

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 commencing at 7.00pm

**ACTION**

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

**In Attendance:** The Clerk and thirteen members of the public.

**18/25. Electors Question Time/Comments:** None.

**18/26. Apologies for absence:** C.Cllr M Lewis, D.Cllr H Hobhouse, D.Cllr N Weeks, Cllr A Bartlett, Cllr B Board and Cllr L Cheesman.

**18/27. Declarations of Interest:** None.

**18/28. Letter from Mrs N Northover regarding Bus Services in Galhampton:** Mrs Northover’s letter was circulated to all councillors in which she outlined the hazards for residents required to walk along and cross the A359 to catch a bus travelling to Castle Cary. **Following a brief discussion, the Clerk agreed to write to South West Coaches to ask if they would consider introducing one of the following options; entering the village and turning round by the Yew Tree, where it is wide and safe to do at the junction of Long Street and Middle Street or turn into Hearn Lane when coming from Yeovil and exit at the junction of Long Street and the A359.**

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**18/29. Discussion with Oxford Architects re Development of Harvester Works, Galhampton:** Mr B Bonner, Oxford Architects and Mrs D Tincknell were present, at the invitation of the PC, to discuss the way forward regarding the refusal of PA 17/04023/FUL (see item 18/36.a.i.) Mr Bonner advised that they had agreed a course of action and would appeal the decision notice, which may take up to six months. He was reasonably confident that the PA would be approved on appeal, however, if unsuccessful, they would be given the opportunity to submit a revised scheme at no extra cost before 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019, which was within a year of the refusal date. Mr Bonner believed the drainage issue was eminently solvable as an engineering issue once a civil engineer was appointed. Both residents and the PC spoke in support of the scheme and thanked Mr Bonner and Mrs Tincknell for their attendance.

**18/30. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report:** The Clerk reported that there had been one recorded crime of theft in the Ansford area in the last month. 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. Residents were also advised to look out for a white transit van KU57 \*\*\*.

Cllr Handley advised that he had been unable to secure the presence of a PCSO at a forthcoming meeting.

Cllr Keys-Toyer reported on the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018. He believed the hall at Ansford Academy was an unsuitable venue as it had poor acoustics, which was made worse when those present were split into two groups for North and South for separate discussions. He felt there was a lack of feedback and was effectively told that the police were under-resourced and communities should join a Farm, Neighbourhood or Horse Watch. Cllr Cox gave feedback from the Galhampton Neighbourhood Watch rep who also attended. The main issue was problems in Castle Cary with drugs use etc., in and around the Church gardens and park area. One other important point made was that with social media, often

issues were discussed and circulated on these 'sites' and **not** reported to the police.

**18/31. Reports from District Councillors:** None.

**18/32. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were received, agreed and signed as a true record.**

**18/33. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

a. Highways. Cllr Brain previously circulated his detailed Highways Report, which can be found at Attachment 1.

b. Flooding and Riparian Ownership in Galhampton. Cllr Cox reported that Cllr Cheesman had met with riparian owners at the end of January 2018. There had been no flooding since the work was carried out thirteen months ago. The manhole was still exposed, which was on private land and would be checked to see if it had silted up again. There was a second manhole, also on private land, which would be looked at in April 2018 under the advice of the Somerset County Council (SCC) Flood Management Team.

c. Land OS 8735, Sandbrook Lane, North Cadbury. It had been brought to the attention of the PC that the landowner was operating a business on the site without planning permission. **At the request of the PC the Clerk agreed to notify the SSDC Enforcement Officer.**

d. SSDC Income Generation Scheme. Following a query by a resident at the last meeting, the Clerk previously circulated D.Cllr Hobhouse's response. He confirmed that Jones Lang LaSalle, Chartered Surveyors, were instructed to give additional external and expert advice, in addition to his own professional but internal advice as a Chartered Surveyor and Registered Valuer, by investing £7 million on the purchase of both Wilkinsons and Marks and Spencers in Yeovil as part of its Income Generation Scheme.

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**18/34. Consultation on Draft Recommendations for Ward Boundaries in South Somerset by The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) closing date 19 Mar 18:** The Clerk sent a letter to Angela Cox, South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Democratic Services Specialist, requesting that SSDC withdraw its recommendation to the LGBC for the transfer of Yarlington from the Grouped Parish of North Cadbury and Yarlington to the new Tower and Wincanton Ward. Angela Cox sent the PC a copy of her response which would be discussed by SSDC's Senior Leadership Team on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. She was hopeful that, due to the strength of responses on this issue from the PC and residents within the parish, the LGBC's final proposal would be that Yarlington remained within the Cary Ward. **At the request of the PC, the Clerk agreed to wait until after the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to submit the PC's formal response to the LGBC.** The PC expressed its thanks to Mr Hamish Russell for all his time and research on this matter and for helping inform the residents of Yarlington.

