

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 11th January 2018 commencing at 7.00pm

ACTION

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

In Attendance: C.Cllr M Lewis, D.Cllr H Hobhouse, D.Cllr N Weeks, the Clerk and five member of the public.

18/01. Electors Question Time/Comments: None.

18/02. Apologies for absence: None.

18/03. Declarations of Interest: None.

18/04. Report from County Councillor:

C.Cllr Lewis reported on the review of warding proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) in which one of the proposals is to move Yarlington Parish into the new Tower and Wincanton Ward. General opinion was that this was most likely an oversight and the LGBC may not have realised that Yarlington was a ‘joined’ parish with North Cadbury as, by proposing this change, the LGBC would be going against its principles of not splitting parishes. If the proposal went unchallenged there would be the potential for five District Councillors to attend PC meetings and one County Councillor as well as a raft of other issues. **The Clerk agreed to include this matter on the Agenda for the next PC meeting for the PC to submit its response before the consultation deadline of 19th March 2018. Cllr Handley agreed to email the LGBC proposals to residents in Yarlington and arrange a meeting if necessary.**

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C.Cllr Lewis reported on South West Strategic Developments (SWSD) prospectus for a new Garden Settlement proposal, second in size to Taunton, on land north of Yeovilton. SWSD are the Lead Consultants acting on the project as part of South Somerset’s review of its Local Plan, in which one of the options being considered is for a new settlement to provide a new supply of housing land. It was considered that a new town of this size would have a detrimental impact on smaller local towns such as Somerton and Castle Cary. **(Cllr Lewis left the meeting at 7.15pm)**

18/05. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report: The Clerk reported that there had been four recorded crimes in the Parish for December 2017; two non-dwelling burglaries and two for theft and handling stolen goods. The parish 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 still on the ‘shopping’ list. **Cllr Handley agreed to ask for the presence of a PCSO at a forthcoming PC meeting.**

DH

18/06. Reports from District Councillors:

a. D.Cllr Weeks advised that SSDC were planning to hold the Annual Town/Parish council meeting on the evening of Monday 26th February 2018. Cllr Handley asked if the Police would be present as at last year’s meeting, which he found beneficial. **Cllr Weeks agreed to ensure the invite was sent accordingly.** He also reported that the SSDC Transformation continued apace and staff in the Churchfields, Wincanton office were hard pressed at the moment, but if messages were left, they would return calls as soon as possible. This should be resolved over the next five months.

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b. D.Cllr Hobhouse explained why SSDC had invested £7million purchasing Marks and Spencer and

Wilko in Yeovil as part of SSDC's income generation scheme, both guaranteeing income of 7% and 9% respectively. These would be the only two retail properties purchased for a considerable time as it was considered that if Yeovil lost these two stores, it would most likely go from bad to very bad, very quickly and the whole centre would have to be re-developed.

18/07. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th November 2017 were received, agreed and signed as a true record.

18/08. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a. Highways. Cllr Brain previously circulated his detailed Highways Report, which can be found at attachment 1. Cllr Martin advised that on many occasions there have been issues with parked cars causing an obstruction in North Cadbury during funerals or weddings when there is a large attendance at the Church. He discussed the issues with the police, who did not wish to concern themselves with such matters, therefore, he would continue to cone off the area concerned and advise residents accordingly in an effort to maintain access for residents and the emergency services.

b. South Somerset Community Accessible Transport (SSCAT) Funding. As agreed at the last meeting (item 17/214) the Clerk obtained and circulated SSCAT's business plan and accounts to all councillors. **The PC agreed to grant £200 for financial year 2017/18 and would provide additional financial support for the next two financial years at a minimum of £200 if funds allowed.**

c. Flooding and Riparian Ownership in Galhampton. **Cllr Cheesman discussed the issues with Cllr Hobhouse who agreed to attend a meeting of all households affected.**

d. Connectivity Post Office (PO) Van. Cllr Brain discussed connectivity issues with the Postmaster, who advised that the PO were in the process of updating the van's hardware/infrastructure, which may resolve the issue of poor connectivity and would report back once tested. There then followed a lengthy discussion on the interminable broadband and phone connectivity issues within the parish. It was considered that householders may benefit from contacting their broadband/phone supplier and pursuing the issue as there were certain fixes that could be carried out to make slight improvements.

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18/09. Planning:

a. Update on **PA 16/03476/FUL** (Refused), Mr T Junge. 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. Land OS 8735, Sandbrook Lane, North Cadbury. The Chairman had been informed that the Applicant had appealed against SSDC's Refusal of his application and the Enforcement Notice, although, due to a backlog of Appeals, SSDC had not yet been officially notified. **(Cllr Weeks left the meeting at 8.15pm)**

b. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions:

i. **PA 17/04364/S73**, Mr S Hope. Application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) of planning permission 16/01121/FUL to allow the change of external materials to some elevations and flat roof at Galhampton Village Hall – **GRANTED**.

ii. **PA 17/04222/FUL**, Mr & Mrs Billington. Temporary change of use of land for the siting of 1 No. mobile home to provide ancillary residential accommodation (Retrospective) at Hearn Farm, High Road, Galhampton – **GRANTED**.

iii. **PA 17/04209/FUL & 17/04210/LBC**, Mr & Mrs Stourton. Partial attic conversion and internal and external alterations to include changes to fenestration and insertion of rooflights at Higher Farmhouse, Woolston Road, North Cadbury – **GRANTED**.

