

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Held as a consultative virtual meeting via Zoom software on
Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present (remotely):

Malcolm Hunt (Chairman)

Sue Gilbert

Andy Keys-Toyer

Archie Montgomery

John Rundle

Alan Bartlett (Vice Chairman)

Karen Harris

Bryan Mead

Alan Rickers

Katherine Vaughan

In Attendance (remotely): C.Cllr Mike Lewis, D.Cllr Messenger, the Clerk and six members of the public.

In Memoriam for Mr Keith Northover

The Chairman noted the sad death of Keith Northover on 6th March 2021. He had been a Parish Councillor for many years and had been a notable and characterful member of the Community. The Chairman asked for a short silence to reflect on Keith's life and work

Full Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) in North Cadbury.

Wessex Internet (WI) presented and answered questions on the new voucher scheme available to residents via WI. All of Woolston and some properties on the edge of Galhampton would be covered under the current scheme; residents would be contacted three to four months in advance as they were included in one of the earlier projects.

More information would be available in April 2021, including timings and options available for North Cadbury and properties in the centre of Galhampton. Installation would be free to residents as WI would apply for the vouchers under the government voucher scheme as the contractors for Connecting Devon and Somerset. There would be a monthly subscription fee, depending on the 'package' chosen, starting from £29 month. WI would offer fibre to village halls at £1 month rental if a sufficient number of residents signed up to the scheme.

General sales enquiries and registrations please call 0333 240 7997 or via the link on their website: <https://www.wessexinternet.com/iwantfullfibre/> which also has FAQs.

Public Session

A resident wished to contribute to the discussion on highways and speeding.

Reports from County and District Councillors.

District and County Councillors may give short verbal reports on matters affecting the Parish.

C.Cllr Lewis reported that Queen Camel PC would not be seeking a judicial review on the Minister's proposal for the A303 dualling, as it would be too expensive.

C.Cllr Lewis reported that Somerset County Council (SCC) were cognisant of the threat that ash dieback would have on trees close to highways and would set up a felling scheme, similar to the scheme whereby residents can report potholes and other road defects online.

C.Cllr Lewis confirmed that county council elections were deferred until 2022. The elections in May 2022 would create a shadow authority to run until May 2023 at which time unitary authority

elections would be held to coincide with town and parish council elections. **(C.Cllr Lewis left the meeting at 7.40pm)**

D.Cllr Messenger reported that Castle Cary Post Office would relocate to Julian Shave (The Market Garden, Fore Street, Castle Cary). He also reported that the phosphate issue continued to hold up planning applications.

D.Cllr Messenger wished to express his admiration and gratitude to the staff of South Somerset District Council (SSDC) who continued to work while seconded to the Covid-19 vaccination roll out. He wished to thank the volunteers and Millbrook Surgery, Castle Cary, who should also be commended.

21/18. 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: Apologies were received from Cllr R House, which were accepted.

21/19. 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) Order LO9-12 May 2018. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

RESOLVED: None received.

21/20. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the Virtual PC Meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2021.

Cllr Gilbert proposed an amendment to the minutes at item 21/12.a. last paragraph, second line, to replace 'they' with 'some' as follows; "Councillors agreed that the proposal for three dwellings on this site was not viable, however, **some** were not opposed to the principle of development; one dwelling would provide an average size garden and may be considered more acceptable."

RESOLVED: The proposed amendment was agreed and the minutes were approved as a true record and would be duly signed.

21/21. Planning.

a. Applications received.

PC to consider applications for recommendation to SSDC:

- i. **PA 21/00111/S73.** S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of approval 18/03435/FUL to reflect a change in plans due to internal alterations, resulting in external changes to the approved scheme, on the same footprint at Galhampton Country Store, High Road, Galhampton.

Councillors agreed that, as the scale and footprint of the plans would not be altered from the approved plans and the proposed changes were internal, this was an uncontentious application in planning terms.

RESOLVED: The PC agreed unanimously to recommend that the application be **APPROVED.**

b. SSDC Decisions. None received.

