

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 in North Cadbury Village Hall
Following the North Cadbury Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting

Councillors Present:

Diane Rickers (Chairman)

Susan Gilbert

Andy Keys-Toyer

Alan Rickers

Maria Viney

Malcolm Hunt

Bryan Mead

John Rundle

In Attendance: The Clerk and ten members of the public.

Public Session. No comments.

Report from The Newt and Emily Estate

The Clerk presented the following report on behalf of Mr Paul Rawson:

Avalon Farm Planning Application – I would like to thank Murray McMillan, Paul Hadow and Cllr Rickers for their time spent liaising between local residents and the Estate. Our revised plans together with a letter outlining our commitments have been distributed to neighbours. To date I haven't received any further comments on these. We intend to resubmit our plans to SSDC next week.

No further planning application news at this time.

Footpaths in the Parish - Bridleway 31/10 – the gate has been blocked for a number of years but I note that it was reported in April 2022 – Wayne House still has this area and the barns in hand, I am making arrangements for it to be cleared as soon as possible. We are working very hard to open bridleways that have been closed for many years. In the absence of a clear path and gateway, walkers and riders have understandably been going through the barns, this route will be available until we have cleared the correct route.

As the Estate follows a sustainable agricultural policy, we do not use herbicides so are not able to spray verges etc. Instead our team have a mowing programme in place.

The bull that is currently in the field adjacent to 31/10 is friendly and will only be in that field for approximately two weeks – we are having water troughs installed in the fields above so as we can move him and his girls into the next field.

Platinum Jubilee – The Newt in Somerset are busy constructing a beacon to be mounted on Lodge Hill above Castle Cary to be lit with a small ceremony on Thursday 2nd June as part of the nationwide celebrations.

Chelsea Flower Show – We are very busy with preparations for this exciting event which The Newt is sponsoring this year. If anyone is intending to visit the show please do come along to The Newt's stand for a glass of Somerset Cyder!”

Reports from County and District Councillors. None present.

22/72. 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: C.Cllr Lewis, D.Cllr Hobhouse and D.Cllr Messenger tendered their apologies.

22/73. 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 declared.

22/74. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 27th April 2022.

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

22/75. Planning.

a. South Somerset District Council (SSDC Decisions.

- i. **PA 22/00548/HOU.** Alterations and the erection of a two storey rear extension and a porch to front of dwelling and alterations to existing roof at Manor Farm Cottage, Pound Lane, Yarlington (Revised application) - **WITHDRAWN.**

22/76. North Cadbury and Yarlington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG).

Progress report.

RESOLVED: Cllr Keys-Toyer reported that the NPWG were awaiting the judgement of the Independent Examiner following the submission of answers to his recent letter to the PC and SSDC seeking clarification on some of the matters raised.

22/77. Highways and Rights of Way (RoW) Report.

a. PC Representatives to provide progress reports.

- i. Highways. Cllr Rundle had nothing further to his Highways report submitted two weeks previously, however, it appeared that Somerset County Highways response times were much quicker, especially if reported via their website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>

- ii. Rights of Way. Cllr Gilbert advised that there was nothing new to report this month which, on the positive side meant no new problems reported, and on the negative side meant that we still have no date for the repairs to be carried out.

At the last meeting she raised the topic of Bridleway WN19/105 – that runs from the allotments in Ridgeway Lane to join the A359. Looking back through past reports and in the report prepared by Cllr Vaughan in February 2020 she states, with reference to the Installation of bollards and resurfacing of bridleway, that on 24th February 2020 Eve Wynn emailed her to say she had *'just posted notices on the site and any objections to the proposed works should be received within 28 days. If there are no objections, she believes the work should go ahead. Email from Loren Eldred received today confirming consultation underway.'* Nearly two and a half years on, the bollards have been installed, but the surface of the bridleway had still not been resurfaced.

RESOLVED: The Clerk agreed to hasten Loren Eldred for an approx. date for resurfacing.

22/78. 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:

Smith of Derby North Cadbury Church Clock repair 2:1 PC contribution £50.00

Total invoice cost £180 (incl. VAT). NC PCC to contribute £100

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure approved unanimously.

22/79. Items for Report and Future Business

Please notify items to the Clerk at least 24hrs before the meeting.

a. HM Queens Platinum Jubilee (QPJ) update. The Chairman reported that events to celebrate the QPJ will be published on the parish website via the Events Calendar.

b. Parish Website Events Calendar. Cllr A Rickers reported that the link on the Parish Website for a joined Parish Events Calendar was due to go live at:

<https://www.northcadbury.org.uk/eventslist.php?m=6>

c. River Cam Survey. Cllr Keys-Toyer reported that testing of the River Cam Project was progressing well. There was a large group of twenty volunteers who had recently received testing kits.

d. Thermal Imaging Camera. Cllr A Rickers advised that as the temperatures in March during the loan scheme weren't ideal, the PC would re-book the camera from November 2022.

Next meeting: to be held on 22nd June 2022 in Galhampton Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Dated

Chairman