

## 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 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 commencing at 7.00pm

**ACTION**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr M Hunt (Chairman), Cllr D Handley (Vice-Chairman), Cllr R Adams, Cllr A Bartlett, Cllr B Board, Cllr A Brain, Cllr L Cheesman, Cllr S Cox, Cllr M Martin and Cllr P Wood.

**In Attendance:** C.Cllr M Lewis, D.Cllr N Weeks, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) T Russell, the Clerk and three members of the public.

- 17/30. Electors Question Time/Comments:** A resident present asked for an update on PA 16/03476/FUL, land OS8735 Sandbrook Lane. The Chairman advised that there was nothing further to report following the last PC meeting, however, the PC would continue to monitor the progress of the application and take further action if required.
- 17/31. Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Masters.
- 17/32. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 17/33. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report:** The PCSO gave the neighbourhood statistics for Wincanton North in February 2017; there had been one non-dwelling burglary in the North Cadbury area. The area is still being visited by opportunist thieves who are looking for unlocked or poorly secured sheds and garages. Power tools, chain saws, mowers and similar are on the ‘shopping’ list. Heating oil theft is also on the increase and thefts of tack from stables. Cllr Handley advised that he had reported people acting suspiciously in an old 4x4 type vehicle to the police, which had been seen driving slowly in the area.
- 17/34. Reports from County and District Councillors:**
- C.Cllr Lewis** reported that Somerset County Council (SCC) had approved a 3.99% increase in the Council Tax to assist with the increasing cost of adult and children services. There would also be increases in the precept of 2% for the Somerset Rivers Authority and 3.5% for South Somerset District Council (SSDC). The increase would mean there would be additional funds available for social workers to care for vulnerable children.
  - D.Cllr Weeks** reported that the revision of the Local Plan was going ahead and would be received in 2019. There could be a two tier business development plan, whereby local and small businesses could be treated differently to larger towns such as Yeovil. Cllr Weeks suggested that the PC and residents look at the SSDC Website and the new proposals would be out for consultation in April 2017. Cllr Weeks reported that the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) regime would come into effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 and any new developments agreed after this date would be charged in accordance with the CIL schedule.
- 17/35. Feasibility Study TIO04298 for Small Highway Improvement Scheme to attempt to reduce the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles accessing Woolston/Lower Woolston by Lower Woolston Lane.** The PC and a few of the affected residents were generally supportive of the proposal, which the Clerk had previously circulated, although it would not be known whether or not it would be successful until trialled. **The PC unanimously agreed to proceed with the scheme and the Clerk agreed to email Kerry Jones, SCC Principal Programme Coordinator accordingly. (Cllr Lewis left the meeting at 7.30pm)** Following the decision the PC briefly discussed Highways England’s proposal to dual the A303 from Sparkford to Ilchester. A public information event would be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 10.00am to 6.00pm in the Davis Hall, West Camel.

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17/36. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

a. Highways. Cllr Brain previously circulated his Highways Report which can be found at attachment 1.

i. Galhampton Flooding. Cllr Cheesman reported that residents in Galhampton had carried out an excellent job of clearing the drains in Hearn Lane with their own spades on a self-help basis.

The Chairman wished to congratulate the residents. **Upon the advice of Cllr Weeks, the clerk agreed to ask the PC's insurance company for a quote to include "self-help".**

b. Revision of the 2006 Parish Plan (PP). The Working Group (WG) reported that the draft questionnaire had been circulated to all councillors for comment by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which would then be sent to Mr T Cook, SSDC for any feedback. The WG hoped to finalise the questionnaire as soon as possible for it to be printed by the end of March 2017. The questionnaires would be delivered to all households after 1<sup>st</sup> April and collected by 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Information from the questionnaires would be collated by the end of April in preparation for "Open Days" in May 2017. Councillors discussed whether or not the questionnaires should include Youth Related questions for the "Under 25s" and questions from North Cadbury School. **Cllr Martin agreed to speak to Mrs S Kiddle, Head Teacher and Cllr Adams would canvas some youths for the type of questions they would like to see included.** The Chairman and Cllr Martin wished to record their thanks to Cllrs Cox and Wood for all their hard work.

c. Provision of an Additional Dog Bin in North Cadbury. Cllr Cheesman reported that he was awaiting a response from Mr N Allen regarding the emptying of an additional bin/s. A resident present advised that dog fouling was an issue in Brookhampton as well as Sandbrook Lane. Cllr Weeks suggested the PC ask Crown Pet Foods if they could provide the PC with a bins/s. **After a brief discussion it was agreed that Cllr Cox would discuss the emptying of bins with Mr C Cooper, SSDC Streetscene and the Clerk would email Lynette Osment, SSDC Enforcement Officer regarding dog fouling in Brookhampton; this matter would be also be included on the Agenda for the next PC meeting.**

d. Lighting at Sycamore Process Engineering Ltd., King Arthurs Park. The Chairman and Cllr Martin confirmed that the external lights appeared to be left on all night and most certainly longer than the period specified by Mr T Sharp, Sycamore Managing Director. **The Clerk agreed to email Mr Sharp asking that the angle of the external lights be adjusted to shine down on the site, not across the vale and that the time of operation needed to be amended.**

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17/37. Minutes of the PC meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were received, agreed and signed as a true record.