21/22. PC Meeting Dates 2021

To approve the change of PC meeting dates in 2021 to 14th April (NC Annual Parish Meeting followed by Ordinary PC Meeting), 12th May (Yarlington Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual PC meeting leading into ordinary PC meeting), 16th June and 21st July; September to November remain unchanged.

RESOLVED: Dates **APPROVED.**

21/23. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG).

Cllr Keys-Toyer gave the following report on behalf of the NPWG:

Meetings. There has been one NPWG meeting since the last PC meeting.

Work Load. Work has mainly been focused on refining the first ten chapters of the Draft Plan, by adding data, correcting and making the document flow logically etc.

Communications. We have published on the NP website the results of the recent Options Consultation, advertised this in newsletters, posters and on other forms of social media.

Awaiting. We are awaiting further reports from AECOM on the Strategic Environment Assessment and further Heritage aspects. No further meetings have been arranged with the Strategic Planning Officers at SSDC for the moment.

Green Space. Following Cllr Keys-Toyer's report the Clerk advised that, since the last PC meeting, she had received confirmation from Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) that there was no statutory duty of the PC to ensure that sufficient land is available for burials and would, therefore, not be required to write to the PCC to ascertain its plans for a graveyard extension. The Chairman advised that the NPWG had received no further correspondence from Greenslade Taylor Hunt, who represent the Diocese, regarding the naming of the field owned by the Diocese, between the western end of the church and Parish Hill, as a Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan as the Diocese has the space under consideration for future development.

21/24. Highways and Footpaths Report.

a. Highways. Cllr Rundle had nothing further to report since his report in February 2021, other than a few minor repairs and a metal plate had been placed over the large hole on Corkscrew Lane, which was due for proper repair in late summer 2021. Cllr Rundle would write to John Nicholson, SCC Assistant Highway Service Manager and Gary Warren, SCC Senior Traffic Engineer, with a full list of where work was required in the near future for both parishes.

b. To discuss speed mitigation measures on Cary Road to reduce the speed of cars entering the village from the A359, following a written request from a resident. A resident present also wished to discuss the possibility of reducing the speed limit outside North Cadbury School, which, he suggested, could be extended through the village. Cllr Rundle had been advised that all 30mph limits would be reduced to 20mph over the next few years.

RESOLVED: Following a brief discussion, John Rundle agreed that speed mitigation would be amongst the issues discussed when he next met with John Nicholson and Gary Warren.

c. Rights of Way. Cllr Vaughan presented her report, which can be found at attachment 1.

21/25. 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:

Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd Inv 0614 and 0618 - NP	£2,897.50
Clerk's Expenses to Jan to Mar 21	£39.00
Society of Local Council Clerks Training seminar (shared cost)	£18.00

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure **APPROVED** unanimously.

c. Grass Cutting Contracts at North Cadbury and Galhampton Village Halls.

To discuss future renewals of village hall grass cutting contracts, e.g. to accept the cheapest quote (fixed price) or preferred contractor (based on number of cuts per season).

Following a full discussion, it was considered that, as the PC reimbursed North Cadbury and Galhampton Village Halls for grass cutting, it would be appropriate for the PC to be consulted when contracts were due for renewal.

RESOLVED: Due to expenditure on grass cutting being in excess of £3,000 per annum, it was agreed unanimously that a minimum of three quotes would be required and a two year

contract preferred. The Clerk would write to each Village Hall Treasurer accordingly requesting that the PC be included in the contract renewal consultation.

21/26. Items for Report and Future Business

a. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report: The Clerk previously circulated the report in which there were two reported crimes in the parish for ‘violence against the person’ in February/March 2021. Opportunist thieves are still touring the area looking for unlocked or poorly secured sheds and garages. They want your power tools, chain saws, mowers and similar items. There is an ongoing spate of van beaks at the moment targeting workman’s tools.

Cllr Montgomery also wished to report that poaching, hare coursing and fly tipping continued to be ongoing issues in rural areas.

Next meeting: North Cadbury Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by the ordinary PC meeting on Wednesday 14th April 2021, 7.00pm via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed
Chairman

Dated