18/10. Finance and Accounts:

a. The Clerk distributed and presented the draft precept for 2018/2019. **After a brief discussion it was agreed unanimously that the PC would increase the precept from £11,500 to £12,000, as agreed at its meeting in January 2017 (item 17/17a.), however, it was considered that there would be no need to increase the precept further for the foreseeable future.**

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Cllrs commented on the poor condition of grass cutting at North Cadbury playing field. **The Chairman agreed to bring this to the attention of the Village Hall Committee at its next meeting.**

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b. The Finance report for the period 30th November 2017 to 11th January 2018 was received.

c. Payments Approved:

North Cadbury Playing Field Maintenance Grant	£1,932.20
Smith of Derby NC Church Clock Service	£210.00
SSCAT Bus Grant 2017/18	£200.00
Clerks Expenses 30 Nov 17 to 11 Jan 18	£25.95
NC Rdg Room Hire 30 Nov 17	£14.00

18/11. Community Plan (CP) 2017 – The Next Steps: The CP Working Party previously circulated its recommendations to all councillors. **Following a brief conversation, it was agreed that the parish would not benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan at this stage, however, it would review the proposal next year. Cllrs Cox and Martin agreed to look at the process involved in producing a Village Design Statement and would report to the PC at its next meeting. The Clerk agreed to include ‘PC publicity, advertising in the Excalibur and electronic means of communication’ on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.**

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18/12. Termination of the Current Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme - North Cadbury: SCC would no longer provide its existing community SID service to Parish and Town Councils from 31st March 2018 due to its stock reaching the end of its serviceable life and the large financial investment required to replace it. The Clerk looked into the costs involved for the PC to own and run its own scheme. When taking into consideration that a portable SID costs approx. £2.5k to £3k, plus additional costs of liability insurance, reflective jackets, suitable footwear etc. and training, the PC agreed not to proceed any further. Cllr Hobhouse advised that the SSDC Income Generation Board may look into the provision of SIDs if parishes wished to be involved, therefore, the PC expressed an interest only at this stage. **(Cllr Hobhouse left the meeting at 8.50pm)**

18/13. Correspondence circulated: Noise complaints regarding Land Orchard Cottage, Frog Lane, Galhampton. The PC followed up residents’ complaints regarding the Gunsmith’s business and the test firing of guns with SSDC and were advised that the complainants should contact the Environmental Health Officer directly who would be happy to start investigation procedures; the residents were advised accordingly.

18/14. Items of Report and Future Business:

a. Cllr Cheesman advised that the developer for the Harvester site would not be providing a bus shelter as part of the Harvester Works scheme.

b. Cllr Board reported that the Dog Waste bin had been installed along Sandbrook Lane and was already nearly full.

18/15. Date and time of next meetings: Thursday 22nd February 2018 in The Reading Room, North Cadbury, commencing at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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North Cadbury & Yarlington Highways Report – January 2018

<u>Three Ashes Junction/Cary Road</u>	The plan to extend the 40mph speed limit on the A359, starting at Galhampton to just after the Three Ashes junction to North Cadbury, is currently under investigation.
<u>Re-positioning of North Cadbury 30mph speed restriction signs.</u>	The 30mph signage, approaching North Cadbury from the Three Ashes junction, will be moved, during this FY, to the bottom of the hill towards North Town in order to be more clearly visible to approaching traffic. As and when the 40mph speed limit on the A359 is extended this will become the new speed limit up to the North Cadbury 30mph zone.
<u>Parking Adjacent to North Cadbury Primary School</u>	The School Keep Clear lines will be extended to the junctions of Chapel Lane and the lane leading to Sandbrook Lane (but leave the area in front of the school available for parking). This work will be undertaken, as a priority, this FY. At the same time the existing white H-Bars in Chapel Lane will be refurbished to cover the dropped kerbs.
<u>Drains in Lower Back Way/ Sandbrook Lane</u>	A Works Order was undertaken in December to dig out and repair the blocked pipes in the lane and the adjacent field. A new culvert has been installed to facilitate drain clearing in the future. Patching work in lane has been delayed to establish if the issue of standing water still exists. Recent rainfall has demonstrated that although the repaired drain is working well the standing water issues in the lane remain.
<u>Lower Back Way Opposite Sycamore Cottage</u>	Linked to the ‘Drains in Lower Back Way/Sandbrook Lane’ issue above. A low spot in the lane has been noted that causes water to form a large puddle after heavy rain. The problem still remains despite repairs to the drain further down the lane.
<u>Sandbrook Lane Right of Way Erosion</u>	On the stretch of lane leading past “the Cabbage Patch” water is leaving the lane through the hedge into the field, 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, so this is still pending.
<u>Drains in Hearn and March Lanes</u>	Drain pipe damage, close to the junction of Galhampton Manor, will benefit from repairs in the near future. Works are pending this FY.
<u>Highway Erosion in Hearn and March Lanes</u>	Areas of damage to the road surface in the area were actioned under a Work Order. No further safety defects have been identified. Patching may be considered this FY.