual Parish and Ordinary PC Meetings will be held on 15th May 2019 in the Reading Room, North Cadbury commencing at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

North Cadbury & Yarlington Highways Report – April 2019

<p><u>Brookhampton Bridge in Sandbrook Lane</u></p>	<p>Work has commenced in Sandbrook Lane to allow remedial work to be undertaken to Brookhampton Bridge (600m south of Corkscrew Lane). After a break of around two weeks work recommenced today (24th). The programmed completion date is still being shown as 3 May.</p> <p>The works comprises;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation removal. - Localised repointing where required. - Localised piecing-in of masonry in the arch barrel. - Pouring a new concrete invert in each span to reinstate the scour damage that has occurred to the previous inverts. - Rebuilding the downstream wing wall to address the existing bulging masonry. <div data-bbox="553 709 1406 1163" data-label="Diagram"> <p style="text-align: center;">Existing Downstream Elevation Scale: 1:50</p> </div>
<p><u>Three Ashes Junction/Cary Road</u></p>	<p>The demolished chevrons at the corner approaching the Three Ashes junction, were identified by Highways and Traffic Management as a safety defect but are yet to be remedied. It has been allocated reference number 53228. I have not yet been able to identify a timeframe for the work to be undertaken. According to the Highway Safety Inspection Manual dated October 2018 simply states:</p> <p>‘The Service Provider shall ensure that the works resulting from Highway Safety Inspections is undertaken within the response time specified by the Inspector or Superintendent.’</p>
<p><u>Drains in Lower Back Way/ Sandbrook Lane</u></p>	<p>Following improvements to the drainage in the lane patching work will be considered from April 2019 – Ongoing.</p>
<p><u>Lower Back Way Opposite Sycamore Cottage</u></p>	<p>As above. Patching will be considered from April 2019 – 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. SCC need to determine where the local gullies outfall to then identify</p>

	<p>a solution – Ongoing.</p> 
<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 SCC is that the verge erosion remediation would be arisings placed and compacted and the verge re-established on top of that. This is awaiting budget allocation for the program.</p> <p>The latest update is that other options are being considered as there may be something more suitable.</p> 
<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. However, this is now unlikely to occur during the 2018/19 financial year as local budgets have largely been allocated to other higher priority work.</p>
<p><u>Highway Erosion in Hearn and March Lanes</u></p>	<p>Patching will be considered from April 2019 - 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. At the date of this report some patching has been carried out and remainder sites have been inspected in order to identify suitability for 'jet patching'. The next available date for this repair method is February 2019 and it is on that program.</p>



Highway Erosion on the lane joining West Street to Stoke Lane

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. As with West Street it was inspected in order to identify suitability for 'jet patching' and to program a date. As above, the next available date for this repair method is February 2019 and it is on that program.

Councillor House mentioned Pound Lane in Yarlinton as needing attention at the last Parish Council meeting and this has been brought to the attention of Highways.



Highway Erosion in Stoke Lane in the Vicinity of Yarlinton Mill Farm

With reference to the map on the following page:

Section A is periodically cleaned on a planned program and sometimes cleaned reactively however SCC are now aware that works are required. Funding will be available during the 2019 Financial Year to effect repairs. This will include underground filter drains to try to capture the springs which seem to be here.

Section B, part of the surface water drainage outfalls to here however the ditch is the riparian responsibility of the landowner (Emily Estate) and needs to be cleared by them. A meeting was recently held with the landowner and they have agreed that the hedgerows and ditches are to be attended to.

On completion of these works patching will be undertaken.



<http://mx4.somerset.gov.uk/rmx4-webapp/RMX/printtemplate.htm>

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Road Closure Information

As a Parish we are not always made aware of road closures and works requiring traffic lights. One useful web page giving current information is:

<https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/roadworks/>

From my perspective there seems to be an inconsistent plethora of sources and supply of information regarding both the details of planned works and for works currently being undertaken. I will attempt to identify any other definitive sources which cover not only SSSC Highways/Traffic Management/Structures works but also other organisations causing traffic flow issues or diversions such as Wessex Water and BT.

North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish Council Rights of Way Report – April 2019

Works in Hand

As reported before there are fifteen reported problem areas reported for this Parish including:

Footpath Reference:

WN 19/63	Handrails to be replaced/repared.
WN 19/98	Signpost.
WN 19/101	Signpost.
WN 19/105	Consultations with adjoining landowners; TPO to be placed on restricted byway; Bollards installed at either end; extensive works to repair surface. *
WN 19/17	Stiles to be repaired/rebuilt.
WN 19/6	Stile to be repaired/rebuilt.
WN 31/7	Stiles to be repaired/rebuilt.
WN 27/3	Large bridge to be removed/rebuilt.
WN 19/72	Stile/sleeper bridge to be replaced.
WN 19/80	Bridge to be replaced.
WN 19/96	Stiles to be repaired/rebuilt.

* As an update, I wrote to Somerset County Council on 3 April expressing our interest in the progress of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to prevent further damage to this protected byway and have received a reply from Mr Robert Coate, Senior Rights of Way Officer (Maintenance). Whilst not being able, at this time, to give any timescale for the TRO he is going to ensure that new 'No Motor Vehicles' and 'Except for Access' signs are installed. I have also spoken to Mr Paul Longman regarding providing a temporary obstruction to prevent unauthorised traffic from using the route. He has kindly offered to place a tree trunk at the upper (A359) end of the route. Whilst the Somerset County Council's Rights of Way Warden, Eve Wynn, indicated at a meeting on 1 April that she was content for this sort of temporary measure to be undertaken we await formal confirmation from her before Mr Longman undertakes the work.

Additional Identified Problem Areas

Yarlington

WN31/8	This has been redirected. Also missing finger posts and lack of way marking in yard.
WN31/10	There is an obscured gate with concrete posts and no way marking to indicate the route.
WN 31/10 & WN 31/9	Electric fences with no protection and too close to boundary to allow for passage.
WN31/7	Waymark needed at corner of field (concrete post) just by Yarlington House, Also no way-marking in farmyard at the southern end.

North Cadbury

WN19/91	Halfway along nettles are already growing up and will render that section impassable again.
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Stiles & Cross Compliance

We are in the period of the year when land is being cultivated for the coming cropping season and we need to ensure that rights of way are either reinstated following cultivation or temporary diversions are

put in place. Having experienced difficulty in tracking down tenant farmers responsible for farming some of the land in this Parish I wrote directly to a specific landowner with details of the issues and requested that they either remind their tenant(s) of their obligations regarding rights of way or provide me with their contact details to allow me to do so. I have subsequently been provided with contact details of the person farming most of the land.

Following the kind offer from the Mendip Ramblers to provide assistance in installing replacement stiles, from my meeting with Eve Wynn and Susan Fone on 1 April, Mrs Fone agreed to identify a package of work suitable for the Mendip Ramblers to undertake.

As a reminder, the best way to report rights of ways issues is via:

<https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>

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