17/38. **Planning:**

a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions:

i. **PA 16/05121/FUL**, Mr I Horner. Change of use of yard and associated buildings to mixed agriculture and equestrian use with the retention of additional 10 stables at Whitewoods Farm, Galhampton – **GRANTED**.

ii. **PA 16/05267/FUL**, Mrs J Montgomery. Erect lean-to rear extension to the reconstructed timber framed building (being used for private recreational use in connection with lake) as granted permission under 16/01674/FUL – **GRANTED**.

iii. **PA 16/05481/TPO**, Cock & Son. Application to carry out surgery works to Copper Beech tree subject to Tree Preservation Order SSDC (NOCA 1) 1992 at Orchard Leigh, Long Street Galhampton – **GRANTED subject to conditions**.

iv. **PA 17/00012/DPO**, Mr & Mrs R Dennis. Discharge of Section 106 Agreement relating to approval 06/01927/FUL at Kerian, Corkscrew Lane, Woolston – **DISCHARGED**.

17/39. **Finance and Accounts:**

a. The Finance report for the period 12<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 was received.

b. Payments Approved:

Mr N Harrison – Reimbursement Woolston Kiosk Refurbishment	£308.48
Routine Village Hall Grants	£240.00
Grant – South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau	£100.00

Community Council for Somerset Membership Renewal	£40.00
Clerks Expenses 12 Jan to 2 Mar 17	£56.60
Gal VH Hire 8 Sep 16	£21.00

- c. The payment of the following Section 137 charity grants were agreed as follows:
  - Somerset Community Justice Panel £50
  - Yeovil Shopmobility No grant given

**17/40. Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) published on SSDC website:** <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/early-review-of-local-plan-2006-2028/project-management--monitoring/south-somerset-housing-and-employment-land-availability-assessment/>. **The Clerk agreed to publish the HELAA on the notice boards and Parish Website and inform residents that the areas identified do not necessarily mean permission would be granted if applications to develop were submitted. The Clerk also agreed to circulate a PDF to all Cllrs.**

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**17/41. Heritage signs and their husbandry and maintenance of all other fingerposts:** Cllr Board had photographed and recorded the condition of all fingerposts in the parish, which totalled forty one fingers on sixteen posts. All appeared to be in sound general condition, however, all are in a poor state of presentation. Two posts are broken and require cast iron posts to be repaired or replaced. Using SCC draft cost guide it would cost approximately £5,760 (incl VAT) to carry out the refurbishment of the posts, which the PC agreed would be too much to expect the PC to pay. Cllr Cox advised that residents in Galhampton would like to erect a fingerpost near the Manor with directions to Yarlinton, Galhampton, the village pubs and halls. **It was agreed that Cllr Board would look into the possibilities of sourcing grants from other bodies. The Clerk agreed to ask Castle Cary Town Clerk who/what/how much it cost to refurbish the fingerpost at the crossroads of Torbay Road, Blackworthy Road and South Cary Lane and ask other parishes. The Clerk agreed to include the erection of a fingerpost in Galhampton the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.**

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**17/42. Condition of A359 in the vicinity of Cadbury Business Park:** The Chairman reported that contractors working on land to the south of Down Ash Farm, Galhampton had been leaving detritus on the road, which had been reported to the police on several occasions. Mr J Nicholson, Highways had written to the land owner and the police had made themselves known to the contractors in the event any enforcement action was required.

- 17/43. Correspondence circulated:**
- a. Notes from the SSDC Annual Meeting with Town and Parish Councils 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.
  - b. Temporary Closure of Crockers Hill effective 27 Feb 17.

**17/44. Items of Report and Future Business:**

- a. Cllr Wood reported that the North Cadbury Allotment Association had carried out an allotment inspection and wished to inform residents that the manure near the car park area was for allotment holders only and was not free; a notice board would be erected to this effect.
- b. Cllrs commented on the increasing number of 4x4 cars which parked and blocked the entrance to Low Road/Sandbrook Lane at school collection and drop off times. The cars were also eroding the lane away towards the wall of The Laurels, Chapel Lane. **The Clerk agreed to email Mrs Kiddle Head Teacher, copying in the PCSO.**

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**17/45. Date and time of next meetings: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Yarlinton Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.00pm.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Attachment 1: Highways Report March 2017

Issue	Status
<p><b><u>Three Ashes Safety Improvements</u></b></p>	<p>There has been no further comment from District Council on this. The section of road past the Three Ashes junction is due surface dressing in between May – August 2017.</p> <p>The assistant Highways Service Manager has a proposed a 40-mph speed limit at Three Ashes is more appropriate but this involves legal processes which includes advertising and a new traffic regulation order which takes some time.</p> <p>Highways will continue to monitor the site but believe the improvements being taken will help considerably.</p>
<p><b><u>Collapsed Bridge at the Junction of Corkscrew and Sandbrook Lanes</u></b></p>	<p><b>Statement from Senior Bridge Engineer &amp; Team Leader (Paul Tucker): 27 Feb 17</b></p> <p>Hewletts Mill (6230604): The District Council have confirmed that the repair works required to the parapet of this structure are programmed to commence on Monday 3rd April 2017 under a road closure.</p>
<p><b><u>Re-positioning of North Cadbury 30mph speed restriction signs.</u></b></p>	<p>This has been recently raised with the Area Traffic Engineer, Colin Fletcher, and will be discussed with him</p>
<p><b><u>Sandbrook Lane Bridge</u></b></p>	<p>There has been no further comment from District Council on this. They are aware of the current damage. The required works remain on a works program list for them with no program date, subject to priority, budget and resource.</p>
<p><b><u>Sandbrook Lane Flooding</u></b></p>	<p>There has been no further comment from District Council on this however I believe that the planned gully emptying was undertaken last month which was meant to clean out the buried gully and identify if it is flowing. The weather hasn't not really tested the effectiveness of this however I have visited the site and can hear water flowing below the gully inspection cover.</p> <p>The area of verge/embankment loss along that section of lane, due to the flooding has been outstanding for some time. These works would require a road closure which has a three month lead in time.</p>