

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of the Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting held in Yarlington Village Hall on Thursday 20th April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm

ACTION

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

In Attendance: Mr T Sharp, Managing Director, Sycamore Process Engineering Ltd., Mr P Rawson, General Manager, Emily Estate (UK) Ltd., the Clerk and ten members of the public.

- 17/58. In Memoriam for Mrs Jane Masters:** The Chairman made the following statement “We in Yarlington were all saddened this week by the untimely death of our friend and colleague Councillor Jane Masters. Jane died after a battle with a cruel and insidious form of cancer which she faced with great fortitude and stoicism. She was a stalwart friend and valued member of both our community and the Parish Council (PC). We extend our sympathy and condolence to her husband Steve, her son Matthew and the rest of her family; she will be sorely missed”. The Chairman asked for those present to stand for a moment in respect to her memory.
- 17/59. Apologies for absence:** D.Cllr N Weeks, Cllr A Bartlett, Cllr A Brain and Cllr P Woods.
- 17/60. Discussion Regarding Lighting at King Arthurs Park:** Mr Sharp advised that the security lights were essential for staff security and safety in the on-site car park and were not intruder orientated. The lights were set to operate seven days a week between 6.00am and 8.00pm and only when sufficiently dark. Cllr Martin informed Mr Sharp that the main issue was the direction of the lights that shone North East up the valley, however, Mr Sharp advised that the lights were already pitched as low as possible. **After a brief discussion, during which it was suggested that solar perimeter lights could be installed and adjusted to shine inwards, Mr Sharp agreed to look into the possibility of fitting a shield to the lights.**
- 17/61. Discussion on the Shatwell Renovation Project:** Mr P Rawson provided an update on the Emily Estate renovation, which included the re-agglomeration and renovation of satellite farms such as Shatwell Farm, Welham Farm and Tor View Farm, now re-named ‘Avalon’ back, with the aim to restore the Hadspen Estate, which originally extended to 2,500 acres in the 1860’s. Hadspen house would be conserved into a Hotel with forty four rooms and spa, centred on the visitor attraction of the gardens, which it intended to showcase to the best of its ability. Grade II listed Shatwell House would provide more family orientated ‘farm-stay’ accommodation with swimming pool. The Estate would also produce cider from its recently planted orchards. Mr Rawson believed the Emily Estate would have a positive impact on neighbouring parishes; local pubs and small businesses would benefit from the day trade and when extra accommodation was required. They were currently reviewing and making improvements to the current Access Strategy and the three points of access to the Estate would be reduced to a single point of entry off the A359 to reduce the number of erroneous journeys of visitors becoming lost. Extra passing points had not been proposed to Shatwell House, however, this could be re-addressed if necessary. Mr Rawson advised that the footpaths across the Emily Estate had been closed for Health and Safety reasons during the building process and while the deer park was stocked. The footpaths would be re-opened, however, there will be a charge for access to the Estate; concessions for residents may be considered. Overall the Estate anticipated 100,000 visitor per year, mainly concentrated in the summer months and the overall project should be completed in 2019.

- 17/62. Minutes of the Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th April 2016 were received, agreed and signed as a true record.**
- 17/63. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting:** No matters arising other than the ongoing issue of the poor quality broadband connection. The Vice-Chairman also commented on the quality of the road repairs in Yarlington, which were an improvement on previous patch repairs and had lasted unusually well.
- 17/64. Parish Council Accounts (Unaudited) for Year Ending 31st March 2017:** Draft accounts were distributed for information with comment by the Clerk; these would be formally adopted at the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on 23rd May 2017.
- 17/65. Reports from County and District Councillors:** None present.
- 17/66. Parish Reports:**
- a. The Vice-Chairman's Annual Parish Report was circulated for information with comment by the Vice-Chairman. (see Attachment 1.)
 - b. A resident reported that the 'Smart Water' deterrent had been painted on Yarlington Church's lead and guttering.
- 17/67. Matters Raised by Members of the Public:** None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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YARLINGTON PARISH REPORT 2016/17

“It is true to say that it has been a quite year. The Parish Council dealt with and approved three uncontroversial planning matters, affecting Woolston Manor Farm, Hillside and Corner Cottage. As you will know no development has taken place on the approved application in Pound Lane. Still on the subject of planning, I think we are all looing over our shoulders at the development and expansion on the neighbouring Emily or Hadspen Estate and wondering what the future holds and how, or rather if our village will be affected.

It has generally been a good year so far as Highways are concerned. The major potholes have been satisfactorily repaired although given the usage and nature of our roads, it seems we will always get problems from time to time. The visibility at the exit from the village onto the A371 has been maintained greatly improving road safety. Finally under this head we agreed the re-routing of a footpath beside Pin Mill Cottage which was nonsense as it virtually ran through the house.

You will also note that a Defibrillator has now been installed in the phone box and quite a few people have been trained in its use. In this and indeed other matter we are grateful for the efforts of those who worked to achieve this result.

Similarly with the Village Hall, great efforts have been made to make this an asset a centre of village life and to encourage its greater use. The bi-annual Yarlington Fair and Yarlington Fringe seemingly go from strength to strength and certainly keep Yarlington on the map.

The only unresolved matter is the vexed problem of broadband speed. We remain hopeful that eventually we will appear on a programme of enhancement but there does not seem to be much likelihood of this in the short term.

From a policing viewpoint, thankfully we remain pretty well crime free. However, given the stretched police resources we must remain vigilant and report any suspicious happening to help preserve our relative tranquillity.

Finally, can I thank you for your support, to say that the Parish Council does its best to support your interests and that we always welcome your suggestions and comments.”

David Handley
Vice-Chairman