

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 in The Reading Room, North Cadbury
commencing at 7.00pm.

Councillors Present:

Diane Rickers (Chairman)

John Counsellor

Malcolm Hunt

Alan Rickers

Maria Viney

Andy Keys-Toyer (Vice-Chairman)

Nick Garrett

Nerissa Northover

John Rundle

In Attendance: C.Cllr Lewis, D.Cllr Kevin Messenger, the Clerk and seven members of the public.

Public Session

No comments.

Report from The Newt and Emily Estate.

Mr Ed White, Project Manager, The Newt, gave the following report:

“We have received planning permission for the Estate Kitchen building at Avalon Farm and thank you to the Parish council and all that assisted and contributed to the revised scheme. We have now started building with an aim to get the bund up as soon as possible.

We have a presentation about Yarlington Manor Farm on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th February between 10.00am and 12.00pm at the Stags Head in Yarlington to show our developing plans for the Farm.

There will be a presentation in Galhampton Village Hall on Friday 10th of March between 3.00 and 6.00pm to show proposals for Merrylands Farm, [which will provide accommodation for Estate Staff].

Our Wassail event is on the evening of the 3rd of March so there will be some fireworks.”

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Messenger had nothing to report as meetings were being cancelled with only a month to go to vesting day on 1st April 23 for the New Somerset Council.

Cllr Lewis gave the following report:

Highways. Andy Barron, Traffic Engineer Somerset County Council (SCC), would refurbish the damaged chevrons and signage on the A359 at Three Ashes in the new FY, after 1 Apr 23.

No response received from John Nicholson, SCC Assistant Highway Service Manager, regarding the poor condition of the slip road off the A303 at Teals, South Cadbury, although it had recently been ‘patched’.

New Somerset Council. Full Council meeting held today. The New Somerset Council proposed a new rule to limit all public objections in planning decision meetings to a total of three minutes for all objections. [CPRE had submitted an excellent document outlining why this would be undemocratic, inappropriate and a bad decision for local people. At the Constitution and Governance Committee meeting on 14th February the proposal was rejected.] A new, slightly improved proposal is to allow for a total of fifteen minutes, which would provide five members of the public time to speak for three minutes each. This would be put before Full Council on 28th February 2023.

Budget/Council Tax. There would be an increase of 2% for adult social care, a 2.99% increase overall and a separate element of £14.65 per property towards the Somerset Rivers Authority,

which would equate to an increase of approx. £46.88 for a Band D property. It was agreed at today's Full Council meeting to have a balanced budget, which was not without difficulties and would need additional funding from Central Government for Social Services.

23/26. Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given.

Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to resolve to approve the reasons given.

RESOLVED: None received.

23/27. Declarations of Interest.

Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authority (Model Code of Conduct) adopted 11th May 2022. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

RESOLVED: None received.

23/28. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th January 2023.

RESOLVED: The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/29. Parish Council Vacancies.

To consider applications received and conduct vote to fill two casual vacancies on the Parish Council by co-option.

RESOLVED: No applications received. The Clerk would continue to advertise the vacancies.

23/30. Planning.

a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC Decisions).

i. **PA 22/03378/HOU.** The erection of two storey side extension. Replace existing conservatory with single storey rear extension at Three Ashes Cottage, Galhampton Road, North Cadbury, BA22 7BU – **APPROVED.**

ii. **PA 22/03156/HOU.** Raising of the ridge height by 1.6m and the eaves by 0.8m to create an additional floor. Form dormers to the front and rear at Brookfield Brookhampton, North Cadbury, BA22 7DA – **WITHDRAWN.**

iii. **PA 22/03110/HOU.** The erection of single storey garden room extension to Meadowside, Corkscrew Lane, North Cadbury, BA22 7BP – **APPROVED.**

iv. **PA 22/03126/COL.** Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed removal of rear conservatory and erection of replacement 6m long 4m wide masonry extension to match existing bungalow at Rumah Kitah, Long Street, Galhampton, BA22 7AZ – **PERMITTED.**

v. **PA 22/02389/FUL.** Installation of 60 solar panels on a ground mounted frame for the purpose of generating electricity for North Leaze Farm, Leas Park, North Leaze Lane, North Cadbury, BA22 7BD – **APPROVED.**

vi. **PA 21/03664/FUL.** Erection of new food production and food storage / delivery building (Use Classes B2/B8), erection of food production / office building (Use Classes B2/E) and associated access and landscape works (revised proposals to those approved under 20/01357/FUL) as amended by drawings and further information received 7 June 2022 at Avalon Farm, Galhampton Hill, Galhampton, BA22 7AE – **APPROVED.**

b. **Somerset Councils consultation on a new Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) - 1st February and 16th March 2023.**

To discuss PC response to consultation on how Somerset Council will involve our communities, organisations and other interested parties in the planning process.

RESOLVED: Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Garrett would draft a response for consideration by the PC.

23/31. Finance.

a. **Balance of the Councils Bank Account & Bank reconciliation.**

To report on Council's Bank Account.

RESOLVED: The Clerk previously circulated the PC Accounts which were received and approved.

b. Accounts for payment:

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure:

WesternWeb Ltd. Inv 23660 – web space renewal	£96.00
Galhampton Village Hall Hire 18 Jan 23	£24.00

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure approved unanimously.

c. To approve the purchase of a 400L Grit bin

For installation on Parish Hill, North Cadbury at an approx. cost of £210 (incl. VAT).

RESOLVED: Approved.

d. Request for S137 Grant from St John Ambulance.

RESOLVED: A grant of £100 was approved for payment in March at the end of the FY.

23/32. Highways and Rights of Way (RoW) Report.

To discuss the appointment of a PC RoW Representative and to provide progress reports.

RESOLVED: The Clerk presented the RoW report on behalf of Susan Fone, Parish Paths Liaison Officer and Cllr Rundle presented the Highways report, both of which can be found at Attachments 1 and 2 respectively. Cllr Garrett was appointed as the PC RoW Representative.

There followed a robust discussion on the January Highways Report in which the subject of the possibility of reviewing re-routing the bus through Galhampton village was mentioned. A member of the public expressed her strong feelings against the bus proceeding along Middle Street. Cllr Northover responded that it was those who own cars, or have access to a car, do not appear to care, whereas those who do not own a car and do not have access to one are most affected.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that there would be no further discussion on this issue until other options are investigated and all residents of Galhampton Village are canvassed and/or provided with the opportunity to present their views.

23/33. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

Update from the NP Monitoring Group.

RESOLVED: Cllr A Rickers reported that he was discussing with the Newt how its development and future plans fit into the NP. A meeting was scheduled for Saturday 25th February 2023 to initiate the process.

23/34. Local Community Networks LCNs)

Update on the formation of LCNs.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and Cllr Keys-Toyer had nothing to report, other than there was a meeting next Thursday 2nd March in Henstridge Village Hall, at which both would attend. Cllr Viney also agreed to attend.

23/35. Items for Report and Future Business.

- Clerk to provide hard copy RoW maps for all councillors and Tim Gilbert (Parish Strimmer).
- Cllr Counsellor gave his apologies for the next meeting.

Next meetings: Ordinary PC meeting to be held on 22nd March 2023 in Galhampton Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed
Chairman

Dated