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**18/35. Community Plan Working Group (CPWG) Recommendation for the PC to Consider Producing a Village Design Statement (VDS):** The WG previously circulated its recommendation in which it proposed to hold public meetings similar to those held for the CP at an estimated cost of £300. The Chairman was fundamentally against reams of paperwork which could become nugatory and was not in favour of the proposal. **Following a brief discussion the PC agreed by a majority vote to produce a VDS at an estimated cost of £300 and with funds remaining in the CP Reserve Fund.**

**18/36. Planning:**

a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions:

i. **PA 17/04023/FUL**, Mrs D Tincknell. Erection of 8 detached dwellings (re-submission of previously withdrawn PA 16/02364/FUL) at Harvester Works, Galhampton – **REFUSED**.

ii. **PA 17/04421/FUL**, Mr & Mrs Stourton. Construction of a tennis court in the grounds of Grade II listed Higher Farmhouse, Woolston Road, North Cadbury – **GRANTED**.

iii. **PA 17/04438/FUL**, Mr D Glover. Change of use of land to residential, demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of dwelling house at Vale of Camelot, Woolston, North Cadbury – **GRANTED**.

iv. **PA 17/04587/FUL**, Mr & Mrs Lettieri. Redevelopment of existing farmyard and erection of 3 dwellings at Fir Tree Farm, High Road Galhampton – **GRANTED**.

**18/37. Finance and Accounts:**

- a. The Finance report for the period 11<sup>th</sup> January to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 was received.
- b. Payments Approved:
 

Grant - Galhampton Village Hall Rebuild	£5,500.00
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
Galhampton Playing Field Grass Cutting 2016-17 (balance)	£198.32
Clerks Expenses 30 Nov 17 to 11 Jan 18	£25.95
NC Rdg Room Hire 30 Nov 17	£14.00
- c. The payment of the following Section 137 charity grants were agreed as follows:
 

St Margaret's Hospice	£100.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sparkford Scouts	£100.00

**18/38. PC Publicity, Advertising in the Excalibur and Electronic Means of Communication:** Deferred to next meeting.

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**18/39. Somerset Libraries Service Consultation – proposal for Castle Cary library to Provide Library Services through either - a Partnership with the Local Community to Maintain a Library Building in Castle Cary (supported by some funding from SCC) or an Additional Library Stop. (closing date 22 Apr 18): At the request of the PC the Clerk agreed to write a letter in support of maintaining the library building on behalf of the PC in response to the consultation.**

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**18/40. Correspondence circulated:**

- a. Fingerpost Restoration Project Training. The PC had been allocated a total of seven places; Cllr Keys Toyer would attend the training in March 2018 with two residents, four other residents would attend the additional date in May 2018.
- b. A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme – consultation closing date 9 Mar 18.
- c. A358 Taunton to Southfields, Ilminster Dualling Scheme – consultation closing date 27 Feb 18.
- d. Letter of thanks from South Somerset Community Accessible Transport for supporting the scheme through its precept on a 3-year rolling basis.
- e. Somerset Highways carriageway resurfacing work – Ridgeway Lane, North Cadbury 15 Mar 18 for 3 working days.
- f. Somerset Highways carriageway resurfacing work – Woolston Road, North Cadbury 15 Mar 18 for 3 working days.

**18/41. Items of Report and Future Business:**

- a. Cllr Wood asked for the erection of notice boards outside North Cadbury Stores be included on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
- b. Cllr Keys-Toyer asked for the New Data Protection Laws be included on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

**18/42. Date and time of next meetings: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting and Ordinary PC Meeting in Yarlington Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm.**

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

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**North Cadbury & Yarlington Highways Report – February 2018**

<b><u>Three Ashes Junction/Cary Road</u></b>	The plan to extend the 40mph speed limit on the A359, starting at Galhampton to just after the Three Ashes junction to North Cadbury, has received outline approval from the Police and the traffic order to undertake this will be pursued in the new financial year (FY).
<b><u>Re-positioning of North Cadbury 30mph speed restriction signs.</u></b>	Despite delays due to the weather the 30mph signage, approaching North Cadbury from the Three Ashes junction, is to be moved, during this FY, to the bottom of the hill towards North Town in order to be more clearly visible to approaching traffic. When the 40mph speed limit on the A359 is extended this will become the new speed limit up to the North Cadbury 30mph zone.
<b><u>Parking Adjacent to North Cadbury Primary School</u></b>	The School Keep Clear lines have been extended to the junctions of Chapel Lane and the lane leading to Sandbrook Lane. However the extent of the lines in front of the school requires revision.
<b><u>Drains in Lower Back Way/ Sandbrook Lane</u></b>	Following improvements to the drainage in the lane, patching work in lane patching will be considered from April 2018.
<b><u>Lower Back Way Opposite Sycamore Cottage</u></b>	As above. Patching will be considered from April 2018.
<b><u>Sandbrook Lane Right of Way Erosion</u></b>	On the stretch of lane leading past “the Cabbage Patch” water is leaving the lane through 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. This is still pending.
<b><u>Drains in Hearn and March Lanes</u></b>	Drain pipe damage, close to the junction of Galhampton Manor, will benefit from repairs in the near future. Works are pending but are now deferred to the new FY.
<b><u>Highway Erosion in Hearn and March Lanes</u></b>	Areas of damage to the road surface in the area were actioned under a Work Order. No further safety defects have been identified. Patching will be considered from April 2018.