

# **“DRAFT” Minutes of**

## **YARLINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in Yarlington Church

The Chairman of the Parish Council (PC) opened the meeting by thanking Maria Viney, Peter Leavold and Bill Harris for setting up Yarlington Church for the meeting as the Village Hall was unavailable due to building work.

### **1. Report from Mr Paul Rawson, The Newt and Emily Estate:**

- Planning permissions recently granted for Yarlington Lodge, Longbourn House and Trout Pond – thank you to the PC for their support with all of these.
- There are presently no pending planning applications by Emily Estate within the area.
- Works to commence presently on Yarlington Lodge development. Paul Rawson or Steve James [Pin Lane Cottage] as points of contact for any queries.
- Works hoping to commence on Trout Pond later in the summer.
- The Newt is supporting Yarlington Fringe.
- The Estate continues to develop initial plans for the proposed new farmyard to replace Yarlington Manor Farm and will revert to neighbours and the PC when there is new information to share.

Following questions from residents, Mr Rawson advised that:

- Work to the kitchen at Avalon Farm, Galhampton was underway. Screening had started with earth movements and planting would commence in the planting season
- The bridge over the A359 had been granted planning permission, however, they were awaiting legal consent from Somerset Highways and hoped to start in summer.

### **2. The Minutes of the Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

were received and confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **3. Parish Accounts for the year ending 31.03.23 (unaudited).**

Copies of the Draft Receipts and Payments Accounts were distributed for information with comment by the Clerk. The PC Accounts will be formally adopted in May upon completion of the audit.

### **4. Reports from Somerset Unitary Authority Councillors.**

Cllr Henry Hobhouse reported that South Somerset District Council ceased on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. An interim council was in place until the new Unitary Authority for Somerset Council held its Annual General Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023. There was no longer an area committee for South Somerset, however, Cllrs Hobhouse and Mike Lewis would sit on the planning committee to cover South Somerset, which would be based in Brympton Way, Yeovil.

In 2006, Cllr Hobhouse helped to implement the 30mph speed limit for North Cadbury. The Council was nearing completion of the ‘20 When lights Show’ programme outside all schools. Somerset Council wants to support communities who wish to fund the design and implementation of a 20mph speed limit. Communities would be expected to pay for the introduction of a scheme, which includes a Traffic Regulation Order, at a cost likely to be in the region of £15,000.

Following on from the earlier discussions re The Newt and Emily Estate, Cllr Hobhouse reported that the Estate was the largest employer in the area with 541 local employees. There were also 31,500 members of the local garden scheme at the reduced rate.

Residents expressed their concern regarding the increased volume of traffic along Pound Lane and the visual impact of the replacement/improvement of the agricultural facilities at Yarlington Farm. Following a frank discussion, it was agreed that there were ‘mixed’ views regarding the

influence of The Estate. Predominantly the influence was accepted and appreciated, especially now that the Estate was working closely with the parishioners from Galhampton and Yarlington and with the PC.

**(C.Cllr Hobhouse left the meeting at 7.40pm)**

**5. Parish Reports.**

- a. Parish Cllr Maria Viney gave her report, which is included at attachment 1.
- b. Clare Leavold gave her report on behalf of St Mary's Yarlington Church, which is included at attachment 2.
- c. The Chairman gave her report, which is included at attachment 3.

**6. Matters Raised by Members of the Public.**

- a. A resident asked when Pound Lane would be resurfaced, as it should have been resurfaced last year. Parish Cllr John Rundle explained that it was a question of priorities and budgets, however, he would discuss this matter with Mr John Nicholson, Somerset Highways.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm and the ordinary meeting of the PC followed.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Dated .....

